

**Unit-6-Beyond the veil**

**Section -1**

**The Red headed League**

**Reading -1**

**2. Answer the following questions:**

**a.** Vincent Spaulding, Mr Wilson’s new assistant, brought the advertisement of

the Red -Headed League to his notice. All red headed men who were sound in body and mind and above the age of twenty one were eligible.

b. After working for Red -Headed League for eight weeks, when Mr Wilson went to his office that morning at 10 O’ Clock, he found the door locked and saw a notice announcing that the League had been dissolved. When he made enquiries at the building next door, he was told that a man named William Morris had rented that space for a month. No one had heard of Mr Ross or the League. Moreover the forwarding address for Mr Morris was a vacant lot. Mr Wilson found all this extremely strange and suspicious and so contacted Holmes.

c. Homes deduced that their client had been in China and done a lot of writing lately. He deduced it from the tattoo of pink fish scales on the client’s right wrist- a process particular to China. The Chinese coin dangling from his key chain provided further evidence. Since Mr Wilson’s right cuff was shiny compared to the left one and the left one had a smooth patch near the elbow where he rested it upon the desk, Holmes deduced that this client had been writing a lot.

d. Mr Wilson hired Spaulding because he was a good worker and he agreed to work for half wages when Mr Wilson could not afford for an assistant. Spaulding spent a lot of time in the cellar of the shop. Where he said he was developing his photographs but was actually digging a tunnel to rob a bank.

e. Mr Wilson had to be in the office between ten in the morning and two in the afternoon each day, and not leave for any reason. While there , he had to copy the encyclopaedia.

f. After eight weeks , Mr Wilson found a notice that said’ The Red Headed League is finished. 21 June1890’.

g. Holmes asked Spaulding for directions because he wanted to see Spaulding and confirm his suspicion that Spaulding was a known criminal John Clay. He also wanted to confirm his suspicion that Spaulding was actually digging a tunnel to the bank. The dirt on the man’s trousers confirmed it.

h. Spaulding and Ross hired Mr Wilson because they wanted him out of their way for a few hours everyday which they spent digging a tunnel from his cellar to the bank.