

#### ASSIGNMENT NO. 4

SUBJECT: ENGLISH CLASS-VIII OCTOBER,2025

# Ch- 10: The Open Window

<u>Theme:</u> The Open Window by Hector Hugh Munro (Saki) revolves around deception, irony, and the contrast between reality and imagination. It highlights how appearances can be misleading and how easily people can be manipulated by convincing storytelling.

## Q. Answer the following questions.

- a. Describe the circumstances that brought Framton Nuttel to Mrs. Sappleton's house. What was his purpose of visiting her?
- b. How did Vera entertain Mr. Nuttel while they were waiting for Mrs. Sappleton?
- c. Give a detailed character sketch of Vera. Which qualities make her a memorable and unique character?
- d. Describe Mr. Nuttel's reaction when he saw the three figures approaching the house through the open window.
- e. Discuss how the title "The Open Window" reflects the central theme of the story.

## Ch-11: A Remarkable Rocket

<u>Theme:</u> The story explores the theme of pride and self-importance. It highlights the contrast between appearance and reality. The rocket's boasts and claims are contrasted with its ultimate failure. The tale satirizes arrogance and self-aggrandizement. It showcases the importance of humility.

#### Q. Answer the following questions.

- a. How does Oscar Wilde use the character of the Rocket to mock self-importance and vanity in the society?
- b. How do the other fireworks react to the Rocket's behaviour? What do their reactions reveal about their own personalities and the contrast between humility and vanity?
- c. Describe in detail all the preparations made for the royal wedding celebration in the story. How are the fireworks arranged and assigned their roles?
- d. Who were the parents of the 'Remarkable Rocket'? What did they do?
- e. Explain how the story concludes. How does the Rocket eventually ignite, and what makes this outcome ironic?