Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Assignment: Emma Chapter 1**

Answer the following :

1. **How is Emma introduced by the author?**

Ans: Emma woodhouse was handsome , clever and rich. She had a comfortable home and was twenty one years old with a few worries in life. She had an elder sister and an affectionate father. She had been in charge of her father’s household since her sister had married seven years earlier.

1. **When had Emma’s mother died? Who had taken care of Emma and her sister?**

**What kind of a relationship did she have with them?**

Ans: Emma’s mother had died when Emma was very young and she had no clear memory of her. Miss Taylor , their governess, had taken care of both the sisters. She was more of a friend to them.

1. **What was the disadvantage of Emma’s situation?**

Ans: As Emma had been in charge of the household for many years, she always had her own way and had too high an opinion of herself. This was the disadvantage of Emma’s situation.

1. **What was the first sorrow that Emma faced?**

Ans: The first sorrow that Emma faced was on the day that Miss Taylor married.

1. **Why did Emma owe Miss Taylor a great debt of gratitude?**

Ans: Miss Taylor had been very kind her. She had not only taught her but also played with her since Emma was five and had given everything to amuse her. She had nursed her through all the various illnesses of childhood. Thus Emma owed her a great debt of gratitude.

1. **Who was Isabella? Where did she stay?**

Ans: Isabella was Emma’s elder sister. She stayed in London, sixteen miles away.

1. **Write three points to describe Mr Woodhouse.**

Ans: Mr Woodhouse, Emma’s father was quite old and had passed all his life without much activity of his body and mind. He was very friendly and good tempered and people loved him for that. He was neither talented or gifted.( any 3 )

1. **What were Mr Woodhouse’s views about marriage?**

Ans: Mr Woodhouse hated change of any kind. Thus he did not approve of marriage as it meant change.

1. **What were Mr Woodhouse’s views about Miss Taylor getting married?**

Ans: Mr Woodhouse did not approve of any women of his family getting married as it meant change. When Miss Taylor got married, he was quite annoyed. He believed that he had done something which was as sad for herself as for them. He was sure that she would have been much happier if she had stayed with them as, Hartfield, his house was three times as large as her house, Randalls.

1. **Who was Mr Knightley? Where did he stay? What kind of a relationship did he share with Emma?**

Ans: Mr Knightley was the older brother of Isabella’s( Emma’s sister) husband. He lived about a mile away from Highbury. He was a frequent visitor at Hartfield, Emma’s house. He and Emma were quite friendly and would say what they liked to each other. In fact, Mr Knightley was one of the few people who could see faults in Emma Woodhouse and the only one who ever told her about them.

1. **What were Mr Knightley’s views of Miss Taylor’s marriage?**

Ans: Mr Knightley was very happy that Miss Taylor got married. He believed that it was good for Miss Taylor to be settled in her own home. He also sarcastically commented that now Miss Taylor had one person to please instead of two referring to Emma and her father.

1. **What testimony did Emma give to convince Mr Knightley that she had arranged Miss Taylor’s marriage?**

Ans: Mr Knightley convinced Emma that she was not the one responsible for Miss Taylor’s marriage. He asked her if she had really spent the last four years endeavouring to bring about the marriage. Further he said that what really happened was that one day in an idle moment Emma must have said to herself that it would be a good thing for Miss Taylor if Mr Weston were to marry her. It was merely a lucky guess that she had made.

1. **Did Mr Knightley believe what Emma said? What counter argument did he give?**

Ans: No, Mr Knightley did not believe what Emma said. He told her that a man like Mr Weston and a sensible woman like Miss Taylor were capable of arranging their own affairs.

1. **Whom did Emma plan to get married now? Why?**

Ans: Emma now planned to get Mr Elton married. She felt sorry for him as he had lived in Highbury for a whole year and had a very comfortable house but was single. Emma thought highly of him and getting him married was the only way that she could be of service to him.

1. **What were Mr Woodhouse thoughts about Emma getting Mr Elton married? What comments did Mr Knightley make?**

Ans: Mr Woodhouse told Emma that he too felt that Mr Elton was a very good man and he had great regard for him. But he told Emma that if she wanted to show Elton some attention, then she should invite him to dinner one day rather than arranging his marriage. Mr Knightley agreed with Mr Woodhouse and told Emma that she should serve him the best of the fish and the chicken but to leave him to choose his own wife.