

## 4.3 Around The World in Eighty Days

5 C Answer in about 50 words to the questions given below. (2x2 marks)

1. Explain how the author has made use of International Date Line and time zones in his novel.

Ans : Phileas Fog accepts the challenge of going around the world in eighty days. The members of the Reform club in England accepts the wager for twenty-thousand pounds. Fog goes around the world. He goes through Brindisi, Suez, Mumbai, Kolkata, Hong Kong, Yokohama , San Fransico, New York and Liverpool. He thinks that he has missed the deadline of eighty days and hasn't reached London. His companion Passepartout learns that their journey through the different time zones had gained them a day. They reached London a day before the deadline. The author has aptly used time zones in his novel 'Around the World in Eighty days.'

2. 'Money was never a concern for Mr. Phileas Fogg; it was for honour he accepted the wager.' Discuss.

Ans: Mr Phileas Fogg has the opportunity to double his fortune. But Fogg's adventurous journey has nothing to with the money. He accepts the wager to preserve his hon our and prove his worth. He wants to show the members of the Reform Club that he can do anything he sets out to do. He spends nearly all of his money along the way . This shows that for Fogg, honour is more important than money.

3. Phileas Fogg's travel around the world was full of adventures and surprises. Illustrate.

Ans : The title 'Around The World in Eighty Days' itself indicates the adventures in the novel. The novelist takes the readers to a journey of many hair-raising incidents and exciting, adventurous and thrilling places. The journey with trains and ships add adventures. To the surprise Fogg wins the heart of a beautiful and charming woman in India. The detective arrests Fogg at Liverpool. The great surprise is that he keeps his word travelling around the world in eighty days.

4. Explain how the time gained of a full day is revealed to Mr. Fogg.

Ans : Passepartout is sent to engage a clergyman. He runs out out to get a reverend to marry Fogg and Aouda whom Fogg brought from India. The marraige is to be solemnised the next day on Monday according to them. Passepartout learns that the next is Sunday not Monday. He concludes that their journey through the different time zones had gained them a day. and that they are not late. He hurries home and reveals the truth to Mr Fogg.

5. Passepartout stations himself outside Phileas' door. Give reasons.

Ans: Passepartout stations himself outside Phileas' door because he wants to keep watch upon his master. Mr. Phileas confined himself as he thought he didn't reach London in time and lost the wager. Knowing that Englishmen governed by a fixed idea sometimes resort to suicide. Mr Phileas may do that. Passepartout wants to avert the situation if happens. He remains outside Phileas's door without the knowledge of Phileas.

6. Passepartout blamed himself for the misfortune of his master. Justify.

**Ans :** Passepartout blamed himself for the misfortune of his master Mr Fogg. He had concealed Fix's errand from his master. Fix had revealed his true character and purpose . If he had warned his master about Fix's purpose, his master would have given proof of his innocence. Fix would not have been on the heels of his master to arrest him.

**7. Compare the remorse in the minds of Mr. Fogg and Aouda for the seeming failure of his wager.**

**Ans:** Aouda is surprised when Mr Fogg is arrested. Her heart revolts against a charge of robbery on Fogg. She weeps bitterly as she can do nothing to save her protector. Mr. Fogg thought that he was rich enough when he decided bring Aouda from India. She would be free and happy. But as he lost his wager he was ruined.

**8. Explain the stress on the mind of Fogg after returning from world tour at Saville Row.**

**Ans:** After returning from the world tour at Saville Row, he did not open the windows and doors. No appearance of change was visible. He bore his misfortune with calmness. He could not sleep throughout the night. He did not take his breakfast and dinner. He buried himself in setting the affairs right.

**9. Narrate the happenings at Reform Club on the 80th day of the wager.**

**Ans :** The five club members awaited Mr Fogg at Reform club on the 80th day of the wager. They were excited about winning the wager as they were sure Mr Fogg would not reach there in time . Thomas Flanagan enquired about arrival of last train. They were constantly looking at the clock. They counted the seconds. At the fifty-fifth second a loud cry was heard followed by applause. And Phileas Fogg appeared before the pendulum beat the sixtieth second. He put his promise of traveling the world in 80 days.

