**CLASS VIII**

**SUBJECT- ENGLIH**

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| |  | | --- | |  | |  | | | **SA-2**  **Chapter 6**  LUNCHEON BY SOMERSET MAUGHAM  Summary:-  The narrator of the story is an upcoming writer who makes both ends meet with difficulty. One of his readers, a woman of about forty, writes to him that, she would be passing through Paris, where the narrator lived and would love to have lunch with him at Foyot’s. Now, Foyot’s is a restaurant that a person of the writer’s means can ill-afford. Even then, the young writer feels flattered as he thinks that he is going to meet a young fan of his.  However, he is disappointed when he meets her. He finds the woman to be in her forties.  Now, the author has eighty francs in his pocket. He calculates that a modest lunch would cost him fifteen francs. He decides to make up for the loss by cutting out coffee for the coming fortnight. However the first glance at the menu jolts him as the prices are above his expectations.  The moment they enter the restaurant the woman’s repeated claims that she hardly eats anything for luncheon consoles him. Sometimes she would declare that she just one thing for luncheon.  The she would observe that, people eat far too much. Her claims and observations sound very amusing. However, very casually, she shows interest in salmon, a very expensive food item. The guest’s choice is a jolt to the narrator, even then he orders for the host. The waiter asks the woman if she would have something as the salmon is being cooked. Once again she asserts that she eats just one thing for lunch but adds that she wouldn’t mind a little caviar ( another expensive dish.).  Finding himself in a very awkward situation, the host chooses mutton chop, the cheapest dish available there. The ruthless guest keeps on nagging her for overloading his stomach with heavy items like the chop, whereas she keeps on ordering expensive dishes for herself. When the question of a drink comes, the lady asserts that she never drinks anything for luncheon; even then she shows interest in having some champagne, a white wine. White wines, according to her are very good for digestion.  No wonder, the narrator orders water for himself and half a bottle of champagne for the woman. As the guest eats large mouthfuls of caviar and salmon, she merrily talks on art, literature and music, whereas the narrator wonders what the bill would be. Off and on, the woman scolds the host for eating heavy items like the mutton chop. Once again insisting that she never eats anything for luncheon, she doesn’t like the idea of leaving Paris without trying some asparagus, another very expensive food item. The narrator feels ill at ease. He has never dared to try asparagus, though his mouth watered whenever he saw them in the market.  The narrator now starts making plans as to what he is going to do if the bill overshoots eighty francs. He decides that if such a situation arises he would pretend that his pocket has been picked. However, if the guest too does not have enough money on her person, he will leave his watch adding that, he would come back and pay later.  To give finishing touches to the luncheon, the woman has as ice-cream and coffee and the narrator remains content with simple coffee. The waiter adds to the torture of the host by bringing a basket full of large-sized peaches. The guest chooses one very casually.  The bill amounts to seventy seven francs and the host leaves a tip of three francs with a sense of guilt. As the narrator walks out of the restaurant he doesn’t have a single penny in his pocket. He has to meet the expenses of the entire month. As his guest bids goo-bye to him she once again insists that she never eats more than one thing for luncheon. For the first time the irritated narrator retorts that he wouldn’t eat anything for dinner. However, the narrator has his revenge at last. When after twenty years they meet in a theatre he finds to his great satisfaction that the woman weighs twenty-one stone which calculates to little over one hundred and thirty three kilograms.  **CHAPTER 8. THE CASE OF THE SHARP-EYED JEWELLER**  **\* NOTES**  **William Morris introduces himself**  - Ordinary man; wide awake  - makes full use of common sense  - Unusual hobby: study of crime and criminals  - studied Edgar Allan Poe to Agatha Christie  - impressed with ordinary but alert detective  \*HIGHLY OBSERVANT  - observes humans behavior closely  - puts different observation together  - enjoy the pastime  **\*A JEWELLER’s ASSISTANT AT REGNIER ‘s**  - Regnier famous for antique jeweler  - Jewels at least three centuries old  - Some jewels with romantic history  - Customer: multi-millionaire celebrities  **\*DAY BEGINS AT REGNIER’s**  - As usual Morris displays some jewelry in windows  - observes a young woman on the opposite side of a street  - Woman stands In front of an undertaker’s shop for about twenty minutes  - Woman’s behavior found odd  - shows no sign of mourning yet stares at the two urns displayed  **\*AN AMERICAN VISITS**  - had a typical hair-cut  - wearing multi-coloured bright tie  - eating chewing gum  - Strongly built, with red face that show he drank in excess  - About thirty-five year old  - speak with a strong Yankee accent  - Demand to be show ring  - is left handed  - has no knowledge of precious stone and the nature of their setting  - is show a very precious antique flower shaped ring  - like this ring but price high  - asks to be show more rings  **\*FOURTH TRAY TAKEN OUT**  - Meanwhile, precious ring disappear  -Morris asks American to return if for packing, thinking that the American had selected that ring.  - American denies its possession, search begins  -Mr. Regnier, miss Suskind as well as the American join the search  \*A thorough search  - American’s trouser turn –up searched  -taken to Reginer’s office for search, ring not found  \*Another customer visits  -same woman who stood opposite the undertaker’s comes in  -carries an expensive hand-bag and clothes  -looks to be well-off in the past  -not left-handed but uses left hand to taken out a paper-packet  \*Request to mend the broken brooch  -Morris declined saying no repairs at Regnier’s  -woman cunningly swept against the paper in which the brooch had been wrapped making it fall down  \*Keen observation of Morris pays  **- BENDS TO PICK UP THE PAPER**  -understands the mystery behind ring’s disappearance  - hands over the brooch wrapped in paper but stops the woman from leaving the shop  -asks for the stolen ring from the left-hand pocket of her coat  \*Ring recovered  -woman returns the ring and runs away  -American comes out-nothing found  Regnier worried- apologies to the American  \* Morris shows the ring  - American rushes out ,Rgnier requests for details  \* Morris unfolds the mystery  -from the first, American seemed a strange customer  -no knowledge of jewellery  -seemed a misfit for Reginer’s  -young woman’s odd behavior  \*Morris reaches conclusion  -American stuck chewing gum under counter ‘sedge  -pressed ring into it  -later the girl took it off, but caught  -Regnier grateful to Morris but angry at the attempted theft  Message:-the story conveys the message that even an ordinary person becomes extra-ordinary if one uses one’s common sense to the full and keeps one’s eyes wide open. Even the smartest of the crooks cannot dupe you keep your presence of mind. |  | | **CHAPTER 9** |  |   **COUPLETS**  **SUMMARY (Cuplet-wise)**  \*Views like watches differ. Everyone believes his views to be the best.  \*Commendable things should be admired immediately. If you reserve your comments your opinion loses allits weight.  \* life can be successful only if extremes are avoided.  \*writers get recognition with the passage of time.It is age not the face value that is admired.  \* As long as administration is efficient any form of government is good enough.  \*Fanatics fight over the superiority of their own religion. The fact is as ling as life is upright any religion is good enough.  \* There might be any number of religion in this world but they all have one thing in common i.e. they all advocate charity.  \*All those who obstruct the works of charity and human welfare are worthless hypocrites. God loves those who are devoted to service of mankind.  **LITERARY DEVICES:-**  **1 Simile:-**  Judgment as our watches  Author’s, like coins  **2. Metaphor:- It is the rust we value, not the gold.**  **3. Alliteration**:- For forms of government let fools contest ( ‘f’ sound occurs repeatedly)  **4. Rhyme** :- none and; befriend and commend; old and gold; etc.  - | |
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**CHAPTER 10 THE UNDESERVED REWARD BY PREMCHAND**

