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Class 10 English (Footprints without Feet) Notes

The Necklace



Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

Lesson - 7

The Necklace by

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Mr. Loisel

- * A clerk who has to save long years even for his hobby
- * A loving and caring husband who unsuccessfully wishes to keep his wife happy.

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- * One evening returns elated bearing a large envelope containing an invitation card.
 - * Gets ready to spend a big sum to buy a dress to his wife for the occasion.
 - * Had saved this sum to buy a gun and wished to join some hunting parties but he is ready to part with it to buy a dress for his wife.
 - * But can't afford to buy a fitting jewellery. advises to borrow one from Mrs. Forestier, a friend of his wife.
 - * Contently see her enjoying the dance and words of admiration, half asleep in one of the little salons.
 - * Goes post to pillar to find the lost necklace but never, blames his wife.
 - * Do extra and petty work to earn even a few sous.
 - * Finally manages to restore all.

Mme Loisel

- * A pretty, young lady, simple but unhappy
- * Takes herself as an error of destiny, into a family of clerks.
- * Ceaselessly, feels herself born for all delicacies and luxuries.
- * The shabby walls, the worn chairs torture and anger her.
- * Throws the invitation spitefully upon the table.
- * Complains nothing fitting to wear for the occasion
- * Buys a pretty rich dress and spend a big saving for it.
- * The day of the ball approached still she seemed sad, disturbed, anxious because she did not have matching jewellery.
- * She happily visits her friend and borrows a shining diamond necklace.

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- * Enjoys the dance elegantly and happy to hear the word of admiration.
 - * Coming home she finds the necklace missing.
 - * Anxiously looks for it everywhere but left with despair and repentance.
 - * Both decide to return, buying the same piece of jewellery.
 - * But it takes them everything, saving, pleasure, hobby and family time and even their age.
 - * Finally able to repay with dignity and honesty.
 - * Accidentally meets her friend years later who wants to know the reason of her misery.
 - * It's because of you' she meekly complains.
 - * The revelation, that the necklace that was borrowed was just a fake one, shocks and startles everyone, but it is too late.
 - * They had to pay hard for a false necklace for showing a mere fallacy.

Comprehension Passage - 1

He turned a little pale, for he had saved just this sum to buy a gun that he might be able to join some hunting parties the next summer, with some friends who went to shoot larks on Sunday. Nevertheless, he answered, "Very well, I will give you four hundred francs. But try to have a pretty dress.

- a. Who refers to 'he' here?
- b. Why did he turn pale?
- c. Why did he need that sum [for other reason] than buying a gun?
- d. Who wanted that pretty dress and why?

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- e. What quality to the man 'he' reflexes here?
 - f. why did he want to join a hunting party?

Passage - 2

Suddenly she discovered in a black satin box, a superb necklace of diamonds. Her hands trembled as she took it out. She placed it about her throat against her dress, and was ecstatic. Then she asked, in a hesitating voice, full of anxiety, "Could you lend me this? Only this?" "Why yes, certainly," She fell upon the neck of her friend, embraced her with passion, then went away with her treasure.

- a. Who are the persons in reference here?
- b. Why did she need a Necklace?
- c. Why did her hand tremble while taking out the necklace?
- d. The noun form of discovered is _____
- e. What are the qualities of the two characters reflected here?
- f. When she shows her anxiety, she is _____.

Passage-3

By violent effort, she had controlled her vexation and responded in a calm voice, wiping her moist cheeks, "Nothing Only I have no dress and consequently I cannot go to this affair. Give your card to some colleague whose wife is better fitted out than I."

- a. Who refers to 'she' here?
- b. What was the reasons of his displeasure?
- c. What was the card all about?

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- d. Why did she refuse to go to the affair?
 - e. Furnish the noun form of 'responded' and 'consequently'
 - f. What did she advise to her husband?

SAQs.

- 1. Why is Matilda unhappy with her life?
- A. Matilda was unhappy with her life because she felt herself born for all delicacies and luxuries. The shabby walls, the worn chairs in her house tortured and angered her.
- 2. Her husband is kind and loving do you agree. Give examples in support of your answer.
- A. He wants to take her out. He spends a huge saving to buy a pretty dress for his wife so that she could attend a big party. When the costly necklace is lost, he spends all his savings and even borrow to repay it.
- 3. Instead of being delighted she threw the invitation spitefully on the table. Why?
- 4. How did Matilda arrange a necklace for the party?
- 5. How did the loss of the Necklace storm their life?
- 6. Which was the bigger shocker to Matilda - losing the necklace or to know that the lost necklace was a fake one, and not a real diamond necklace?
- 7. Loisels are poor but honest, prove your point citing evidences from the text?
- 8. Mr. Loisel ruined her life for one day romance? Do you agree, why? Why not?

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9. Mr. Loisel is good husband but bad head of the family, Do you agree? Why, Why not?

Value Based Questions

1. "She had a rich friend, a schoolmate at the convent, who she did not like to visit-she suffered so much when she returned. She wept for whole days from despair and disappointment." Substantiate your answer with the reason.
2. "But, my dearie, I thought it would make you happy. You never go out, and this is an occasion, and a fine one". Discuss the role of Mr. Loisel as a husband and as head of the family.
3. The day of the ball arrived. Mr. Loisel was the prettiest of all - elegant, gracious, smiling and full of joy. All the men noticed her, asked her name, and wanted to be presented. She dance with enthusiasm, intoxicated with pleasure, thinking of nothing but all this admiration, this victory so complete and sweet to her heart. Was it a real victory or not? Explain.

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Comprehension Passage - 1

- a. 'He', here refers to Mr. Loisel
- b. the sum that was mentioned was huge for him
- c. To buy a dress for his wife

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- d. Mmm Loisel wanted the dress to wear in the ball
 - e. he is simple but loving husband.
 - f. to shoot the larks with friends

Passage - 2

- a. Mmm Loisel and her old friend Mmm frostier
- b. to wear in the ball
- c. because it looks very expensive
- d. discovery
- e. vanity of poor Loisel and nobility of Rich Mmm Frostier
- f. Anxious

