Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Assignment: Emma Chapter 5**

1. **What was Emma’s desire with respect to Harriet? How far was she successful?**

Ans: Emma desired to improve Harriet’s education by reading useful books together. She was not successful at that because they had read a few chapters but then put the book down, intending to continue the next day. It was so much easier to talk than to study that they made little progress.

1. **What was Harriet engaged in? How did Emma involve Mr Elton in it?**

Ans: Harriet was engaged in making a book of verses, which was a fashionable occupation for young ladies at that time. Emma asked Mr Elton to contribute verses to Harriet’s book.

1. **Did Mr Elton agree to do what Emma told him to? Why?**

Ans: No, Mr Elton did not agree to write verses for Harriet’s book as he said that neither Emma nor Miss Smith could inspire him to do so. In other words he was not capable to write verses.

1. **What did Mr Elton bring the next day? What did he say about it? What were Emma’s thoughts about what he said?**

Ans: The very next day Mr Elton brought some verses for the ladies to read. He said that a friend of his had written them for a young lady whom he admired but Emma immediately thought that he had written the verses himself.

1. **Why did Mr Elton not want to offer the verses for Miss Smith’s collection? Why had he given them to Emma?**

Ans: Mr Elton did not want to offer the verses for Miss Smith’s collection because they belonged to his friend and he had no right to make them public. He had given them because he thought Emma might enjoy reading them.

1. **How did Harriet react when Emma gave her the verses? What did Emma do?**

Ans: When Emma gave Harriet the verses to read, Harriet trembled with emotion and could not hold the paper sill enough to read it and so Emma took it back. Emma was glad to have an opportunity to read them first. She read them twice.

1. **What conclusion did Emma derive from the verses? What did she tell Harriet?**

Ans: Emma concluded that the verses were clearly a plea to Miss Smith to allow Mr Elton to declare his love for her. She told Harriet that there was no doubt he had written those for her alone.

1. **What assurance did Emma give to Harriet regarding marriage?**

Ans: Emma assured Harriet that Mr Elton would soon propose to her. She told her that she was very happy and congratulated her with all her heart. She told Harriet that marriage would give her everything she wanted and she would be able to live close to Hartfield and be Emma’s friend forever.

1. **What did Harriet tell Emma after she assured her about Mr Elton’s feelings?**

Ans: Harriet told Emma that whatever she said was always right and therefor believed and hoped that what she would say would happen. She said that the fact that Mr Elton chose to marry her was more than what she deserved.

1. **What did Emma tell Mr Elton when he came to Hartfield that evening?**

Ans: That evening when Mr Elton came to Hartfield, Emma told him that he had been kind enough to give her the verses to read. She further told him that she hoped he would not mind but they had admired them so much that they copied them into Miss Smith’s collection.

1. **Why was Emma relieved when Mr Elton left within a few minutes?**

Ans: Emma was relieved when Mr Elton left within a few minutes because his speeches always made her want to laugh.

1. **What did Harriet ask Emma while they were walking the next morning? What was Emma’s reply?**

Ans: While they were walking the next morning, Harriet asked Emma why she was not married inspite of the fact that she was so charming. Emma said that her being charming was not enough to persuade her to marry and that she must find at least one other person charming to marry her. She further told her that he had very little intention to marry as she had never been in love and did not think she would ever be either. She added that she was in charge of her father’s household and could not be loved more or given more importance anywhere else.

1. **Who was Jane Fairfax? Why was Emma tired of hearing about her?**

Ans: Jane Fairfax was Miss Bates niece. Emma was tired of hearing about her because Miss Bates would always bore them by talking about her niece, Jane. Miss Bates would read out every letter received from her niece around forty times. If Jane would knit something for her grandma, Miss Bates would talk about it for months.

1. What did Emma do when Mr Elton joined them while walking? Why did she do so? Was she successful in her venture?

Ans: When Mr Elton joined Emma and Harriet while walking, Emma pretended to have difficulty with the lace of her shoe. She begged the other two to walk on , saying she would follow in half a minute. She wanted Mr Elton and Harriet to be alone so Mr Elton might declare his love for Harriet. She was not successful in her venture as Mr Elton was only giving a detailed account of a party he had attended the previous day.

1. **On what pretext did Emma invite herself to Mr Elton’s house? What did she do there?**

Ans: Emma purposely broke her lace and threw it into a ditch and asked permission from Mr Elton to stop at his house and ask for his housekeeper for some string or anything that would keep her shoe on. Once there, she went to the housekeeper. She wanted to give plenty of time to Mr Elton so talked to the housekeeper on as many topics of conversation as she could .