**11. Narrate the happenings at a prison where Fogg was kept under arrest.**

**Ans:** Mr Fogg was kept in prison. He was arrested by Fix, the detective for robbery. Passepartout would have fallen upon Fix had he not been held by some policemen. Aouda and he had remained at the prison to see Mr Fogg. Mr Fogg seated motionless, calm and without anger on the bench. At thirty-three past two Fix disclosed that the real robber is arrested and he set Mr Fogg free.

**10. There was no general agreement about Mr. Fogg's success in the opponents. Discuss.**

The five members of the club who were the opponents of Mr. Fogg were waiting for his arrival on the last day of the wager. While waiting they were discussing about Mr. Fogg's arrival. Twenty minutes, prior to completion of the wager time, Andrew Stuart, Thomas Flanagan and Ralph started discussing about the last train from Liverpool. Andrew Stuart states that if Fogg had come by the last train, he would have gotten here and that there is only one steamer from New York to London which arrived yesterday and Fogg was not there in that steamer. Samuel Fallentin requests the rest to not be hasty in jumping to conclusions as Mr. Fogg was known to be eccentric and punctual and could appear at the last minute. According to Thomas Flanagan, Mr. Fogg could not have prevented the delays which were certain so he cannot reach the club on time. John Sullivan states that they haven't received any intelligence from Mr. Fogg, even though there are telegraphic lines all along the route asserting the fact that Mr. Fogg had lost the wager. Gautier Ralph was sure about presenting Mr. Fogg's cheque at Barings the next day. Thus, all except Mr. Fallentin believed that they have won the bet or else Fogg would have arrived.

**12. All is well that ends well. Justify in the light of the extract from the novel 'Around the**

**World in Eighty Days.'**

The journey undertaken by Fogg and Passepartout, when they set out to circumnavigate the world in eighty days, is filled with dangerous obstacles and impossibly difficult situations. However, with Fogg's determination and wit, and Passepartout's clever ways, they manage to overcome the numerous challenges before them and still find time to do good for others. While on their journey, Fogg rescues Aouda from a terrible fate in India and brings her along with him to England. They brave many dangers together and steadily inch closer to their goal till they finally arrive at Liverpool. Just when Fogg begins to believe that his hard work and labour will soon be paid off, he is arrested by Detective Fix, delivering a severe blow to Fogg's plans of reaching London on time. This arrest is particularly cruel, because not only is Fogg not the actual robber but also because Fogg was so close to reaching his goal. Even though Fix eventually realizes his mistake and releases Fogg, they miss the deadline and Fogg seemingly loses the bet. However, Fogg soon realizes that the deadline has not passed as he gained a day when crossing the international dateline and he reaches the Reform Club just in time to win the bet. Thus, the novel ends with Fogg being rewarded for his efforts. He not only wins the bet and defends his honour, but also earns the love of a charming woman, Aouda. Hence, one can say that 'All is well that ends well'.

**13. Winning the heart is preferred to the winning of wager.express by supporting details.**

Before undertaking a trip around the world, Fogg lived a lonely life. He was detached from society and did not care about what people thought of him.

However, by the end of the trip, Fogg realizes the significance of human connection. In Passepartout, he finds a loyal and trustworthy friend and in Aouda, a wonderful and charming partner. Thus, through his many adventures, he gains an understanding and appreciation of interpersonal relationships, which he never had before and considers this to be his greatest reward from the trip.

The ending of the novel is unexpected and leads to a sudden twist of events, which results in Fogg winning the bet. However, Fogg realizes that the long and dangerous journey that he has undertaken has been worthwhile, not because he won the bet, but because it led him to Aouda. Thus, through the ending, it is conveyed life holds more meaning than mere worldly desires and that sometimes, the prize is the hearts we win.

