

Q. No. 1 why did the traveller knock at the door?

Ans: The traveller knocked at the door because he was perhaps supposed to meet someone residing in that house. When nobody opened the door for him, he mounted his horse and galloped away.

Q. No. 2 Did anyone answer his knock?

Ans: No, nobody answered his knock though he knocked three times .

Q. No. 3 what does the poet refer to as the 'voice from the world of men'?

Ans: The poet refers to the calls of the horseman as the voice from the world of men. The horseman was continually knocking the door of the mysterious house built somewhere in a dense forest and shouting, "Is anybody there?" before he went away.

Q. No. 4 Explain the phrase 'perplexed and still' ?

Ans: It means being shocked. It refers to the condition in which the horseman finds himself when he doesn't get access into the lone house. He is shocked and petrified to see himself late at night knocking at the door of a strange house and receiving no response.

Q. No. 5 what time of the day is described in the poem ? Pick out the words that suggest this ?

Ans: The time described in the poem is night and the following words suggest this:

- *the moonlit door**
- *Faint moonbeams**
- *starred and leafy sky**

Q. No. 6 List out the words that have been used to describe the listeners . What kind of a picture is created by these words ? Do you think they are ordinary people ? Give reasons for your answer ?

Ans: The words that have been used to describe the listeners are : phantom, strange and still. The picture created by these words is horrifying and puzzling. The people who inhabited the lone house were not ordinary people because they didn't behave like ordinary people do.

Q. No. 7 Why have the hoofs of the horse been described as plunging ?

Ans: The hoofs of the horse have been described as "plunging" to indicate the fear of the horseman and his urgency to get away from the haunted house.

Q. No. 8 what is the effect created by the words "silence surged softly backward" ?

Ans: The effect created by the words 'silence surged softly backward' is soothing and pacifying . The silence and calmness in and around the house disturbed temporarily by the horseman returns with his departure. The words indicate the end of disturbance and resumption of peace at the house.

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