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Class 10 English (First Flight) Notes

A Letter to God



Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

Ch-1: FIRST FLIGHT - A LETTER TO GOD

Key Points :

- *A letter to God is a story of extreme faith in God. The writer G.L. Fuentes has tried to depict the faith of a poor and simple farmer in God.*
- *Lencho is an honest and hardworking farmer. He is shocked to notice that his crop is ruined, he turns to God for getting some help.*
- *He writes a letter to God, posts the letter; when an employee of the post office chanced to see the letter addressed to God, he makes fun of the letter.*
- *The postmaster took the letter seriously and decided to answer the letter. He collected money from his employees to give in charity to the needy farmer.*
- *He was able to collect only seventy pesos and thought that the farmer would be pleased to receive the money; but to his disappointment, he was shocked to notice that it made Lencho angry.*
- *Lencho writes another letter to God but with a message not to send the money by post. For him the employees of post office were 'bunch of crooks' who had stolen thirty pesos from the money sent by God.*

WORDS	MEANINGS
Predicted	*to tell in advance*
Plague	*causing feeling s of anger and displeasure*
Amiable	*friendly*
Correspondence	*the action of writing, receiving and reading letters between two people*
Crook	*a very dishonest person, a cheat*

Type I - RTC's

RTC : Seen Passage

1. Read the passage below and answer the following questions :

"It is really getting bad now," exclaimed the man. "I hope it passes quickly." It did not pass quickly. For an hour the hail rained on the house, the garden, the hillside, the cornfield, on the whole valley. The field was white, as if covered with salt. Not a leaf remained on the trees. Lencho's soul was filled with sadness.

(a) How long did the storm last?

(b) What was the effect of the hail storm?

(c) How did lencho feel after the storm

(d) Where did lencho live

ANSWERS

(a) It lasted for an hour.

(b) The hailstorm left the trees leafless, the plants flowerless and it destroyed the corn

(c) Lencho felt sad

(d) Lencho lived on the crest of a hill

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PASSAGE 2

It was during the meal that, just as Lencho predicted, big raindrops of rain began to fall. In the north-east huge mountains of clouds could be seen approaching. The air was fresh and sweet. The man went out For no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body.

(i) What had Lencho predicted?

(ii) Why did Lencho go out?

(iii) What did Lencho see in the North East direction.

(iv) What did the fresh and sweet air indicate?

PASSAGE 3

"God," he wrote if you don't help me, my family and I will go hungry this year. I need a hundred pesos in order to sow my field again and to live until the crop comes, because the hailstorm.....

He wrote "to God" on the envelope, put the letter and still troubled, went to town. At the post office, he placed a stamp on the letter and dropped it into the mailbox.

(a) What did Lencho write to God?

(b) How many person did Lencho demand for?

(c) Why did he want them?

(d) Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'affixed'

PASSAGE 4

It was the postman himself who handed over the letter to him while the postmaster, experiencing the contentment of a man who has performed a good deed, looked on from his office. Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence- But he became angry when he counted the money.

(a) Which 'good deed' is referred to here?

(b) Why was Lencho not surprised on seeing the money?

(c) When did Lencho become angry

(d) What was Lencho confident about

PASSAGE 5

When he finished, he went to the window to buy a stamp which he licked and then affixed to the envelope with a blow of his fist. The moment the letter fell into the mailbox the postmaster went to open it. It said "God:of the money that I asked for, only seventy pesos reached me. Send me the rest, since I need it very much. But don't send it to me through the mail because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks, Lencho".

(i) What did he do when he finished?

(ii) What did he think about the post office employees?

(iii) How many persos did he receive?

(iv) What change did he want?

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Type II

Short Answer Question

1. Why did Lencho write a letter to God?
2. What did Lencho call the raindrops? How did he value them?
3. What macle Lencho call the post office employees a 'bunch of crooks'?
4. What was the postman's reaction to see the letter addressed to God?
5. What was postmater's decision after reading the letter.
6. The rain affected Lencho's life badly. Discuss.

Type III

Long Answer Questions

(i) What are the special traits that you find in Lencho.

(ii) How do you like the character of the postmaster in the lesson 'A Letter go God'? Justify you answer.

(iii) 'Faith can move mountains' — Elucidate in the light of the lesson "Letter to God".