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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH (2020-21)

**QUESTION BANK – A LETTER TO GOD**

Class: X

Sub: ENGLISH

**I. MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS:**

**Read the following questions and choose the best option as answer:**

1. Lencho was a \_\_\_\_\_ farmer.  
(i) content            (ii) greedy            **(iii) hard working**            (iv) satisfied
2. Lencho calls the big rain-drops \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) gold coins            (ii) 5 pesos            **(iii) silver coins**            (iv) money
3. Who sent the money to Lencho?  
(i) **postmaster**            (ii) God            (iii) relatives            (iv) well wishers
4. The postmaster- a fat, *amiable* fellow. AMIABLE means  
(i) unsociable            **(ii) friendly**            (iii) manner less            (iv) charitable
5. “experiencing the *contentment* of a man .....”. The underlined word means \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) disgust            (ii) derision            (iii) ridicule            **(iv) satisfaction**

**II. REFERENCE TO CONTEXT:**

**Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

1. “Not a leaf remained on the trees. The corn was totally destroyed. The flowers were gone from the plants. Lencho’s soul was filled with sadness. When the storm had passed, he stood in the middle of the field and said to his sons. “A plague of locusts would have left more than this. The hail has left nothing’.

- (a) Describe Lencho’s feeling as shown in the passage.
- (b) What happened to the crop when the storm had passed?
- (c) Find the word that means the opposite of ‘restored’ as used in the passage.
- (d) What do you mean by ‘hail’ in the last line?

**Answer:**

- (a) **Lencho was filled with sadness when the storm had passed.**
- (b) **The crop was completely destroyed when the storm had passed.**
- (c) **The word is ‘destroyed’.**
- (d) **‘Hail’ is balls of ice (hail stones) that falls from the sky in the form of rain.**

2. “That’s what they say: no one dies of hunger.” All through the night, Lencho thought only of his one hope: the help of God, whose eyes, as he had been instructed, see everything, even what is deep in one’s conscience. Lencho was an ox of a man, working like an animal in the fields, but still he knew how to write”.

- (a) What was Lencho’s only hope?
- (b) How did Lencho work in the field?

- (c) Find the exact word of similar meaning 'moral sense' given in the passage.  
(d) Explain 'an ox of a man'.

**Answer:**

- (a) **Lencho's only hope was the help of God.**  
(b) **Lencho worked like an 'ox' in the field. He was strong and hardworking.**  
(c) **The word is 'conscience'.**  
(d) **It means to be strong and working hard like an ox.**

**3. "God," he wrote, "if you don't help me, my family and I will go hungry this year. I need a hundred pesos in order to sow my field again and to live until the crop comes, because of the hailstorm ...."**

- (a) What help has he asked for?  
(b) Why did he need help?  
(c) Why did Lencho write a letter to God?  
(d) Why were Lencho and his family in distress?

**Ans.**

- (a) **He has asked for a hundred pesos in order to sow his field again.**  
(b) **He needed help because the hailstorm had destroyed his crop, and his family would go hungry.**  
(c) **Lencho's crops were completely destroyed by the hailstorm. He had nobody to help but he had faith in God.**  
(d) **Lencho's crops were completely destroyed by the hailstones. He feared that he and his family would go hungry.**

### **III. SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS:**

**(Answer the following questions in 30-40 words)**

1. Describe the destruction caused by hailstones in Lencho's fields.

**Ans: The hail rained on Lencho's house, garden, cornfield, the hillside and the entire valley for an hour. The field was white, as if covered with salt. Not a leaf remained on the trees. The corn in Lencho's cornfield was totally destroyed.**

2. What were Lencho's feelings when the rain/hail had stopped?

**Ans: Lencho was filled with sadness after the rain/hail had stopped. His corn was totally destroyed. He told his sons that they would have no corn that year. But he was hopeful of getting help from God.**

3. What did the postmaster do in order to not break Lencho's firm belief/faith in the Almighty/God?

**Ans: In order to not break Lencho's firm belief/faith in the Almighty/God, the postmaster decided to answer the letter as God himself. He collected money from his employees, friends and contributed a part of his salary to send to Lencho. He put the money in an envelope and sent it.**

4. Was Lencho surprised to find a letter with money in it? Why/Why not?

**Ans. No, Lencho was not at all surprised to receive the envelope with the money in it because he had utter faith in God. His unshakeable faith gave him utter confidence.**

#### **IV. LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS:**

**(Answer the following questions in 100-120 words)**

1. Describe Lencho's qualities in light of his faith in God. Do you have faith in God like Lencho? Was Lencho's reaction towards post office employees right?

**Ans: Lencho was a poor farmer who totally depended on the harvest to survive and fulfill basic needs of his family. Once his crops were destroyed due to heavy rainfall and hailstones and he was afraid to think how his family would survive. He believed that God would help him overcome the situation. He had firm faith in God, he believed that God would not let him and his go hungry.**

**Now-a-days faith in God like Lencho is almost impossible and unseen. People are very aware that nobody is willing to help others without any self- interest. Lencho's reaction towards post office employees was not right or justified, but it could be because of his innocence as he could not believe that God had made such a mistake. Therefore, only the post office employees who had stolen money according to him.**

2. "Humanity still exists", this is what we get to know after reading 'A letter to God' in which firm faith in God of a poor farmer and helpfulness of the post office employees are aptly depicted thought. Write a paragraph on the values in it, in about 80-100 words.

**Ans: After reading the lesson, 'A letter to God', our faith in humanity becomes strong. We learn from the story that there still are people who help others without any self- interest. The postmaster and the post office employees lay an example for every one of us to be kind. Though they all laughed at Lencho's letter, they were really moved by the strong faith he had in God. The way they all decided to help the stranger in his hard times restores our faith in the existence of humanity and motivates us to be noble and kind.**

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