

# THE RIVER AND THE SOURCE EXCERPT WITH QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS MODEL 18622021513

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**Read the excerpt below and answer the questions that follow:**

## **THE RIVER AND THE SOURCE:**

Such an experience is, however, very hard to shake off and now they were consciously trying to get another baby and as sometimes happens in such cases nothing happened. She remained confoundingly slim for the remainder of the year; and the next. It was too much. She forgot her earlier good intentions and one day actually accused him of having deliberately given her chloroquin to make her sterile. He was so angry that he stood up and lifted his hand as if to strike. He was actually foaming at the mouth. Then he turned on his heels and left the house. She tried to keep up her anger. After all she had been the wronged one, but when he had not come by late that night and on the following day, her anger turned to alarm and raw fear. Where could he be? He had been in an accident? Had he committed suicide? Had he left her? If he had she had only herself to blame. But that evening, he came home smelling like a brewery. He offered no explanation and she asked none; however family life continued somewhat uneasily for they were both still too young to give way to each other.

### **Questions:**

- 1. Explain what happens before this extract. (2mks)
- 2. “Such an experience is, however, very hard to shake off ....” Explain in details which experience this is. (3mks)
- 3. Explain the major theme in this extract. (2mks)
- 4. Discuss two traits each of ‘she’ and ‘he’. (4mks)
- 5. Explain, from your knowledge of the novel, how the fortunes of the couple turned around. (2mks)
- 6. Explain three styles found in this extract. (4mks)
- 7.
  - (i) Then he turned on his heels and left the house. (Rewrite beginning: On his heels....)
  - (ii) After all, she had been the wronged one. (Add a question tag).
  - (iii) Such an experience is, however, hard to shake off. (Rewrite using inversion)..
- 8. Explain the meaning of: (2mks)
  - (a) Confoundingly.
  - (b) Raw fear.
- 9. Explain what happens after this extract. (3mks)

## **ANSWERS**

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1. Mark gave Elizabeth some anti-malaria tablets P<sup>1</sup> when she was sick. She gets worse, taken to hospital with the help of neighbour, and lost the pregnancy.  
P<sup>1</sup> (2mks)
  2. One morning, Elizabeth woke up with a bolt of nausea.  
- Ignorantly Mark gave her chloroquin tablets not realizing she was pregnant.  
- She was admitted to hospital suffering from severe bleeding which led to her miscarriage. (3mks)
  3. Family conflict – the tension between Mark and Elizabeth.  
Hostility – she accused him of trying to poison her.  
Concern – had he been in an accident?
  4. She (Awiti)  
Insensitive / Hot tempered – accused him of poisoning her.  
Concerned – had he been in an accident?  
Wise – she accused him of trying to poison her.  
'He' - Mark  
Defiant – stayed away and gave no explanation.  
Self-controlled almost slapped her but he controlled himself.
  5. Before long Awiti became pregnant again and gave birth to twins – Veronica and Rebecca.
  6. Authorial intrusion – such an experience ---  
Rhetorical questions – “Had he committed suicide?” “Had he left her?” They portray Awiti’s anxiety due to Marks continued absence.  
Simile – “he came home smelling like a brewery – It shows he was totally drunk.
  7. On his heels he turned and left the house.  
(i) Hadn’t she?  
(ii) Hard to shake off, however, is such an experience. (Award 0 if no punctuation)
  8. (a) Surprisingly/confusingly.  
(b) Strong worry.
  9. After 3 years of marriage and no child, Mark’s mother arrived demanding to know what was happening.  
- Mark told her off refusing to allow her not to interfere in their affairs.  
- This incident help to mend the relationship between the two.
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