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<b>Worksheet No:</b>	<b>Topic: THE MORALS OF CHESS (QUESTION BANK)</b>	<b>Note: English Notebook</b>

## Answer with Reference to Context:

1. 'And it is therefore best that these rules should be observed, as the game thereby becomes more the image of human life, and particularly of war....'

a. Which game is referred to here?

The game of chess is referred to here.

b. How is the game of chess a mirror of life and war?

Just like life and war, the game of chess is also full of uncertainties. We must always be cautious before making a move.

c. What 'rules' does the writer mean here?

The writer means the rules of chess.

2. 'For all these things displease. And they do not show your skill in playing, but your craftiness to your rudeness.'

a. Whom do 'these things' displease and why?

These things are some of the gestures an opponent may do to divert the attention of his opponent.

b. Mention some of the things that displease.

One is not supposed to sing, whistle, look at the watch, take up a book to read, make a tapping with his feet on the floor, or with fingers on the table, nor do anything that may disturb the opponent's attention.

c. How must the spectators conduct themselves during a match?

The spectators must watch the play silently.

## Question and Answers:

**1. The writer says that the game of chess has many beneficial advantages over other games. Do you agree? Give reasons.**

I agree with the writer that the game of Chess has many beneficial advantages over other games. The game of chess is not merely an idle amusement, in fact life is a kind of chess, in which we have often points to gain and competitors or adversaries to contend with. In our lives there are a vast variety of good and ill events that are in some degree, the effects of prudence or the want of it. By playing at chess, then, we may learn the following:

- a. **Foresight** which is the ability to look into the future and consider the consequences of your actions.
- b. **Circumspection** which is the ability to survey the whole situation, the relations between the people involved in the situation, the dangers, the several possibilities and probabilities
- c. **Caution** which is the ability to guard against making moves too hastily. Following the rules of the game helps you practice caution. If you don't exercise caution, you will have to deal with the consequences of your wrong moves.
- d. **The habit of not being discouraged** no matter how good or bad the situation may be. The game is never is lost until the end, and we may still have a chance to win, therefore to not lose hope and do our best.

**2. According to Benjamin Franklin, what are the guidelines/rules to be kept in mind while playing chess**

The following are the rules to be kept in mind while playing chess according to Franklin:

Rule 1: Play according to strict rules where both the players follow them properly, because this is equitable.

Rule 2: No false move to be made to save oneself from a difficult situation or gain advantage, because this would be an unfair practice.

Rule 3: If the adversary is taking long, not to hurry him nor express uneasiness at his delay. Not do anything to disturb his attention. These reflect your crafty behaviour and are considered rude.

Rule 4: Never to deceive or amuse your adversary, because this is fraud and reflects that you're not skilled in the game.

Rule 5: When you have won the game, you must not use any triumphant or insulting expressions.

Rule 6: If you are a spectator and not a player, observe silence so as not to divert the attention of the players.

Rule 7: Always display generous civility (polite and courteous behaviour) so that even if you lose the game you would have won your opponent's esteem, respect and affection and you will also be praised by the audience.