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ENGLISH ELECTIVE CLASS - XII

MODEL QUESTION PAPER - SE I

ALL SHORT STORIES QUESTION

CHAP: I - I SELL MY DREAMS

Q11) How far do you think Frau Frieda was honest in her dealings with others? Why do you think so?

Ans) Frau Frieda was a very honest in her dealing with others. She had never cheated any of her clients. Instead she deliberately would visit at students' tavern & offer lunch & dinner to all Latin American students came in Vienna.

Q12) What did Frau Frieda tell the author? What was his reply?

Ans) She told the author that she would go back to Vienna from where he had once taken departure; under her 'prophecy'. The author replied that he still had care for her dreams however however, he was known very well since the beginning that all of them were false and were stratagem for surviving. In other words, he told her that he would never go back to Vienna.

Q13) Why did the author think that Frau Frieda's dreams were a stratagem for surviving?

Ans) Frau Frieda had no other qualification than to sell dreams.

Q14) She was from a family where it was a routine in every morning that each member of family would tell his/her dream at the breakfast table.

iii) It was the period of World War II and people those days were living with gross uncertainty.

iv) Frau Frieda has a number of elite clients who used to set their routine according to the predilections made by her.

v) Her family of eleven members was eventually met to destruction after the death of her father in Northern Columbia in South America.

Conclusion: - On the basis of above strong grounds we can state that the author was right in thinking that Frau Frieda's dreams were a stratagem for surviving.

CHAPTER - 2.0 Eveline (Short Stories)

[Eng. Elec.]

Q4) What are the signs of Eveline's indecision that we see as the hour of her departure with Frank nears?

Ans. The signs are as follows: -

i) Her vision made her to listen her mother's voice in which she had to that every pleasure ends in pain or when the course of pleasure ends, that of the pain starts.

ii) We see her merely sitting and musing by the window side.

iii) In her vision, she had reached in the station and the ship was heard whistling but actually she was still seated besides the window.

iv) She was in trance so much as she started omitting.

v) Her eyes gave him no sign of love or farewell or recognition. — This line reveals that she would have fainted under the sheer influence of trance.

Q57) What do you understand by the terms review and introspection?

Ans The term review denotes revision of the things we do physically or which is perceivable for an instance, chapter review, plan review etc. Another term "introspection" however is the process in which an individual does a careful examination of his own thoughts, feelings and reasons for behaving in a particular way in the situation.

Q67) Why did Eveline feel that she would not really miss or be missed in the place she worked in?

Ans It was because the stores where she was employed had already several substitutes in the queue and an advertisement in newspapers would be sufficient to get an employee in lieu of her. She also will forget the hard days of working under instructions of the management there when her boy friend would take her in his arms.

Q77) What message does the author want to give his readers?

Ans The author wants to refer the magnificence of review of the acts passed all in an unbiased

way. An unbiased review or introspection of the things makes ex-facie the picture of the plan or decision taken in haste and the individual can duly amend or rectify the same. This action will leave no place for repent or regret in course of implementation. Hence, introspection is must for every individual.

CHAPTER-3 A WEDDING IN BROWN'S VILLE (Short Stories)

ENG. ELECTIVE

Q88) Who was the woman that Dr. Margolin suddenly encountered at the wedding?

Ans She was Dr. Margolin's beloved when he was in his teenage. Her name was Raizel. Owing to discrimination of social status between a Priest and a watchmaker's families, he could not solemnize his marriage with her. After some years of marriage, she and her husband both were shot by Nazis. Dr. Margolin had not forgotten her, it was her supposed apparition with whom, he had ~~forgotten her~~ suddenly encountered at the wedding.

Q89) What was Dr. Margolin's attitude towards his profession?

Ans Dr. Margolin's attitude towards his profession are as under —

1) He as a doctor was strict observant to the

hippocratic oath or code of conduct devised for the physicians. All physicians on successful completion of their M.B.B.S. degree have to take certain oath pertaining to their career as true service...

ii) He was dedicated and devoted to the service of his patients as hardly any day in each week, he could spare from morning to late night for his wife Grethe even for a few hrs.

iii) He had duly accommodated himself to Anglo-Saxon society in New York so he had a good impression as a physician there.

iv) He had refused a number of dubious associations that smacked of careerism as his wife Grethe herself took his sense of honour amounted to a mania.

