

## **The Midnight Visitor Previous Year Questions (with model answers)**

**Q1. Despite his unusual appearance, Ausable's presence of mind helped him get rid of Max.**

**Comment with reference to the story 'The Midnight Visitor'. [CBSE 2024]**

**OR**

**One should never judge a book by its cover. Explain with reference to Ausable and how he outwits Max with his presence of mind.**

**[CBSE 2024]**

**Ans.** Ausable's appearance was just not that of a secret detective. The maxim 'Looks are deceptive' describes him best. As they say do not judge a book by its cover, Max was foolish to underestimate Ausable. He jumped out of the window when he got convinced by Ausable's story that there was police at the door and there was a balcony outside the window.

**Q2. Describe Max as a secret agent. [CBSE 2023]**

**Ans.** Max was thin, with average height. He was crafty like a fox. There was nothing menacing about him except his pistol. He visited Ausable to steal some important documents relating to new missiles. Ausable outwitted Max and made him jump out of the room's window.

**Q3. How did Ausable get rid of Max without using a weapon? [CBSE 2023]**

**Ans.** When Ausable told Max that it was the police at the door, Max got in a hurry to escape and he accepted Ausable's talk of there being a balcony outside the window. Max planned to hide in the balcony

and jumped from the window. However, there was nothing of the kind and he jumped to death.

**Q4. How is Ausable different from other secret agents? [CBSE 2020]**

**Ans.** Ausable is different from other secret agents because he was very fat, lived in a room on the top floor of a gloomy French hotel and could only speak French possibly although he had been living in Paris for over 20 years. His voice still had an American touch to it . He used to receive messages via telephone instead of dark eyed beauties getting him his messages. So he was very different from the way other secret agents are.

**Q5. How was Ausable different from other secret agents? [CBSE 2019]**

**Ans.** Ausable did not fit the general description of secret agents. He was very fat. He spoke French and German passably and had an American accent that remained with him even after twenty years of moving from America to Paris. He did not get messages slipped into his hand by dark-eyed beauties. He seemed too boring to be a secret agent.

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