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Class 10 English (First Flight) Notes

The Proposal



Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

Ch - 11 : THE PROPOSAL

KEY NOTES:

There are three characters in this drama:

1. Chubukov- a land owner.
2. Natalya....a 25- year-old daughter of Chubukov
3. Lomov; a 35 year-old-bachelor landowner, suspicious by nature who lives in Chubkov's neighbourhood.

* Lomov makes a visit to Chubukov's house in a very formal dress. He is welcomed by Chubukov.

  They talk formally, but internally Chubukov is wondering about the reason of the visit. He seems afraid whether Lomov has come to borrow money. But he resolves not to give him.
* Chubukov finally asks about the reason of his arrival.
* After a slight hesitation & beating about the bush Lomov speaks the reason that he has come to ask the hand of Natalya in marriage.
* The proposal makes the father extremely happy. He affirms that Nataya will like the proposal.
* Lomov is on cloud nine. He starts jumping & behaving joyfully with the thought that Natalya is very beautiful and will be an excellent home maker.
* Natalya also comes in. The conversation with Natalaya begins. Lomov anxiously waits for the moment to tell her directly about his proposal.
* After sometime the conversation drifts toward a patch of land 'Oxen Meadows'. Natalya claims the land is theirs which is refuted by Lomov.
* Discussion turns to an ugly heated argument. The noise invites Chubukov back. He also joins the spat over ownership.

* Suddenly Chubukov & Lomov start abusing & accusing each other very indecently.
* Lomov feels pulls & palpitations. He leaves the place in huff.
* After Lomov's departure, Chubukov tells his daughter about Lomov's proposal for Natalya.
* At this she starts crying and insists her father to bring Lomov back.
* Lomov comes back, They apologize to each other and resume simple talk.
* Natalya internally is desperate to listen to the proposal. This time again their talk gets stuck over the superiority of their dogs.
* Natalya says her Sqeezer is far better than Lomov's Guess. That is totally unacceptable to him. He claims his Guess is the best.
* Chubukov again comes & jumps into the ring of verbal fight. Again we notice the mean exchanges of abuses & accusations.
* Then suddenly Lomovs falls down nervously and becomes unconscious. Fearing that he is dead, Natalya starts wailing. Chubukov appears quite disturbed.
* Chubukov fumbles & mumbles over his destiny of being the father of a young girl.
* But after sometime Lomov regains his consciousness & asks for water.
* Chubukov puts Lomov's hands into Natalya's hands & asks them to kiss each other.
* Chubukov blesses them & feels relaxed.
* This way Lomov and Natalya begin their conjugal life.
* Thus there is a happy ending of the drama "The Proposal"

Vocabulary-

1. Resolve:- To resolute 2.Refute:To contradict 3. Drift:To move somewhere 4. Desperate:hopeless 5.Wail to cry weep 6. In huff:To show that you are offended & annoyed.

Comprehension Passage
Read the passage and answer the question:

1. It is impossible for me not to marry. In the first place, I am already 35-a critical age, so to speak. In the second place, I ought to lead a quiet and regular life. I suffer from palpitation, I am excitable and always getting awefully upset:at this very moment my lips are trembling, and there is a twitch in my right eyebrow.

Q.1 Who is the speaker of these lines?

Ans Lomov is the speaker.

Q.2 Why does he want to marry?

Ans He wants to marry because he is already 35 and wants to lead quiet and regular life.

Q.3 Find the antonym of 'disturbed' form the passage.

Ans. Quiet.

2. My late aunt and her husband, from whom as you know, I inherited my land, always had the greatest respect for your father and your late mother. The Lomovs and the Chubukovs have always had the most friendly and I might almost say the most affectionate, regard for each other.

Q.1 Whose 'late aunt' and whose 'late mother' are referred here.

Ans Lomov's late aunt and Natalyas late mother are referred here.

Q.2 Where is the speaker sitting presently?

Ans. Lomov is sitting in the house of Chubukov.

Q.3 Find the synonym of the phrase. "receive from one's fore father" from the passage.

Ans. Inherit.

Dear one, why yell like that? You won't prove anything just by yelling. I don't want anything of yours, and don't intend to give up what I have. Why should I ? And you know my beloved, that if you propose to go on arguing about it, I would much sooner give up the meadows to the peasants than to you.

Q.1 Who is yelling at whom?

Q.2 Why does he call her my beloved?

Q.3 What does the speaker not want to give up?

Q.4 Find the synonym of "scream" in the passage?

There is some demon of contradiction in you today. Ivan Vassilevitch. First you pretend that the meadows are yours; now, that Guess is better than Squeezer. I don't like people who don't say what they mean, because you know perfectly well that Squeezer is a hundred times better than your silly Guess. Why do you want to say he is not?

Q.1 What do Squeezer and Guess refer to?

Q.2. What does the listener pretend?

Q.3 What kind of people are not liked by the speaker?

Q.4 Find the similar meaning word for "opposing ideas" from the passage.

Yes really, what sort of a hunter are you, anyway? You ought to sit at home with your palpitations, and not go tracking animals.

You could go hunting ,but you only go to argue with people and interfere with their dogs and so on. Let us change the subject in case I lose my temper. You are not a hunter at all, anyway!

Q.1 Who suffers from palpitations?

Q.2 What is the issue of discussion here?

Q.3 Find the synonym of the word "Meddle" from the passage?

Short Answer Questions

Q. Where does Lomov visit in formal clothes? What is the purpose of his visit?

Ans Lomov goes to the house of Chubukov in a formal dress. The purpose of his visit is to ask for the hand of Chubukov's daughter Natalya.

Q.2 What reasons does Lomov give for his decision to marry?

Ans. Lomov decides to marry for two reasons. He says that in the first place he is already 35-year-old and in the second place he wants to lead a quiet and regular life.

Q.3 What do Lomov and Natalya fight over in the first instance? How does Chubukov react to it?

Q.4 Why does Chubukov 'call it a burden' to be the father of a grown up daughter?

Q.5 Is Natalya interested in entertaining the proposal of Lomov? How do you know? Explain.