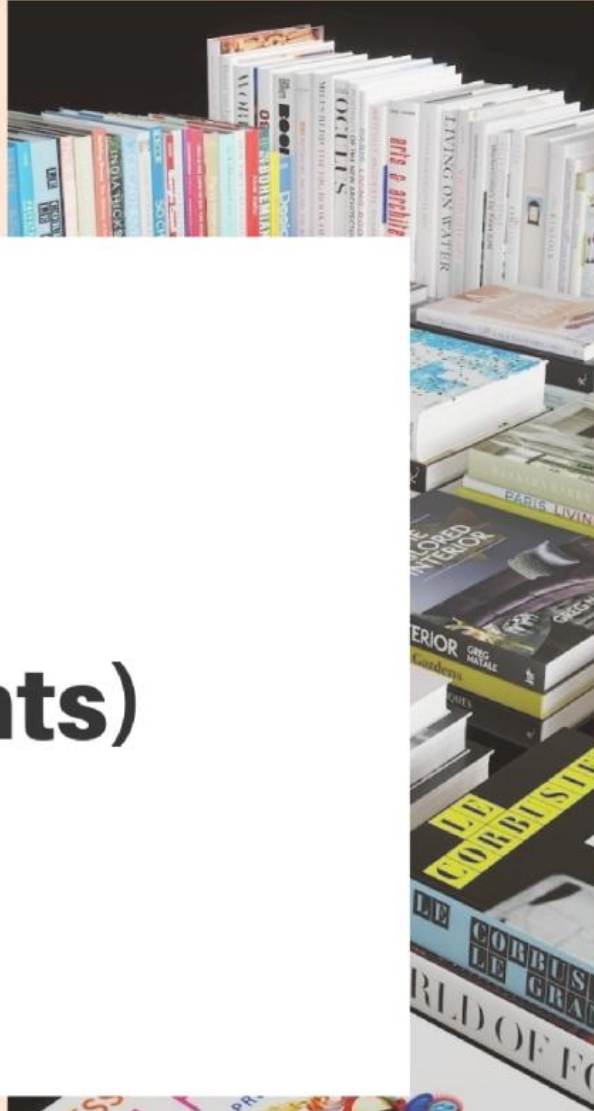




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Class 9 English (Moments) Notes

THE BEGGAR

Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

Lesson 10

The Beggar

Anton Chekhov

- This a moral story in which an arrogant lawyer thinks that he has saved the life of a beggar by teaching him how to work for living.
- Advocate Sergei met a beggar who told a lie that he had been a school teacher.
- Sergei recognised that he had met him in Sadovya Street, few days ago and introduced himself as a student. Sergei warned him.
- Finally the beggar admitted that he was lying and told that he wants to work. But nobody offered.
- The advocate gave him some work and asked to chop the wood.
- Olga the maid of Sergei helped Lushkoff the beggar in chopping the wood.
- Once Sergei sent him to work to his friend but the beggar never returned.
- The beggar met Sergei after two years in the Cinema hall. He told him now he is working as a notary and earning good.
- The beggar told Sergei that Olga had actually saved him she became his inspiration then he got success.

Activity

Complete the Sentences -

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1. The beggar pretended to be a.....(teacher/doctor)
2. The beggar wanted.....(to work/to sing/to hide)
3. The beggar avoided to(work/hide/chop)
4. The beggar was not(healthy/hungry/weak)
5. The beggar went with Sergei for.....(work/food/wood)
6. The beggar was.....(teacher/drunk/laborious)
7. The beggar did not want.....(to work/to sleep)
8. The beggar changed into.....(better/lawyer/business man)
9. The beggar told Sergei Olga.....(Made a reform in him)
(lawyer/he)
10. The beggar became(notary/teahcer/doctor)

COMPREHENSION PASSAGES

1. The advocate, Sergei, looked at the sagged fawn coloured overcoat of the suppliant, at his dull drunk eyes, at the red spot on either cheek and it seemed to him as if he had seen this man some where before.

Questions

- a) Name the lesson
- b) What kind of man did Sergei meet?
- c) What did he feel after seeing that man?
- d) Find the word which means the same as 'one who makes the request.'

2. It was obvious from his gait that he had consented to go and chop wood not because he was hungry and wanted work but simply from pride and shame and because he had been trapped by his own word.

Questions

- a) Who is 'he' in these lines?
- b) Why was the beggar compelled to work?
- c) Give the adjective of 'pride'.

3. I can't tell you, how much misery she suffered, how many tears she shed for my sake. But the chief thing was she used to chop wood for me.

Questions

- a) Who is 'she' in the above lines?
- b) How did she suffer?
- c) How did she help the beggar.
- d) Find a word from the passage that means the same as 'pain.'

SHORT QUESTIONS

- Q.1 Why did Sergei offer a job to the beggar?

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- Q.2 Why was the beggar embarrassed ?
- Q. 3 How did Olga change Lushkoff?
- Q. 4 Sergei and Olga had different ways of dealing with Lushkoff.
Whom do you think Lushkoff gives most of the credit?

LONG QUESTIONS

- Q.1 Society has the power to reform a man' explain this on the basis of your reading of the lesson "The Beggar".
- Q.2 "Begging is an anti-social activity". Write how we can eradicate this evil from our society.
- Q.3 Write a note on Lushkoff's personality.
- Q. 4 Write character sketch of Sergei.
- Q. 5 Write down Sergei's contribution for Lushkoff.