

## SIGNALMAN

### THEME:-

\*The Signalman by Charles Dickens, revolves around the theme of uncertainty, isolation trust and respect.

\*The narrator unlike the signalman does not believe in ghosts or spectres. He appears to be more level headed and looks for a rational reason for the signalman's sightings. \*Though the narrator can see that the signalman is frightened or fearful of the appearances, the narrator perhaps feels that the signalman's imagination is running wild or that the night is playing a trick on his mind.

\*The setting of the story may also contribute to the hallucinations that the signalman sees. He has no natural light in his hut which would be not only unhealthy but would lead to the signalman's mind again playing tricks on him.

### I. Answer the following:- ( short answers 40-50)

1. Describe the setting of 'The Signalman.'
2. Why is the Signalman shocked when the narrator calls him?
3. What does the narrator notice about the signalman's attitude as he comes down to meet him?
4. Describe the nature of the Signalman's duties.

### II Answer the following:- (Long answers)60-70 words

1. How does the signalman explain the strange way in which he looked at the narrator?
2. Mention two incidents that happened after the appearance of the spectre.
3. What are the signalman's final questions to the narrator as he leaves?

### III. ERC:-

1. On both of those occasions, he came back..... I am troubled (Pg 19)
  - a. Name the lesson.

b. Who does 'him' refer to?

c. Give the meaning of inexplicable.

d. Make a sentence with the word 'inexplicable.'

e. Why does the addressee say 'I am troubled.?'

2. That very day, as a train came..... screams and cries. (Pg 21)

a. Who does 'I' refer to?

b. Why was 'I' confused?

c. Whose screams and cries were heard? What had happened?

IV. Imagine you are the narrator of the story. How did you feel on learning of the circumstances of the death of the Signalman.

Write a diary entry expressing your feelings. Word limit 100-120 words.