

NCERT SOLUTIONS

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Chapter : 5

Chapter Name : Mother's Day

Q1 This play, written in the 1950s, is a humorous and satirical depiction of the status of the mother in the family.

- (i) What are the issues it raises?
- (ii) Do you think it caricatures these issues or do you think that the problems it raises are genuine? How does the play resolve the issues? Do you agree with the resolution?

Answer.

i) The issue raised in the play illuminates the condition of a house-wife, who is just a caretaker and a maid to her family. The character of Mrs Annie Pearson depicts the condition of many houses wives out there who are thought to be the least working member of the family and are taken for granted by the rest of the family members.

ii) The problems raised in the play are absolutely genuine. The play is attributed to the 1950s, but the problem is still relevant in today's society where a housewife is taken for granted and her existence is only limited to serve her family with the best she could without paying getting the respect she deserves.

The play resolves the issue by means of magic. Mrs Fitzgerald and Mrs Annie Pearson interchange their souls by use of a spell , so that Mrs Fitzgerald can teach a good lesson to Mrs Pearson's family. She stops serving Mrs Pearson's family by making them realise how rude and thankless her family was towards their homemaker i.e. Mrs Pearson.

Yes, I agree with the resolution.

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Q3 Is drama a good medium for conveying a social message? Discuss.

Answer. Yes, the drama is a very good medium for conveying a social message to all those people in society who take their home makers(mothers, house wives) for granted and don't pay them the attention and respect they really deserve. People must learn to respect their

devotion towards the family. It's her love towards a family that blooms it hence making them the pivotal part of the family.

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