**NOTES**

\*The narrator’s secret admiration for the district officer

-district officer a learned man

-done research in history and old coins

- no link between him and the writer due to his position

- writer took no initiative to see him

-did not want to be misunderstood

\*An invitation from the district officer

- writer invitation by the district officer

- friends advised him not to go

- felt it to be an insult to be called in this way

- argued: he could have come himself

- accused him snobbery

\*Narrator analyses logically

- a man of his position had to have ego

- his visit to writer’s place would cause inconvenience, problems and expenditure

\* At last narrator visits district officer

-a general talk held

- no snobbery in behavior

- word went all around about this meeting

-rumors about their close relationship

-people sought favours through the narrator

-requests declined by the narrator

\*childhood friend Baldev’s visit

-childhood memories revived

- baldev’s recollection of being taught by the narrator

- baldev’s request to take his son’s case to the district officer

-claims the son to be falsely implicated

- leaves no room for narrator to say ‘no’

\*narrator takes no initiative to involve the district officer

- forgets about the request

-has no intention of contacting the district officer

\* baldev visits along with his son

-informs about son’s release

-expresses gratitude for his role

-gives him presents

-narrator feels guilty but doesn’t give out his secret of having done anything.

**CHAPTER 11. BANGLE SELLER’S**

**Summary of Sarojini Naidu's "Bangle-Sellers"**

**Introduction**

            Sarojini Naidu is a famous Indian poet.  She has written many poems in English.  She is called the nightingale of India.  “Bangle-Sellers” talk about different bangles that Indian women wear.

**The Bangle-Sellers:-**

            The bangle-sellers take bangles to temple fairs.  They sell it in the temple fair.  The bangles are colourful.  They are circle in shape.  They make the women happy.  The bangles attract the poet because of its colour.  Women love to wear bangles.  The poet describes the different colours of bangles used by different women, according to their ages.