10) What is Mania? How many type of maniac generally we see?

Ans Mania is a kind of frenzy attitude of mind or better if we say half lunatic situation of human mind. These are mainly:

i) Pyromaniac

ii) Dispermanc

iii) Megalomaniac

iv) Monomaniac

v) Kleptomaniac

11) What do you understand by the term Hypochondria?

Ans Hypochondria is a disease of mind and nerves.

A person suffering from hypochondria complains continuously about imaginary ills. He takes heart flutter as heart failure, a headache as brain tumor and an upset stomach as gastric ulcers.

127 Describe Dr. Margolin's physical appearance?

Ans He was growing old in years but wanted to impress people with his appearance. He took every care to appear as an Anglo-Saxon in New York. He was tall, slim, ~~thin~~ bold, blue eyed and his hair had turned somewhat grey. However, he managed to disguise these signs of age.

CHAPTER - 04 TOMORROW SHORT STORIES

[Eng. ELEC.]

Q13 How does Captain Hagberd prepare for Harry's home coming?

Ans Captain Hagberd keeps backyard and frontside of his house ready to sow seeds of several variety flowers. He digs these small plots continuously but thinks the flower will be planted when his son Harry arrives home. He has brought seeds, utensils, goods for interior decoration, paint, varnish and brushes of different kind, carpets of latest models and designs. He tells Bessie that all these things will be used when Harry is arrived.

Q14) What does Bessie tell Harry about her father's plans for her?

Ans She tells that his father wants to assign everything he has to him. She assures him that she would bring his father round in a week & he will tell him nothing for the mistakes he has so far committed. She also tells that his father will solemnise his marriage with her shortly.

Q15) What is the contrast observed in the back garden?

Ans There are some simple flowers grown in scattered manner in the backyard under occupation of Miss Bessie. While at the side of Captain Hagberd it is dugged frequently but flowers are not still grown.

Q16) Describe Captain Hagberd, what made him look peculiar?

Ans Captain Hagberd was a retired sailor from a shipping company. Once he had wife and a son Harry. The son was naughty & over-ambitious while his father was a strict disciplinarian. They could not reconcile their day-to-day issues with each other as good father and son. He used to be very communicative about his pains while extremely morbid and unreasonable at several other times.

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CHAPTER XV ONE CENTIMETRE

[ENGLISH ELECTIVE]

SHORT STORIES

Q17. What was the conflict between Tao Ying and her son?

Ans It is because he has acknowledged the double deal or cheat of his mother. When he got scaled him by an old lady in the market he was convinced of being his height 1.11 m instead of 1.10 m. Thus, an image of liar, swindler, argumentative, rude, rustic and quarrelsome had put its crown in his innocent mind for his mother.

Q18. How did Tao Ying's son influence the way she led her life? ---

Ans Tao Ying is ambivalent in dealing with her son. She wanted to conceal her real approach of thinking before her son. She used to give lessons of sublime nature to her son but actually she was a swindler. She would not bother to buy a ticket and cheat the conductor in the bus. It was just a false image she was trying to make herself in her son's eyes but her son was very injured to his approach.

Q19. Why does Tao Ying feel nervous and depressed when the temple officials visit her house?

Ans It is because her astute mind saw them put on the same colour apparels as that



of guard on the day, she felt humiliated at large. Secondly she had anyhow tried to wipe the misunderstanding of her son out between an interval of more than a month and now she was watching glimpses of recovery in him. On this reason, in particular, she did not want to allow the reappearance of that very episode. This is the reason, she does not want the presence of her son there.

Q207 Why does her final vindication important to Tao Ying?

Ans This was because she did not want to remain any long a culprit or offender like in the eyes of her son. She expects from the officials to explain her son that his mother has not done anything wrong at the temple gate.

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