Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Assignment: Emma Chapter 7**

**Answer the following:**

1. How did Emma and her family members travel to the party?

Ans: On the evening of the party , Mr woodhouse travelled in his own carriage with his daughter Isabella and Emma travelled with her brother-in-law.

1. How was John Knightley’s mood while travelling to the party? Why?

Ans: John Knightley was not at all happy. It was extremely cold and he did not approve of the idea of going out on such a cold night.

1. What did John Knightley say as they were travelling to the party?

Ans: John Knightley said that a man who makes his friends leave their homes on such a cold night must be thinking too highly of himself. He further said that he was certain it was going to snow and if it had been a call of business or duty he would think it was a hardship whereas all they were doing was to spend several hours in another man’s house saying or doing the same old things. John then ended his monologue predicting that by the time they would return the weather would worsen.

1. What did Emma think about John Knightley’s views? How would have Isabella’s views been?

Ans: Emma did not agree with her brother –in-law’s views. However Isabella would have agreed with whatever John said.

1. Where did Emma’s carriage stop ? Why?

Ans: Emma’s carriage stopped at the vicarage as they had to collect Mr Elton.

1. How was Mr Elton’s mood? What did Emma think on seeing him?

Ans: Mr Elton seemed to be very happy as he smiled broadly when he stepped into the carriage.

On seeing his cheerful appearance Emma thought he must have received better news of Harriet than she did.

1. What news had Emma got about Harriet’s health?

Ans: Emma had got a report from Mrs Goddard’s that Harriet’s condition had not improved.

1. Why was Emma dismayed at Mr Elton?

Ans: Mr Elton showed no concern for Harriet whatsoever. He was very cheerful as he got into the carriage and continued to be so. Inspite of Emma telling him that Harriet was no better he continued speaking of other things with great enjoyment. He seemed to have forgotten Harriet altogether in his joy at the thought of the party.

1. What did Emma decide on arriving at Randalls? Was she able to abide by her decision?

Ans: On arriving at Randalls, Emma was delighted to greet her friends, the Westons and she was determined to forget Mr Elton’s odd behaviour on the journey and enjoy the party. Mr Elton sat next to her and spoke to her as often as he could. This made her plan to forget him difficult.

1. What did Emma remember during the party? What did she think then?

Ans: Emma remembered what Mr John Knightley had said about Elton being interested in her. She wondered if it could be her brother-in-law’s imagination or had Elton truly fallen in love with her.

1. When did Emma feel like forgiving Elton? Was she able to do so? Why?

Ans: During the party, when Emma was sitting with Mrs Weston, Elton came in and sat between the two ladies. He soon started talking about Harriet’s illness and this made Emma feel better and she felt like forgiving him. But she soon discovered that Mr Elton was not really concerned for Harriet at all. Instead he advised Emma not to meet Harriet as she could catch the infection.

1. What did Elton request Mrs Weston to do? How did Emma react?

Ans: Elton requested Mrs Weston to help him persuade Emma not to visit Harriet if there was any danger of infection. He further said that Emma only thought about others and not herself. Emma left the sofa on which they were seated and went to sit by her sister, hoping that Elton would be rebuked by her withdrawal.

1. Who was with Emma while going back? What were her feelings and what did she decide to do during the journey back?

Ans: John Knightley forgot that he had come with Emma and stepped into the other carriage with his wife. Emma was left in the second carriage with Elton. Emma was quite embarrassed and decided to speak only of impersonal things and so began to talk of the weather.

1. What did Elton do while travelling back in the carriage with Emma?

Ans: Elton seized Emma’s hand and demanded her attention. He declared that he loved as and that she must have known it. He continued saying that he hoped she would accept him for he adored her and was ready to die if she refused. He declared that no one’s love could be greater than and that she should accept him as soon as possible.

1. How did Emma react to Elton’s behaviour?

Ans: Emma was certain that Elton must have had too much wine to drink at the party. She was very angry that the man whom she thought was in love with Harriet was declaring his love for her. She tried to be half serious and half playful while speaking to him.

1. What did Emma tell Elton?

Ans: Emma told him that she was astonished and that he was forgetting himself. She then told him that he probably was mistaking Emma for Harriet and that she wouldn’t mind delivering his message to her.

1. How did Elton try to convince Emma that he loved her and not Miss Harriet?

Ans: Mr Elton admitted that he had drunk plenty of wine during the evening and was in high spirits but he had not drunk so much that he did not know what he was saying. He further said that he respected Harriet as Emma’s friend but he only loved Emma.

1. Why was Emma silent? What did Elton think of her silence? What did Emma say?

Ans: Emma was astonished and disgusted at the fact that Elton loved her and not Harriet.

She was so disturbed that she did not know what to say as many unpleasant thoughts crowded her mind. Her moments of silence were taken by Mr Elton as encouragement to him. He told her that her silence meant that she had understood him. Emma protested saying that her silence said no such thing . She told him that she only wished that he would seriously think about Harriet.

1. What did Elton say about Harriet?

Ans: Elton said that Harriet was a very nice girl and perhaps there would be men who would not object to her background but for him , he did not think that he looked for someone of such a low family, as that of Harriet’s , as a wife. He reiterated that he had come to Hartfield only to see Emma as she had given him encouragement.

1. What was the final reply of Emma? How did Elton react to that?

Ans: Emma told Elton that he had mistakenly thought that she had encouraged him. She had only seen him as an admirer of her friend, otherwise he would have been a common acquaintance to her. Emma further apologised for her misunderstanding. She assured him that she would no longer persuade him regarding Harriet and her endeavour of bringing them together would end there. She ended the conversation by saying that she had no thoughts of marriage at that moment. Mr Elton was too angry to reply and went home without even saying a good night to Emma.