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6. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct options.

A. But the sign has been hanging on the gate for over a month now and I am beginning to be afraid that the day I bought it was when I was the real fool.

(a) Why is Juliette disappointed?

- (i) She is unable to get a role of cook in the films.
- (ii) Her maid is leaving as she has got a role in the films.
- (iii) She is unable to find a suitable buyer for her villa.
- (iv) Gaston is offering a very low price for the villa.

Answer:

- (iii) She is unable to find a suitable buyer for her villa.

(b) Why does she call herself a fool?

- (i) She has decided to sell her villa.
- (ii) There are no buyers for the villa.
- (iii) She had bought the villa for more than it was worth.
- (iv) The villa was too close to the film studios.

Answer:

- (iii) She had bought the villa for more than it was worth.

B. 'But your parents would take possession of it, every year from the beginning of spring until the end of September. What's more they would bring the whole tribe of your sister's children with them.'

(a) What does Gaston mean by 'take possession'?

- (i) Her parents would stay with them for a long time.
- (ii) Jeanne's sister has many children.
- (iii) Gaston does not like children.
- (iv) Juliette's sister's children are badly behaved.

Answer:

- (i) Her parents would stay with them for a long time.

C. 'While you were upstairs, I have been thinking a lot about your Papa and Mamma.'

(a) What is the discrepancy between what Gaston said earlier and what he says now?

- (i) Earlier he did not want Jeanne's parents to stay with them but now he is showing concern for them.
- (ii) Earlier he wanted Jeanne's parents to stay with them but now he does not want them to come over.
- (iii) Earlier he wanted to buy a house for them but now he wants them to come and stay in their villa.
- (iv) Earlier he stayed in Jeanne's parents' villa but now he wants them to stay with him and Jeanne.

Answer:

- (i) Earlier he did not want Jeanne's parents to stay with them but now he is showing concern for them.

(b) What does the above statement reveal about Gaston's character?

- (i) He is selfish.

- (ii) He is an opportunist.  
 (iii) He is a caring person.  
 (iv) He is a hypocrite.  
 Answer:  
 (ii) He is an opportunist.

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7. Select words from the box to describe the characters in the play as revealed by the following lines. You may take the words from the box given on the next page.

	Lines from the Play	Speaker	Quality revealed
a	<i>One hundred thousand francs if necessary and that's only twice what it cost me.</i>		
b	<i>If you don't want the house, tell me so at once and we'll say no more about it.</i>		
c	<i>No! I am very fond of your family, but not quite so fond as that.</i>		
d	<i>Quite so. I have, but you haven't.</i>		
e	<i>I have never cared such a damned little about anybody's opinion.</i>		
f	<i>On the principle of people who like children and haven't any can always go and live near a school.</i>		
g	<i>The garden is not very large, but you see, it is surrounded by other gardens.</i>		
h	<i>I will be philanthropic and let you have it for two hundred thousand.</i>		
i	<i>I have been thinking a lot about you. Papa and Mamma. You see, I am really unselfish.</i>		

Cunning, clever, witty, smart, innocent, humorous, haughty, overbearing, critical, domineering, disapproving, materialistic, dishonest, practical, greedy, cruel, boastful.

Answer:

	Lines from the Play	Speaker	Quality revealed
a	<i>One hundred thousand francs if necessary and that's only twice what it cost me.</i>	Juliette	Greedy
b	<i>If you don't want the house, tell me so at once and we'll say no more about it.</i>	Jeanne	Haughty
c	<i>No! I am very fond of your family, but not quite so fond as that.</i>	Gaston	Disapproving
d	<i>Quite so. I have, but you haven't.</i>	Gaston	Domineering
e	<i>I have never cared such a damned little about anybody's opinion.</i>	Gaston	Haughty
f	<i>On the principle of people who like children and haven't any can always go and live near a school.</i>	Gaston	Witty
g	<i>The garden is not very large, but you see, it is surrounded by other gardens.</i>	Juliette	Smart
h	<i>I will be philanthropic and let you have it for two hundred thousand.</i>	Juliette	Boastful
i	<i>I have been thinking a lot about you. Papa and Mamma. You see, I am really unselfish.</i>	Gaston	Clever

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