



QUESTION BANK – ‘The Address’ by Marga Minco

Class: XI

Sub: ENGLISH

Short Answer Type Questions:

Reference to the Context:

I. “I looked up. The girl put cups ready on the table. She had a broad back. Just like her mother.”

- (i) Who is the speaker of these lines?
- (ii) Where is the speaker at this time?
- (iii) Why has she come there?
- (iv) Who is the mother, when did the speaker see her?

II. “It was a very long time ago and I was probably bored that day or perhaps I had to stay at home...”

- (i) Who is the speaker of these lines?
- (ii) To whom is she speaking?
- (iii) What is the occasion?
- (iv) What did the speaker discover about herself in this episode?

III. “I resolved to forget the address. Of all the things I had to forget, that would be the easiest.”

- (i) What is the significance of the ‘address’ here?
- (ii) Why must it be forgotten by the speaker?
- (iii) What is the meaning of the word ‘resolve’?
- (iv) Name the author of this story, what is remarkable about this person?

IV. 'But gradually everything became more normal again. Bread was getting to be a lighter colour, there was a bed you could sleep in unthreatened...'

- (i) What is being described here as getting normal?
- (ii) What was causing the threat?
- (iii) What had been the writer's circumstances when things went wrong?
- (iv) What is on the writer's mind now that things are returning to normal?

Answer very briefly:

1. Why did the narrator of the story want to forget the address?
2. How did the narrator in the 'The Address' come to know that the cutlery was silver?
3. Why do you think Mrs Dorling, knowingly refused to recognize the narrator when they meet after years?
4. Who was Mrs Dorling? Why did she visit Mrs S's house frequently?
5. Why did Mrs S ask her daughter to remember the address of Mrs Dorling?
6. How did Mrs Dorling acquire the possessions of Mrs S?
7. What extraordinary circumstances made it possible? Do you justify Mrs Dorling's conduct?

Long Answer Type Questions:

1. Justify the title of the story 'The Address'.
2. 'The Address' is a story of human predicament that follows war. Comment.
3. Compare the lifestyle of Mrs S before the war with her daughter's after the war.

