



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE

Maitighar, Kathmandu

**An Extended Assignment
on**

A YOUNG EYE VIEWS A COLD RELATIONSHIP

Prepared by
Baibhav Dhital
November, 2023

Submitted to
Parbat Lawati
Department of English
Plus Two Programme
St. Xavier's College
Maitighar, Kathmandu



St. Xavier's College

Maitighar, Kathmandu

VIEWPOINT OF A YOUNG EYE ON AN UNSETTLING RELATIONSHIP

XI/C. English

Candidates are required to prepare the project based on their personal research as far as practicable. They need to follow the formal pattern, as suggested by the Department, for submitting their work. The assignment should contain 500-600 words.

Suppose a child who lived in a city with his/her parents accompanied his/her father to visit an elderly grandmother in the village. The grandmother was waiting for her son to come back to the village and look after her, but her son was not willing to do so. Prepare a set of questions and enquire her/his feelings about homesickness. Then, write a report based on your interview.

A. Introduction

During a recent visit to my hometown, Hetauda, I encountered an unsettling situation in my very own neighbourhood. An old and terminally ill woman, Isha, was known to live all by herself, while her son, Mohammad, who came once every six years for a visit, lived with his wife, Kusum, and son, Ahmed, in Kathmandu. However, this time, he brought his son, Ahmed, to meet his grandmother for the first time. The objective of my conversation with Ahmed was to understand why Isha was left all alone, how she was doing emotionally and physically, and also about the relationship between Isha and her son. Besides, I inquired about his thoughts regarding his first visit to the village. Ahmed's insightful answers and my research kept me motivated for further analysis of the situation, for which I took the help of news articles and neighbours.

B. Methodology:

The study was completed using primary sources of information. An in-depth one-on-one inquiry was conducted with Ahmed, who was asked about the circumstances. Neighbours of the village were also included as the primary sources of information.

C. Findings

Mixed emotions were expressed by the child when he was brought to the village owing to his urban upbringing and lifestyle. He was happy but struggling to adapt to the rural lifestyle. Ahmed exclaimed, “Granny was emotionally and physically ill, craving love and companionship when I first saw her.” When asked about the relationship between Mohammed and Isha, Ahmed said, “It seems to be nowhere close to a mother-son relationship.” In spite of Isha's suffering, Ahmed exclaimed that Mohammed's busy lifestyle and time constraints seemed to be the key reasons for his ignorance and the low frequency of visits. Compassionately, he said that Isha's neighbours recognized her emotional trauma and used to empathize with and assist her as much as they could.

D. Suggestions

After closely analyzing the scenario, in the presence of Ahmed, Isha, and the neighbours, Mohammed was suggested to frequently communicate and visit Isha. If that was not possible, at least make phone calls and make her feel safe and secure. Furthermore, he was asked to provide Isha with comfort facilities like stable furniture, modern cookware, financial support, and entertainment facilities. Besides, he was suggested time management tactics, to ask for work flexibility beforehand at the workplace, and made aware of human psychology and emotional behaviour. Moreover, it was thought necessary to raise awareness about the emotional well-being of the elderly and emphasize family reunions and family celebrations among the neighbourhood. Neighbours were also suggested to build a more harmonious relationship with Isha so that she remains emotionally stable and happy and were urged to involve Isha in social work and social interactions to help her cope.

E. Conclusion

In conclusion, the case of the old woman and her emotional discomfort roots from the challenge of time constraint of her son caused by rapidly growing industrialization and mass migration. The visit of the son and grandson revealed a mix of emotions, emphasizing the cultural and lifestyle differences evident in the rural and urban areas. The case was sincerely evaluated, resulting in suggestions involving community support, flexible work, frequent communication, and the integration of rural and urban lifestyles. It is essential for all children to take proper care of their parents regardless of where they reside.