



Short Answer Questions:

1. Why did Matilda not want to see her rich friends?

Matilda did not want to see her rich friends because she did not have jewels, nothing to adorn herself with. Besides, she did not have any suitable dress for the party. She thought that without having these valuable things she would have a poverty-stricken look in the midst of rich friends.

2. What is the role of Mme Forestier in the story ‘The Necklace’?

Mme Forestier is a rich lady. She is a good friend of Matilda. She agrees to lend her necklace to Matilda to be worn at a party.

Her role in the story is very important. Had she not lent her necklace to Matilda, she (Matilda) would not have learnt her lesson in life.

3. What changes did come in the lifestyle of Matilda after she lost the necklace?

After the loss of the necklace, Matilda had to sacrifice all her comforts and even all her needs to get money to buy a new necklace and give it to her friend. Because of overwork, tension, and lack of care, she became a physical wreck. The happiness of one night changed her whole life's ways and style.

4. How did Monsieur Loisel manage to repay the debt and when?

In order to repay the debt, Mr. and Mrs. Loisel had to go through several hardships. Mr. Loisel had to work overtime. Mrs. Loisel did away with the maid and did all the household chores herself. The Loisel left their lodgings and lived in a rented room. The Loisels led a very miserable life and repaid the debts in ten years.

5. Why did Jeanne not recognize her friend Matilda?

Mme Loisel seemed old and haggard after undergoing a hectic work schedule with a lot of anxiety to pay the debt. Her hair and dress became shabby. Her hands became red, and her tone of voice was loud and crude. Therefore, Jeanne could not recognize her.

6. What was Loisel's reaction to her desire for a new dress?

Matilda wanted to buy a new dress, which would cost her around four hundred francs. On hearing this, Loisel's face had turned pale. He had saved four hundred francs to buy a gun. The new dress would consume his entire savings.

7. What efforts were made by Loisels to look for the lost necklace?

After realizing that the necklace had been lost, Mr. Loisel went all over the place to find it out. He went over the track where they had walked on foot. He went to report the matter to the police and to the cab office. He also advertised in the paper.

8. Why did Matilda unhappy in her early married life?

Matilda was dissatisfied with her marriage to a petty clerk. She believed that she was born for all delicacies and luxuries. She thought of exquisite food served in marvelous dishes. She was filled with despair and disappointment. Therefore, she was unhappy.

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS:

1. After her meeting with Matilda, Mme Forestier is upset with what happened. She feels guilty for not telling her friend that the necklace was fake. She wishes to make some amends for the ten years of sufferings faced by the Loisels. If Mme Forestier returns the necklace to Matilda what value would it reflect? What would you have done if you were in her place?

After her meeting with Matilda, Mme Forestier was upset with what happened. Mme Forestier feels guilty for not telling her friend that the necklace was not real. Matilda ruined her own life by paying for the necklace. Mme Forestier is a kind and sensitive lady. She helped Matilda by giving her the necklace. She could never imagine that her friend would undergo such a hardship for that fake necklace. After ten years, after knowing the truth and reality she must have been upset. She would have definitely returned the necklace to Mme Forestier. She was a lady full of compassion, sympathy, and kindness. If I had been in her place, I would have done the same.

2. What would have happened to Matilda if she has confessed to her friend that she had lost the necklace?

If Matilda had confessed to her friend that she had lost her necklace, she could have avoided the years of suffering they had to undergo. She would not have become a physical wreck, she could have paid her five hundred francs easily. So, it is quite necessary to be truthful and honest.

Moreover, Mme Forestier was a kind lady and full of compassion. She would have forgiven her for the loss. Confession should have saved her from such hardships.

3. Contentment in one's life is very important to lead a peaceful life. We should be happy with what we have and should not crave what we don't have. Matilda suffered in her life because she was not contented in her life. What do you learn from her mistake in life?

OR

Matilda suffered because she was not content with what life has given to her. Do you agree we should be content with what life gives us?

It is true that contentment in one's life is very important to lead a peaceful life. We should be happy with what we have and should not crave what we don't have. Matilda suffered in her life because she was not content in her life. She was a pretty beautiful lady and married to an honest person. He was rich in values but monetarily moderate. Matilda was not content with his job and salary. She wanted to lead a luxurious life which he could not afford. Once she got an opportunity to attend a high-profile party. She did not have a proper dress and jewels. She borrowed a necklace from her friend. She lost it at the party and had to suffer for a long period of time just to pay for it. Her overambition and craze for luxury ruined her life. One must be satisfied with what one has is the lesson that I learned from her life.

4. To err is human. We all make mistakes in our life. Those who make a confession may suffer less than those who don't. give your opinion with reference to the story of Matilda who ruined her life just because she did not have the courage to confess her mistake.

OR

As a reader do you sympathize with Matilda? Give reasons from the text to support your answer.

It has been rightly said that 'to err is human'. We all make one or the other mistake in our life. No one is perfect. Sometimes the situation is not in our hands. We make some mistakes and face losses. The same thing happened to Matilda. She was an overambitious lady. She wanted to go to the party in an expensive dress and necklace. She did not have her own sources, so she borrowed A necklace from her friend. Unfortunately, she lost it at the party. She did not want to tell it to her friend and bought a new one as a replacement. She was in debt and paid for it throughout her life. Her life was ruined. She came to know in the end that the lost necklace was not the real one. But, it was too late. The course of her life could have changed had he confessed the loss. She suffered just because she did not have the courage to confess her mistake.