

## CAPSULE MODULE FOR B PLUS STUDENTS

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### THE SNAKE AND THE MIRROR

#### PROFILE

Write the short profile of Vaikom Muhammad Basheer using the hints given below

Birth	: January 19, 1908, Thalayolaparambu, Vaikom
Occupation	: novelist, short story writer
Other activities	: humanist, freedom fighter
Famous as	:Beypore Sultan
Works	:Balyakalasakhi, Shabdangal, Pathummayude Aadu, Mathilukal
Awards	:PadmaShri (1982),Kerala State Film for best story(1989),Lalithambika Antharjanam Award (1992),vallathol Award(1993)and Muttathu Varkey Award(1993)
Death:	July 5, 1994, Beypore, Kozhikode

#### Vaikom Muhammad Basheer

The famous Malayalm writer Vaikom Muhammad Basheer was born on January19, 1908 at Thalayalaparambu in Vaikom. He was a humanist, freedom fighter, novelist and short story writer. He was famous as Beypore Sultan. Some of his major his works are Balykalasakhi, Shabdangal, Pathummayude aadu and

Mathilukal. He was honored with Padmasri in 1982. Kerala state Film Award for the best story in 1989, Lalithambika Antharjanam Award in 1992, Vallathol Award in 1993 and Muttathu workey Award in 1993. He passed away on July 5, 1994 at Beypore in kozhikode.

## **NOTICE**

**The English Club of your school had decided to stage the story 'The Snake and the Mirror' in your school. As the Secretary of the English Club, prepare a notice informing the students about the programme**

## **NOTICE**

### **ABC HIGH SCHOOL,ALUVA THE SNAKE AND THE MIRROR**

Dear friends,

The English club of our school has decided to stage the story 'The Snake and the Mirror' by Vaikkom Muhammad Basheer at the school hall. Our headmaster will inaugurate the function.

**Date:** 25.10.2021

**Time:** 10 AM

**Venue:** School hall

All are welcome

Aluva,  
20-10-2021.

Secretary,  
English Club.

## **CHARACTER SKETCH**

### **THE HOMEOPATH**

The Homeopath is an interesting character in the story 'The snake and the Mirror' written by Vaikom Mohammed Basheer. The doctor is a young and handsome bachelor. He was living in a rented unelectrified house. The house was full of rats. As he was an admirer of beauty, he took bold decisions. He should shave daily and grow a thin moustache to look more handsome. He would always keep an attractive smile on his face as he was a handsome bachelor doctor. He has a good humor sense too. He is also very humble and simple in nature. He would marry a young doctor who had a plenty of money and a good medical practice.

### **DIARY**

**The doctor prepares a dairy entry after his encounter with a snake.**

27<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

It is an unforgettable experience. It is a strange incident in my life. A full blooded cobra fell on to my shoulder and coiled around my arm. After some time it moved towards the mirror. I could not move as I was scared. I met death face to face. I collected courage and ran to my friend's house. It was a miraculous escape. Thank God for saving my life.

### **CONVERSATION**

**Prepare a conversation between the doctor and his friend**

Friend: What happened?  
Doctor: I am scared. Let me sit here first.  
Friend: Please take rest. What happened?  
Doctor: A snake fell on my shoulder.  
Friend: Did it bite you?  
Doctor: No, I ran out of my room.  
Friend: Where is the snake?  
Doctor: I don't know.  
Friend: Nothing to worry.  
Doctor: Ok. Dear

### **INFORMAL LETTER**

**The doctor writes a letter to his friend describing his terrible experience**

Model villa,

Main Road,

Kannur .

27<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

My dear friend,

How are you? Hope you are fine. I want to share a shocking experience with you.

When I reached my room after my dinner, I was shocked to see a full blooded cobra. It landed on my shoulder. I could not move as I was scared. I met death

face to face. But I collected courage and ran to my friend's house. It was a miraculous escape.

Hope to meet you soon

Yours lovingly,

Name

### **PREPARE THE NARRATIVE**

The snake and the mirror' is a wonderful story written by the famous Malayalam writer Vaikom Mohammed Basheer. It is a story about the lonely life of a doctor. He had just started medical practice and his earnings were very little. He lived in a small rented unelectrified room. The only luxury he had a black coat. His house was full of rats.

He decided to shave daily and grow a thin moustache to look more handsome. He wished to keep a smile always to look better. A funny thought came to his mind. He was a great admirer of beauty. He wanted to marry a doctor who had plenty of money and a good medical practice. When the doctor was sitting in his chair, a snake landed on his shoulder. He ran out for his life. He went to his friend's home. He felt pain in his left arm where the snake had coiled.

He realized that if the snake had bitten him, he would not have any medicine in his room. He thought that he was a poor, foolish and stupid doctor.

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