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Class 11 English (Snapshot) Notes

THE ADDRESS

Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

2. The Address

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The story depicts how in war situation relations get adversely affected. The trauma of war causes death, fear and even vitiates human relationships. Death and destruction are caused by war for both the sides , There is no victory without loss. The girl in the story loses her family in the war but learns that her life must go on . She wanted her mother's belongings to comfort her and goes looking for them. However, she resolves to forget the distressing memories and lead a new life, giving up her past.

A Short Answer Type Questions (30 to 40 words)

Q.1. Why did the narrator go to Mrs. Dorling's house?

Ans. The narrator went to Mrs. Dorling's house to collect her valuable belongings which her mother had given to her during war time. She wanted to renew her past memories.

Q.2. Why was the narrator confident that she had reached the correct address?

Ans. The narrator remembered the house No. 46. She recognised her sweater with its buttons. On seeing her cardigan with Mrs. Dorling, she was confident that she had reached the correct address.

Q.3. How did Mrs. Dorling's daughter treat the narrator?

Ans. Unlike Mrs. Dorling, the daughter invited the narrator inside her house. She offered her a cup of tea.

Q.4. Why did the narrator decide not to collect her belongings?

Ans. The narrator was disappointed after recognising her belongings in a stance and dirty environment. She didn't feel comfortable on seeing all those valuable articles in Mrs. Dorling's house.

Q.5. Why did the narrator's mother ask her to remember the address by heart?

Ans. The narrator's mother asked her to remember the address by heart because she gave a number of household valuable articles to Mrs. Dorling during the war time. She thought that her daughter would collect all that after the war was over.

1. Why was Mrs. Dorling surprised to recognise the author?
2. What helped the author to recognise Mrs. Dorling during her first visit?
3. Why did the author feel upset on her first visit to Mrs. Dorling's house?
4. How did the author feel towards the 'stored stuff at Mrs. Dorling's house? Why did she feel so?
5. What type of a girl was the author? How did you form this opinion? [Hint:- Possessive.]
6. Describe the author's meeting with Mrs. Dorling's daughter?
7. What type of traumas do wars cause?
8. What was the girl thinking when she was travelling home by train?
9. Why did she resolve to forget the address?
10. 'I resolved to forget the address. Of all the things I had to forget, that would be the easiest.' Comment.
11. Which address had the narrator remembered for years? Why?
12. Why did the narrator desire to see the 'stored stuff' after so long?
13. What do you gather about the character of Mrs. Dorling in the story?
14. Describe the incident of Mrs. Dorling's daughter opening the box of cutlery.
15. Why did the author not wait to meet Mrs. Dorling?

16. 'The address was correct. But I didn't want to remember it anymore.' Why did the narrator say so?
17. What important lessons of life do we learn from the story 'The Address?

B. Long Answer Type Questions (120 words)

1. Do you think the title of the story 'The Address' is appropriate?
2. Comment on the statement 'The Address is a story of post - war human predicament.'
3. After reading the story, what opinion do you form about the narrator's character?
4. It is not easy to let off past memories and possessions. Do you agree? Why/Why not?
5. Past whether good or bad is gone. We must never worry about it. All we need to make the best of our present. Explain with reference to the story 'The Address'.