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QUESTION BANK	Topic: THE RATTRAP	

CLASS XII- QUESTION BANK(2020-21) *THE RATTRAP-Selma Lagerlof*

Short Answer questions:

1. From where did the peddler get the idea of the world being a rattrap?
2. Why was the peddler amused by the idea of the world being a rattrap?
3. Why did the crofter show the thirty kronors to the peddler?
4. What made the peddler accept Edla's invitation?
5. Why was Edla happy to see the gift left by the peddler?
6. Why did the peddler sign as Captain von Stahle?
7. What is the message of the story?

Additional short answer questions:

8. Briefly describe the rattrap seller.
9. How did the world treat the peddler?
10. How did the ironmaster interpret the peddler's refusal to accept his invitation to the manor house?
11. How did the tramp make his living?
12. Describe the evening that the tramp spent with the crofter.
13. Why did the peddler have to keep to the woods after leaving the cottage? How did he feel?
14. What were the peddler's feelings as night fell in the woods?
15. Who was the owner of the ironworks and what sort of a person was he?
16. Who did the ironmaster mistake the peddler to be? Why did the latter not reveal his identity? How did his true identity come to light?
17. What were the peddler's feelings as he was being taken to the manor house?

Long answer questions:

1. How does the metaphor of the rattrap serve to highlight human predicament?
2. The peddler got two chances to steal, once in the crofter's house and the other when Edla and her father went to the church for service. Why did he resist the chance of stealing in Edla's house?
3. The story is both entertaining and philosophical. Discuss.

Additional questions:

4. The story 'The Rattrap' focuses on human loneliness and the need to bond with others. Comment.
5. The story is both entertaining and philosophical. Discuss.
6. What are the instances in the story that show that the character of the ironmaster is different from that of his daughter in many ways?
7. Describe how the story shows that basic human goodness can be brought out by understanding and love.
8. How did the peddler get out of the rattrap he had fallen into?
9. The story 'The Rattrap' explores the idea that human beings possess the innate tendency to redeem themselves from their dishonest ways given the right motivation. Discuss.
10. Despite all odds the reader's sympathies lie with the peddler in the story. Elucidate.

Value Based Questions:

1. **The peddler in 'The Rattrap' is a thief, dishonest, but there was something gnawing his conscience. He always resented taking to evil ways, felt guilty of stealing and blamed and cursed himself. He could reform because he had the desire. When there's a will, there's a way. Keeping this in mind, write an article in 100 words on this topic.**
 2. **Edla had immense faith in the goodness of man and believed that each one has a core of humanity, that can be awakened . Her faith proved true and the peddler showed an inclination to reform. It was her faith that transformed the peddler. Keeping this in mind, write an article in about 100 words on 'The Virtue of Faith'.**
 3. **The peddler's instance speaks on a general level to the entire society, urging for a different outlook towards those maligned individuals who can be redeemed by compassion and understanding. The rehabilitation programmes at the prisons follow the same value. In the light of the instance mentioned above, how do you think society can help juvenile delinquents from falling prey to petty crimes or bad ways?**
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