



CLASS IX
ADDITIONAL ENGLISH
CHAPTER 1 - FORGETTING
(ROBERT LYND)

SOLUTIONS

TEXTUAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

COMPREHENSION

SECTION A

Say whether, according to the lesson, the following statements are true or false.

- i. An absent-minded-man is very common. **FALSE**
- ii. A person can remember a large number of facts and information. **TRUE**
- iii. Many men forget to shut their main door when they leave their home for work. **FALSE**
- iv. Generally people do not forget to switch off the lights before going to bed. **TRUE**
- v. The author always remembers to take his medicine at the right time. **FALSE**
- vi. The author can never remember to post letters. **TRUE**
- vii. He 'always leaves' behind walking-sticks in taxis and trains. **TRUE**
- viii. The younger people are more forgetful about their property while travelling. **TRUE**
- ix. Good memory is desirable. **TRUE**
- x. Politicians usually have good memories. **FALSE**

SECTION B

Q1. Why does Robert Lynd say that human memory is efficient?

Ans. Robert Lynd says that human memory is efficient because modern man remembers almost everything that he is expected to remember.

Q2. What according to Robert Lynd, is one reason why people forget to take their medicine?

Ans. People forget things because they wish to forget and they fail to take their medicine since they dislike it.

Q3. What is the most usual form of forgetfulness?

Ans. The most usual form of forgetfulness is to post letters.



Ans. Umbrellas, walking-sticks, books, cricket-bats, footballs, etc. are some of the things that people leave behind when they travel.

Ans. According to the author, sportsmen/sport enthusiasts have worse memories than their ordinary serious-minded fellows. So they forget their gear.

Ans. Anglers daydream over the feats of fishing-rods of Utopia. Their minds keep wondering thinking about their enjoyment of their day's sport. So they become absent-minded and forget their fishing rods.

Ans. Memory, indeed, is half the substance of great works of art, according to Robert Lynd, by great artists. So, good memory is linked to greater intelligence.

Ans. An ‘audacious perverter of truth’ means someone who dares to distort truth or who dares to misinterpret truth.

Ans. The wife thought that he would be terrified when he found out the baby was missing and that he would soon appear with the news that the baby had been stolen. No, it didn't happen.

Ans. In the beginning of this essay ‘Forgetting’ the writer expresses his wonder about the efficiency of human memory. And he says that almost everyone remembers to do the right thing at the right time till it is time to go to bed. He again says that most of us are born with prosaically efficient memory, without which there will be chaos and confusion in the family and ultimately hamper the smooth functioning of the institution called ‘Family’. Hence, the writer says that ‘the institution of the Family’ could not survive without efficient memory and this, the writer illustrates clearly in his essay ‘Forgetting’.



COMPOSITION

Q1. Write the different kinds of forgetfulness described by Robert Lynd.

Ans. Robert Lynd has described different kinds of forgetfulness in the present essay 'Forgetting'.

He describes the absentmindedness of fellows like sportspersons, poets and writers and anglers. Since their minds are filled with matters more glorious, they leave things behind. He then describes people's forgetfulness in taking medicine due to their antipathy to pills and potions, though it is supposed to be the easiest thing to remember. He also says that absentmindedness occurs to people who are born with prosaically efficient memories. In the essay, the writer also mentions an unusual kind of absentmindedness like that of a father who forgets his baby outside a public house.

Q2. Add five more kinds of forgetfulness from your own experience.

Ans. The five more kinds of forgetfulness from my own experience are:

- (i) Tension paralyses our thinking process and we tend to forget things. For instance, in the examination hall, we experience this type of forgetfulness.
- (ii) When one's mind is too occupied, one tends to forget things.
- (iii) Noise also disturbs our mind and it irritates us and this will lead to some kind of forgetfulness.
- (iv) Another kind of forgetfulness is related to aging and certain medical conditions.
- (v) Anxiety related absentmindedness is also experienced by many.

Q3. Write a paragraph relating an incident in your life when you forgot something and had to face a lot of trouble.

Ans. I remember it was the first day of Board examination. The exam centre was a bit far from my place, so I got ready quite early. Everything was checked. With the best wishes from my family members and blessing from God, I and my father started in our Kinetic Honda. Though the traffic was heavy, no wonder, being the first day of Matric exam, we managed to reach the exam centre just in time. But to my dismay, I found that the admit card was not with me. I felt



Q4. Name three things which can help you to remember better.

Ans. First of all I shall follow a disciplined and orderly routine like sleeping on time and getting up early in the morning. Secondly, I shall take up exercise like morning walk, to keep one's mind fresh and to remove dullness. Lastly, I shall engage myself in some hobbies like reading, gardening and singing for recreation. I believe these things would definitely help me remember things better.

