

## Chapter 6 (Mr. Chips)

**Q.1. What is your analysis of Chips' marriage to Katherine? OR Was Chips' marriage successful or not? OR Write a few lines about Mr. Chips' married life.**

**Ans:** Chips' marriage to Katherine Bridges was a great success. It brought about happy changes in his life. She made him a new man.

**Q.2. How did the wives of the other masters feel at first about Katherine?**

**Ans:** They were tempted at first to be jealous of someone so young and lovely. However, they began to like her gradually.

**Q.3. What kind of fellow was Mr. Chips before marriage?**

**Ans:** Before marriage, Chips had been a dry and rather neutral sort of person. He was liked in general in Brookfield but he had nothing to be popular and loved.

**Q.4. What was Chips' performance as a teacher before his marriage?**

**Ans:** He used to repeat the same lessons every year. He worked well. He gave service, satisfaction, confidence, and everything except inspiration.

**Q.5. What changes did Katherine bring in Chips? OR What influence did Katherine exercise on Mr. Chips? OR Katherine made Mr. Chips a new man. Is it true?**

**Ans:** She made him a new man. His eyes gained sparkle. His humour became rich and mature. He began to feel confident. His discipline improved.

**Q.6. Write a note on Chips' humour.**

**Ans:** He made little jokes like mnemonics and puns that raised laughter and at the same time imprinted something in the mind.

**Q.7. What did Katherine do to make Chips see beyond the roofs and turrets of Brookfield?**

**Ans:** She broadened his views. He began to realize that there was a world beyond the roofs and turrets of Brookfield. He saw his country as something deep and gracious to which Brookfield was but one of the feeding streams.

**Q.8. What were the political ideas of Chips and how were they different from Katherine's?**

**Ans:** Chips was a conservative in politics while Katherine was a radical socialist. Her young idealism worked upon his maturity to produce a mixture so gentle and wise.

**Q.9. Which team lost the match between Brookfield and the Mission?**

**Ans:** The East End boys were defeated by seven goals to five.

**Q.10. What did the Poplar boys take with them?**

**Ans:** They took with them the memory of a charming woman who had met them and talked

to them.

**Q.11. Who was old Gribble?**

**Ans:** He was the school butler. He was the last man at Brookfield who knew that Chips had married.

**Q.12. What do you know of the private?**

**Ans:** The private was one of the Poplar boys who had visited Brookfield. He had a vivid recollection of Katherine Bridges even after a lapse of two decades. He visited Chips during the Word War I. He was killed in Passchendaele.