

Holiday Home Assignment.

English

Class XII

Session (2021-22)

Q. Attempt the following questions.

The Last Lesson

- Q. Who is the author of the story “ The Last Lesson”?
- Q. What is the life term of the writer?
- Q. Which country does the writer belong to ?
- Q. Which war does the writer mention in the story ?
- Q. Which country was defeated in the war ?
- Q. Who is the student and the teacher ?
- Q. Which two French districts fell into the hands of Prussia?
- Q. Where were the Prussian soldiers drilling ?
- Q. Which language had to be taught from the next day?
- Q. Where did the French get all information of the war ?
- Q. Whom does the narrator (Franz) meet on his way to school ?
- Q. Who was there in the classroom ?
- Q. What was the teacher wearing that day ?
- Q. When did he wear those clothes ?
- Q. Which birds are mentioned in the story ?
- Q. Which language does M. Hamel talk about?
- Q. Of which subject was the teacher giving the last lesson ?
- Q. What were the last words written on the blackboard ?

Lesson – Lost Spring

- Q1. Who is the author of Lost Spring?
- A) James Bond
- B) Arundhati Roy
- C) Sudha Murthy
- D) Anees Jung

Q2- This story is an excerpt from which book of the author?

- A) Lost Spring – Stories of Stolen Childhood
- B) Unveiling India
- C) Breaking the Silence
- D) The Song of India

Q3- What does the author analyze in the story?

- A) Rich people
- B) Garbage
- C) Poor children and their exploitation
- D) Her works

Q4- What is the central theme of the story Lost Spring?

- A) Pitiable Poor children and their lost childhood
- B) Garbage
- C) Saheb and Mukesh
- D) Spring Season

Q.5- What forces the children to live a life of exploitation?

- A) Greed
- B) Extreme Poverty
- C) Peers
- D) Parents

Q6- According to the author what was garbage for the parents?

- A) Means of entertainment
- B) Means of joy
- C) Means of sorrow
- D) Means of survival

Q7- According to the author what was garbage for the children ?

- A) Means of entertainment
- B) Means of timepass
- C) Means of playing
- D) A wonder

Q8- Who was Saheb?

- A) A shopkeeper
- B) A servant
- C) A ragpicker
- D) All

Q9- What was Saheb looking for?

- A) Eggs
- B) Gold
- C) Coins
- D) Toys

Q10- Is Saheb happy working at the tea stall?

- A) Yes
- B) Yes, he earns money
- C) No earning
- D) No, earning but no freedom

Q11- Why did Saheb -e- Alam not go to school?

- A) Not interested
- B) Had no money to pay fees
- C) Wanted to go for movie
- D) Wanted to earn money

Q12- What is the meaning of Saheb -e- Alam?

- A) Owner
- B) Rich man
- C) Poor man
- D) Lord of the Universe

The Third Level.

Q1. But that's the reason, he said, and my friends all agreed. Everything points to it, they claimed. My stamp collecting, for example; that 's a temporary refuge from reality.'

- (i) Who is 'he' in the above extract
- (ii) Which reason of the problem is being cited here?
- (iii) Which other evidence did prove that Charley was an escapist?
- (iv) Who in Charley's ancestors pursued philately?

Q2. The Presidents of the New York Central and the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroads will swear on a stack Of timetables that there are only two. However, I say there are Three, because I've been on the third level of the Grand Central Station.

- (i) Who is 'I' in the above lines?
- (ii) What will the presidents of railway stations swear?
- (iii) Why did 'I' contradict them?

(iv) Pick up the word which has the similar meaning as ‘a pile of objects’.

Q3. That night, among my oldest first-day covers, I found one
That shouldn't have been there. But there it was. It was there
Because someone had mailed it to my grandfather at his home
In Galesburg; that's what the address on the envelope said.

- (i) What did 'I' find one night?
- (ii) What is first-day cover?
- (iii) Who had mailed the letter to 'I'?
- (iv) Which date and picture did the envelope carry?

Q4. I talked to a psychiatrist friend of mine, among others. I
Told him about the third level at Grand Central station, and he
Said it was a waking dream wish fulfilment. He said I was
Unhappy. That made my wife kind of mad, but he explained he
Meant the modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry
And all the rest of it, and that I just want to escape.

- (i) Who is the psychiatrist friend of 'I'?
- (ii) How did his psychiatrist friend diagnose his problem?
 - (iii) Why did the psychiatrist's analysis made Louisa lose her temper?
 - (iv) How did psychiatrist explain the problem of 'I' and appease Louisa?

My Mother at Sixty-Six

Question 1.

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

.....and felt that old familiar ache, my childhood's fear, but all I said was, see you soon,
Amma, all I did was smile and smile and smile ...

- I. What was the childhood fear that now troubled the poet?
- II. What do the poet's parting words suggest?
- III. Why did the poet smile and smile?

Q.2. Answer each of the following questions within 30-40 words.

- I. do the poet's parting words to her mother signify?
- II. Why are the young trees described as 'sprinting'?
- III. What is the significance of the parting words of the poet and her smile in 'My Mother at Sixty-six'?
- IV. How did Kamala Das put away the thought of her mother's old age?

Q. Prepare a project about the following mentioned authors/ poets from your textbook :-

- 1. Anees Jung**
- 2. John Keats**

Include the points given below:-

- 1- Biography including birth, education, important events in life.**
- 2- Their literary work**
- 3- Award/ honours**
- 4- Famous quotes/ poems(at least mention one).**