**Bangles for Maidens:-**

            The poet says that maidens wish to wear silver and blue colour bangles.  They also choose reddish colour bangles.  Some maidens choose green colour bangles.  The green colour is like the colour of newborn leaves.

**Bangles for Bride:-**

            Brides choose corn coloured bangles.  They choose bangles of fire colour.  The fire coloured bangles are like the colour of the fire during their marriage.

**Bangles for Mothers:-**

            Mothers, who have experienced life, choose purple and gold-flecked grey colour bangles.  Those women would have passed half of their life.  They would have given birth to children.  They wear such bangles and pray to God, by sitting with their husbands.

Posted by madhavarajan.

**LITERARY DEVICES USED IN THEPOEM:-**

**1. Simile:-**

‘Some, like the flame of her marriage fire’.

Silver and blues as the mountain-mist.

Some are flushed like the buds that dream.

Some are like field of sunlit corn.

Like her bridal laughter and bridal tear.

**2. Metaphor**:-

Shining loads

Circles of light

**3. Alliteration**:- or rich with the hue of her heart’s desire( ‘h’ sound occurs repeatedly)

**4. Repetition:-**

Some are fit----,

Some are flushed-----

Some are aglow----

Some are purple---

**5. Rhyme:-** bear and fair; bright and light; lives and wives; dream and stream etc.are rhyming words.

**6. Rhyme scheme:- aabbcc**

**CHAPTER 12**

**A BAD DREAM BY DONN BYRINE**

**CHARACTERS:-**

**Mr. Hill**,a senior manager in a bank is devoted to his work to such an extent that he always thinks of his bank and its progress. For the betterment of his bank, he is always busy with his customers and does all he can to please them and also tries his utmost to earn new customers. One can rightly say that he is a workaholic.

He is fond of food also. When it is a matter of coffee he would like to have a proper taste. He is annoyed with his cook because she prepares awful food.

**Mr. Hill** is quite ruthless by nature and fails to realize that in one’s middle age it is very difficult to find a new job, and wants to dismiss his cook, Annie. However towards the close of the play, he undergoes a qualitative change because of a dream that he dreamt during a Sunday after-lunch nap. Consequently he drops the idea of dismissing Annie.

**Mrs. Hill** is accommodating and compassionate. She is also considerate and kind-hearted. She is ever prepared to ignore the shorting comings of others. When her husband wants to dismiss Annie, their cook she tries her best to shield her.

She is a worldly-wise women and is acutely conscious of the hardships one faces while looking for a new job in one’s middle age . Annie’s long span of twenty years of service has endeared her to Mr. Hill and she doesn’t want to lose her.

Her ruthless and matter-of-fact attitude towards Mr. Hill during his dream sequence is a part of his own fancy and has nothing to do with her nature. She is a loyal wife she a lovable creature and endears herself to one and all.

**Annie** , the cook is a middle –aged woman. She has been serving the hill family for the past twenty years. She is a bad cook and is rather a careless person. She isn’t a very clever woman and tends to forget the tips given to her regarding cooking by Mrs. Hill.

However, she is very loyal, affectionate and hardworking. Her love and devotion for the hill’s family is amply highlighted during Mr. Hill’s dream sequence. She is a loving as well as self-sacrificing woman.

On the whole, despite her shortcomings she is a lovable individual.

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**Chapter 8-- The case of sharp-eyed jeweler**

(Diary entry)

Date 13.12.14

Day: Saturday

Dear diary

Today in the morning I and an American had a full-proof plan of stealing an expensive ring from Regnier’s. he was to divert the salesman ‘s attention and quickly pick up a ring and stuck it under the counter with the gum that he was chewing. Later I will come in the shop for repairing my filigree brooch. Regnier’s do not repair so , they will hand it over to me back. Accidentally I will make the brooch fall at the assistant side and I will then take the ring from the edge. All the things were done according to the plan. But when I was going out of the shop , the assistant stopped me and demanded ring from me, unless he will press the alarm and the door will be locked. We were at the last moment of our plan but our plan was foiled because of the jeweler’s vigilant assistant.

**Chapter 10- Undeserved reward**

Q5. LETTER TO BALDEV (informal letter writing)

68 SUNDER NAGAR

Raipur

12th Nov.2014

Dear Baldev

It is with a great sense of shame that I write you this letter to make a confession. The other day the credit you gave me for getting your son acquitted was an undeserved one. When you loaded me with gifts to express your gratitude, I should have told you about it but I couldn’t gather enough courage to do so. Leave alone putting in a word for your son to the district officer, I didn’t even visit him.

The case has been decided on its own merits and rather than thanking me, you need to express your gratitude to god for showering justice on you through the kind and noble officer who decided the case with a great professional acumen.

