Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Assignment: Emma Chapter 4**

1. **Where did Harriet sleep the night she sent the letter of refusal to Mr Martin? Why did she do so? Who came the next morning?**

Ans: That night Harriet slept at Hartfield. It was Emma who made her sleep at Hartfield as she thought it best to keep Harriet with her because she did not want Harriet to change her mind. The next morning while Harriet had gone to Mrs Goddard’s for a few hours, Mr Knightley came to Hartfield.

1. **What did Mr Knightley say about Emma? What did Emma think he was talking about?**

Ans: Mr Knightley told Emma that her friend Harriet was about to hear some good news on a very serious matter. Emma realised that it was about someone in love with Harriet and believed Mr Elton must have spoken to Mr Knightley about Harriet.

1. **What did Mr Knightley tell Emma about Mr Martin confiding in him?**

Ans: Mr Knightley told Emma that Mr Martin (Robert Martin of Abbey Mill Farm ) loved Harriet dearly and wishes to marry her . He further said that Martin had met him to consult him about it two days ago.

1. **What did Emma tell Mr Knightley about the proposal of Martin to Harriet? What was Mr Knightley’s reaction?**

Ans: Emma told Mr Knightley that Martin had written to Harriet the previous day but Harriet had refused his proposal. Mr Knightley stood up in indignation, red with surprise and displeasure.

1. **What did Mr Knightley say when Emma told him that Harriet was right in refusing Mr Martin?**

Ans: Mr Knightley was furious when Emma told him that Harriet was right in refusing Mr Martin. He said that it was Martin who was much superior than Harriet in every way. Harriet’s claims by birth , education were not at all higher than Robert Marin’s. He continued saying that no one knew whose daughter she was , no financial settlement had been made for her and she had no respectable relations. He said that the advantage of the marriage would be entirely on Harriet’s side. Robert Martin could certainly get a better woman of some fortune and a more useful companion as compared to Harriet.

1. **What remark does Mr Knightley make about Emma’s friendship with Harriet? What reason does he give for the same?**

Ans: Mr Knightley tells Emma that he always thought that theirs was a foolish friendship and now he was even more convinced that it was going to be a most unfortunate one for Harriet. He says that if Harriet had married Robert , she would have been safe , respectable and happy forever. But if Emma encouraged Harriet to expect an important man with a large fortune to make an offer of marriage to her , then she may end up at Mrs Goddard’s for the rest of her life.

1. **What did Mr Knightley say about Emma’s plans to get Harriet married to Mr Elton?**

Ans: Mr Knightley told Emma that if she thought of Mr Elton as a suitable match for Harriet then he said her plans would come to nothing. He told her that she must realise that Mr Elton would never make an offer of marriage to Harriet. He is a very good man but he had made it very clear that when he married, he means to marry a young lady of a good family with plenty of money.

1. **When Harriet had not returned after a long time, what did Emma feel? Why?**

Ans: When Harriet had not returned after a long time, Emma was upset. She felt uneasy because she wondered if Mr Martin had visited her and was pleading with her.

1. **How were Emma’s worries put to rest?**

Ans: When Harriet returned a little later, Emma’s worried were put to rest because she was full of good spirits. To Emma’s great satisfaction, she did not talk of Mr Martin at all but was eager to give Emma news of Mr Elton.

1. **What news did Harriet give Emma?**

Ans: Harriet told Emma that Mr Perry, the doctor, had met Mr Elton as he rode off to London with Harriet’s portrait. He told the doctor that he had to go to London that very day as he had some important business and was carrying something ‘very precious’. This had been reported in the village and everyone was certain that Mr Elton’s journey must be on behalf of the lady he loved.

1. **What was Emma’s reaction on hearing the news? Why?**

Ans: Emma smiled when she heard Harriet’s news. She was very satisfied with the fact that she had been right in planning the making of the portrait as her plan of arranging the marriage of Mr Elton and Harriet seemed to be on the path of success.