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I. Answer the following questions in detail:

Chapter - 1

1. What happens to Gulliver when he employs some recruits from Barbados – what makes him employ them and with what result?
2. When Gulliver is set ashore, he sees many animals in a field. There is something very strange about their appearance. What is it? Describe them in detail?
3. Describe the Dapple Grey Horse. In what way is he different from a common horse? What special qualities in him make Gulliver wonder?
4. “Upon the whole the behavior of these animals was so orderly and rational that I concluded they must be magicians.” Explain this statement with examples from the text.

Chapter - 2

1. Gulliver starts feeling comforted after reaching the timber house. Why? What were his expectations?
2. What is your opinion of ‘Yahoos’ as they have been depicted in chapter 2?
3. What arrangement did Gulliver make for his own food so that he may not starve?
4. “I began to think that this house must belong to some person of great note.” Were Gulliver’s expectations fulfilled? What made him think on these lines?

Chapter - 3

1. Gulliver and his master come closer and get more understanding of each other. Support the statement with four examples from the text.
2. Gulliver expressed his uneasiness at being called ‘a Yahoo’. Give reasons.
3. Why Gulliver’s master was convinced that Gulliver must be a Yahoo, but what perplexed him about it? Explain.
4. Why could not the Houyhnhnm (Gulliver’s master) believe that there could be a country beyond the sea or that people like Yahoos could move a vessel over water? Give reasons.

Chapter - 4

1. Gulliver describes the details of his travels but with great tact. Why? Why is he careful not to hurt his master?
2. ‘The Houyhnhnm becomes greatly agitated to hear of the treatment meted to his race in Gulliver’s country. Describe in your own words what it tells you of him.

3. Many particulars about Gulliver's face, ears, eyes, hands and feet puzzle his master. Why? What was the reason? Explain.

4. Gulliver's discourses displease the Houyhnhnm. Why? Explain.

Chapter – 5

1. How does Gulliver justify the different reasons why one country wages war against another and justifies it even when according to all rules of justice it is wrong? Elaborate.

2. What answer did Gulliver give to his master when he enquired about the causes or motives of war between the countries? What is your opinion of it?

Chapter – 6

1. Why was Gulliver's master at a loss to understand the lawyers in injuring fellow animals?

2. Why did Gulliver face difficulty in describing to his master the use of money?

3. Gulliver gives quite a discourse on the production, consumption and importance of wine. Explain it in your own words.

Chapter – 7

1. What makes Gulliver develop such a deep love for the inhabitants of the land of Houyhnhnms?

2. Why does Gulliver think that the honour of his own kind (man) is not worth managing?

3. What impression of humans does the great Houyhnhnm (Gulliver's master) get after listening to Gulliver's discourse?

4. Why do you think Gulliver firmly resolves never to return to his own country and to the company of humankind?

Chapter – 8

1. Why does Gulliver want to study and observe the behavior of the Yahoos? What makes him to do so?

2. The Yahoos look at Gulliver with hatred; still they are curious and ape him. This indicates their possessing certain traits of character. What are they?

3. Compare the character and person of the two major characters of the book, namely Gulliver and the great Houyhnhnm. How do you rate them as representatives of their particular races?

4. The whole chapter has brought to mind a picture of two great contrast one of Yahoos – jealous, violent, dirty, filthy with no morals – The other of Houyhnhnms – virtuous, neat, clean, disciplined, friendly, decent and civil. Being a human how does it strike you? Give your unbiased view.

Chapter – 9

1. The problem of the Yahoo is debated at the grand assembly. What is the problem? Do you think it was really a serious problem? Why? Why not?

2. In what way the Yahoos were a nuisance for the Houyhnhnms?

3. Gulliver had given us two pictures, one of Yahoos multiplying and increasing the population and the other of drastic results which posed problems to the Houyhnhnms. Do you agree? Give your comments.

4. What is your opinion of Gulliver, the change in his attitude and his bent towards Houyhnhnms? Bring out the truth behind it?

Chapter - 10

1. What is your opinion of Gulliver completely settling down in the land of Houyhnhnms? Do you find it strange?

2. What, according to you, is the reason you have gathered from the text of Gulliver's feeling of admiration for the Houyhnhnms whom he regards above his own people and race?

3. Do you agree that the land of the Houyhnhnms was really a haven (shelter) where there were no house breakers, attorneys, buffoons and politicians? How does it make so different from the life of human beings? In what way they spoil the tranquility in life?

4. The Great Assembly took a drastic decision regarding Gulliver. How did it affect Gulliver? How did he react? Explain.

Chapter - 11

1. Gulliver feels forlorn and heart broken, and resolves to spend the rest of his life in solitude. Do you think he is justified in behaving this way?

2. In spite of the Portuguese captain's courteous behavior, Gulliver continues to be silent and sullen. What is the big reason behind his strange behavior?

3. What makes Gulliver take the decision to return to his family and country and how does he behave on meeting with his family?

4. Gulliver is not able to endure the company of his wife and children but enjoys the company of the two stone-horses he buys on returning home. What does it tell you about the change that had come on him?

Chapter - 12

1. Why does Gulliver refrain from letting know the crown the details of the lands he had discovered and visited? What is his objective?

2. What is your opinion of the influence of the Houyhnhnms on Gulliver and his thinking? What drastic change has come over him? Explain with examples from the text?

3. Gulliver has a logic mind, keen sense of right and wrong and total honesty and all the more fortified after his encounter with the Houyhnhnms. Do you agree? Why/why not?
