

Class- IX

English 1st Paper

Unseen Comprehension-1

Working Day: Thursday (22.10.20)

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Read the passage on Gulliver.

Gulliver was born in 1660 in Nottinghamshire. His father had a small estate there. When he was fourteen years old, his father sent him to college. But as it was expensive, he left after staying there for three years. Then Gulliver studied medicine under Mr. Bates until 1681. When he left Mr. Bates his father sent him to Medical College to Leyden in Holland. He got an appointment on the Swallow where he stayed for four years after which he thought he would settle down in London. His master Mr. Bates used to send him some of his patients and he bought a small house and got married. When his master died in 1689, he found himself in great financial difficulties, so, he decided to go to sea again. In the next six years, he was a surgeon in two ships and he travelled to the east and West Indies. In his spare time he would read books on sea voyages and when he was ashore he would pass his time studying the strange people and their languages and customs. As the last of the voyages was very interesting, once again he tried for three years to settle ashore with his family as a doctor. But this time also he did not do well. So he accepted a good offer from the master of the Antelope, which set sail from Bristol on May 4, 1699.

1. Complete the following table with information from the passage.

Autobiography of Gulliver					
Theme	Gulliver's indomitable desire for sea voyages				
Profession	(i).....				
Who/ What	Event/ Activity	Time	Place/ Where	Achievement/ Result	Reason
Gulliver	born	1660	(ii)		
(iii).....	decided to go to sea again	1689		economic crisis	owning to his master's death
Gulliver	(iv)	1699	from the master of the Antelope	setting sail from Bristol	(v).....

2. Write a summary of the above passage in your words.