Hope you will forgive me.

Yours ever

Premchand

**Chapter 12–A BAD DREAM**

QV. (DIARY ENTRY)

DATE

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Dear diary

It was Sunday afternoon. After lunch I and my wife were drinking coffee made by Annie. Who was a bad cook .i was upset with her and wanted to remove her. In this matter, my wife said that Annie was too old to get a new job. But I didn’t agree. Then, I slept I saw a dream .in that dream Mr. Briggs and Mr. Winter came to home and asked me to resign . Their reasons for doing this were many like I doesn’t work hard, I came late and leave early, people don’t like me, etc. I was shocked .i was too old to find a new job. What will I do then? But just after, I woke up. Then, I realized my mistake and regretted for it. I told my wife that Annie will not leave the job. We will get someone else also for her help. I realized Annie’s problem only when I was also removed from the bank in my dream.

**Reader book notes**

**Unit-5 sports**

Q.A 11. Page no.92. (report writing)

Ans. India scores a majestic win

(By - Newspaper reporter)

Holland, may 26 : India won the final hockey match of the Olympics 1928. This match was held between India and Holland on 26th may. The match was held at the sports stadium, Holland .there were about 50,000 spectators. Three goals were hit by Dhyan Chand in all and the match was won by 3-0 and goals. This was the first Olympic gold medal won by Asia.

Q .B7 page no.97 (informal letter writing)

Ans.Quarter no.1

HZL COLONY, Dariba

Rajsamand (Rajasthan)

Date :11.12 .14

Dear friend

How are you? I’m fine here and hope the same for you. Today, I was one of the spectators of the Special Olympics. There were many events that held and the last event was the hundred –yard final race. Nine runners participated in this race. They had worked hard for weeks and months. Then, the race started .suddenly; the smallest runner stumbled and fell down. Then, a special thing happened and this makes this Olympics more special . All the other eight runners , instead of going ahead , stopped at their places .They turned around and went back to help the boy. They made the boy stand on his feet. Then, all the nine runners joined their hands and reach the finishing line at the same time.

Friend , this gives us the message of solidarity and sensitivity. This is the true sportsmanship. We all should have the same feeling of solidarity.

Give regards to uncle and aunt . write soon .

Your friend

Mohit

Q.C4 Page 107 (paragraph writing)

Ans. The Olympic flame signifies the respect among the continents, world peace and unity. It is sent across various countries. This is their custom. The Olympic flame is transported from Greece to the host country. Thousands of runners take part in this journey. They represent Greece and each country that lies between Greece and the host nation. There is a special ceremony for lighting the Olympic flame.

Q. C7. Page no. 108 (article writing)

Ans. ‘India’s Olympic Dream’

(BY XYZ)

THE Indian performance in Olympics has improved but much more is needed to be achieved .our country’s sportsmen do not played well in the Olympics due to lack of concentration or focus on their games. They are not fully devoted to the game. They work hard but don’t make this to perfection. It is the dream of all Indians that India performs very well in the Olympics. This can only be done if above mentioned qualities are developed in the participants. They should not be depressed. They must do their best whatever the result may be. They need to develop confidence.

Unit -6 Tolerance

Q. B6. Page no. 125. (Letter to editor)

Ans. Quarter no.1

HZL Colony

Dariba, Rajsamand

Rajasthan

Date :14.12.14

The Editor

Times of India

New Delhi

Sub: the importance of tolerance

Sir

I am writing this letter to draw your attention towards the importance of tolerance in our life. Tolerance is very essential in our life. It means patience, ignore our dislikes and try to accept other’s views and ideas even when we don’t like them. Tolerance can only help in building a civilized future.

Without tolerance even love would perish tolerance is required for the foundation of peace. We can’t try to love everyone. But we can try to tolerate everyone. It is that lubricant which removes friction from our life. But intolerance is increasing day-by-day, mostly amongst teenagers. They shout and start fighting with each other on even small matters. We should try to increase our tolerance power and give this message to all people to low intolerance.

Looking forward for your response.

Yours faithfully

Rachna

Q.A12 Page no. 121 (speech writing)

Ans . ‘Tolerance –the need of the hour.’

Good morning to one and all present here. Honourable Principal sir, respected teachers and all my dear friends. Today ,I’m standing in front of you to deliver my views on the topic-‘Tolerance—the need of the hour’.

Tolerance means patience. It means to ignore our dislikes. If anybody is not liked by us, then we should not fight with him/her. We should tolerant his/her activities. Tolerance is essential for mankind because without tolerance, even love would perish. Tolerance is required for foundation of peace. Tolerance also means to accept others views and ideas even when we don’t like them. Tolerance is only way to live a peaceful life. In the language of science, we can say that tolerance is that lubricant which removes friction from our life.

Thank you and have a nice day.