

Class- 6

Ch- 6 The Diamond Necklace

A. Write True or False

1. Matilda's husband gave her four hundred francs to buy a dress. True
2. Matilda did not enjoy the dance because nobody wanted to dance with her. False
3. The Loiseles wrote to Madame Forestier that the necklace had broken. True
4. It took ten years for the Loiseles to repay the debts. True
5. Madame Frostier was angry when Matilda blamed her for her condition. False

B. Read the sentences and answer the questions.

1. "Very well , I will give you four hundred francs."
 - a) Who said and to whom? How was the four hundred francs to be spent?
Ans: matilda Loisel's husband said this to Matilda. With the four hundred francs Matilda was supposed to buy a suitable new dress to wear to the ministerial party.
 - b) Did the four hundred francs solve the problem for which it was offered?
Ans: Yes, the four hundred francs solved the problem for which it was offered as Matilda brought a new dress with it.
2. "She danced with enthusiasm , thinking of nothing , floating on a cloud of happiness."
 - a) Who is the person referred to here? Why was she 'floating on a cloud of happiness'?
Ans: Matilda is the person referred in this line. She was floating on the cloud of happiness because she had a great success on the day of the ball at the ministerial party as she was looking prettiest of all, elegant, gracious ,

smiling and full of gaiety. All the men noticed her asked her name and wished to waltz with her.

b) Was this person able to remain happy?

Ans: No, Matilda could not remain happy for a longer time as she could not see the borrowed necklace anymore around her neck.

3. "Yes I had some hard days ...and all because of you."

a) 'Whom do the words 'I' and 'you' referred to?

Ans: Here 'I' refers to Matilda and 'you' refers to Madame Forestier.

b) Why did the speaker fall upon hard days?

Ans: Matilda fell upon hard days because she lost the diamond necklace loaned to her by Madame Forestier. Matilda and her husband purchased a new diamond necklace to be returned to Madame Forestier for which they borrowed a heavy sum of money. It took them ten long years of hardship to repay the debt.

c) Were the hard days really because of the 'you' in the sentence?

Ans: No, the hard days were not really because of 'you' in the sentence but because of Matilda's lack of contentment with her own life and dissatisfaction typically with her own social and economic condition.

C. Answer these Questions.

Q.1) Why was Matilda unhappy despite being pretty and charming?

Ans: Matilda was unhappy despite being pretty and charming because she felt she was born for all the beautiful things in life but by the error of destiny she was into the family of clerks. She had no money, no hopes and no means of becoming known

and hence allowed herself to getting married to a petty clerk. She suffered from the poverty of her apartment, the shabby walls, the worn chairs, and the faded hangings.

Q.2) How did Matilda react when her husband told her about the invitation?

Ans: After listening about the ministerial invitation Instead of being delighted she threw the invitation card on the table. She reacted angrily because she did not have a proper dress and jewellery for that occasion.

Q.3) What happened when the Loiseles returned home after the ball?

Ans: When the Loiseles returned from the ball , Matilda stood in front of the mirror for final view of herself in all her glory and was surprised to find her diamond necklace missing that she borrowed from Madame Forestier.

Q.4) how did the Loiseles get the money to buy a new Diamond Necklace?

Ans: Mr. Loisel's father had left for him eighteen thousand pounds which he used to buy the diamond necklace and the rest he borrowed.

Q.5) How did the Loisel's repay the loans?

Ans: The Loiseles had to face ten years of hardships to repay the loan. They had to send their maid away and even change their lodgings. Matilda learned the heavy cares of a household. She washed dishes and the soiled linen. The husband worked evenings and nights.

Q.6) Why was Madame Forestier astonished when she met Matilda ten years later?

Ans: Madame Forestier was astonished when she meet Matilda after ten years because in those ten years she had changed a

lot. She looked old and downtrodden women of poor household.

Home Assignment : Ex-D

D. Fill in the blanks with the phrasal verbs from the box that means the same as the words within the brackets. Add 's' and 'ed' when required.

- 1 The teacher asked the students to look into other ways of solving the problem.
- 2 Mitu looked away in embarrassment when she realized her mistake.
- 3 Shireen look up on her professor and values his advice.
- 4 Aman wanted to look for his missing pen in the playground.
- 5 My aunt warned me to look out for monkeys near the temple.
- 6 Why don't you look thorough my notes before the exam starts?
- 7 The family looks after their pet dog very well.
- 8 You must look up the meaning of this word in the dictionary.

G. Write the singular or the plural of the given nouns.

Singular	Plural
1. Piano	<u>Pianos</u>
2. <u>Luggage</u>	Luggage
3. Trolley	<u>Trolleys</u>
4. <u>Calf</u>	Calves
5. Sheep	<u>Sheep</u>
6. Lorry	<u>Lorries</u>
7. <u>Match</u>	Matches
8. <u>Goose</u>	Geese

Home Assignment : EX-H