Word Meaning of THE COMET 1

hobnob - have friendly talk/ spend time together

wretched - used to express anger or annoyance

muttered - say something in a low or barely audible voice, especially in dissatisfaction or irritation

repress - restrain or prevent (the expression or development of something)

utterly - absolutely; completely

oblivious - forgetful

tete-a-tete - private meeting/ talk between two persons

acquired - (here) bought

astronomer - a scholar of the science of the sun, moon, stars, planets, etc.

huddled - crowd together; nestle closely

designing - acting in a calculating, deceitful way

ensnared - catch in or as in a trap

amateur - a person who is incompetent or inept at a particular activity

eccentric - unusual/ unlike the orbits of other planets

recedes - goes back; disappears

gigantic - of very great size or extent; huge or enormous

optimistic - hopeful; expecting the best

faint stars- (of a sight) barely perceptible; unclear

nebulous - hazy

smudges - spots/ marks

optics - Dibya’s eyes (glass) through which he detected the comet

meticulous - careful and exact

ontrovert - one who is preoccupied with his/her own thoughts and feelings—not interested in things outside oneself

disgust - strong dislike or disapproval

calamities - disasters/misfortunes

butler - the chief manservant

deferentially - respectfully

provost - the head of certain university colleges, especially at Oxford or Cambridge, and public schools

beckoned - summon (someone) by beckoning (making a gesture) to them