Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Assignment: Emma Chapter 6**

**Answer the following :**

1. **Why did Emma have very little time to forward her plans for Harriet and Mr Elton?**

Ans: Emma’s sister , Isabella , was arriving at Hartfield for Christmas together with her husband and five children, and Emma was busy preparing for them. Thus Emma had very little time to forward her plans for Harriet and Mr Elton.

1. **Describe Isabella.**

Ans: Isabella was a pretty woman, devoted to her husband and children, and equally devoted to her father and sister. She could never see any faults in any of them. She was very kind hearted and had a calm temperament but was not quick minded unlike her husband.

1. **Describe John Knightley.**

Ans: John Knightley, Isabella’s husband, was a tall gentleman, greatly respected by all. He had a short temper but was very clear in his thoughts and had the quickness of mind which his wife lacked.

1. **What kind of a relationship did John and Emma share?**

Ans: John Knightley was not a favourite of his siser –in-law, Emma. She would notice every little fault of his. On the other hand John treated her very kindly and in a friendly manner but did not flatter her or even compliment her. Moreover, he was not always patient with Emma’s father and Emma could never forgive him for this.

1. **What did Isabella say about Ms Taylor getting married?**

Ans: Isabella remarked that Miss Taylor’s marriage was a dreadful loss to both her father and sister. She could understand how much they must be missing her and knew that it was a sad change for them. Further she inquired if they saw her very often.

1. **What did Mr Woodhouse say about Ms Taylor visiting them? What was the reality?**

Ans: Mr Woodhouse said the Ms Taylor did not visit then as often as he could wish. This wasn’t true as in reality they ( The Woodhouses) would see them every day since the marriage. They would go there every morning or evening .

1. **Who was Frank? With whom was he staying? Why?**

Ans: Frank was Mr Weston’s son from his first wife. He was twenty three now. His mother had died when he was two years old and his aunt, his mother’s sister ,Mrs Churchill, had adopted him. Since then he had been staying with the Churchills.

1. **What did Mr Weston think about his son? Write a line from the chapter to substantiate your answer.**

Ans: Mr Weston loved his son very much and was proud of him. This is evident from the line’ he saw him every year in London’.

1. **What were Isabella’s views about Frank?**

Ans: Isabella believed that Frank must be the most pleasing young man but it was sad that he did not live at home with his father. She would also wonder how Frank’s father could part with him and could never think of anybody who could propose such an idea.

1. **What were John’s views about the Churchills as compared to the views about Mr Weston?**

Ans: John did not hold the Churchills in high regard and believed that nobody ever thought well of the Churchills. He believed that Mrs Churchill was a very selfish woman and influenced her husband greatly. On the other hand Mr Weston did not seem to mind his son being with the Churchills.

1. **How did Mr Weston prove John’s views about him?**

Ans: John felt that Mr Weston was a happy and cheerful man, who enjoyed his friends and is happy in their company. As if to prove how true this was, Mr Weston invited everyone from Hartfield to dinner at Randalls on Christmas Eve.

1. **Why was Emma happy? Why was her hope dashed?**

Ans: Emma was very happy to hear about the party as Mr Elton would get another opportunity of meeting Harriet and proposing to her. This hope was dashed on the morning of the party when Emma heard that Harriet was ill with a cold.

1. **What did Emma tell Mr Elton when she met him? What was his reaction?**

Ans: When Emma met Mr Elton after visiting Harriet, she told him about the sore throat and the fever that Harriet had. Mr Elton immediately said that he hoped it was not infectious and asked if the doctor had seen Harriet. He further told Emma to take care and not risk catching the sore throat.

1. **What did Emma suggest Mr Elton?**

Ans: Emma assured Mr Elton that Mrs Goddard would take care of Harriet. She further suggested Mr Elton to excuse himself from the party as he too seemed to be having a sore throat and should stay at home that night and take care of himself.

1. **What were Elton’s thoughts about Emma’s suggestion? How did John come to his rescue?**

Ans: Mr Elton was certainly pleased that Emma should be concerned for him but he did not wish to miss the party. John interrupted their conversation and offered to send his carriage to collect Mr Elton so that the weather would not be a reason for him to miss the party, thus coming to Mr Elton’s rescue.

1. **How did Elton react to John’s suggestion?**

Ans: Mr Elton accepted the offer very quickly and with much satisfaction. His handsome face lit up and he expressed his pleasure. His smile had never been stronger and his eyes brighter than when he now looked at Emma.

1. **What did John tell Emma about Elton’s feelings towards her? What was Emma’s reaction?**

Ans: John told Emma that Elton seemed to have a great deal of goodwill toward Emma. He told Emma that she should give a thought to the feelings of Elton towards her.