

CBSE TEST PAPER-03
Class - 10 English Communicative
(The Dear Departed)

General Instruction:

- Question No. 1 to 3 carry Eight marks.
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1. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

“They sneaked into your room like a thief in the night and stole them after you were dead.”

- (a) Who speaks these words?
- (b) To whom are these words spoken to?
- (c) Who are ‘they’?
- (d) What did ‘they’ steal?

OR

Mrs. Jordan: I’ll tell you what’s been going on in this house. Father. Nothing short of robbery.

Mrs. Slater: Be quiet, Elizabeth.

Mrs. Jordan: (rising) I’ll not be quiet. Oh, I call it double-faced.

- (a) What robbery is being talked about here?
- (b) Why doesn’t father know anything about the happenings in the house?
- (c) What is the meaning of ‘double faced’?
- (d) Why did Mrs. Slater want Elizabeth to be quiet?

2. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each:

- a. Why didn’t the Slaters call for the doctor?
- b. What does Mrs. Slater eye on in grandfather’s room? What were her plans after his death?
- c. Who is Jimmy? Why is his reference made in the play?
- d. Who is Victoria? What is her role in the play?

3. Answer any one of the following questions in 80-100 words:

Was the grandfather entirely right in moving away from his daughters? Why/Why not? If you had been in place of the grandfather what would you have done? What values would you have focused on?

OR

Imagine you are James, Mr. Abel Merry Weather's friend. You have come to know of his decision of remarriage with a widow as well as the disgraceful behaviour of his daughters and son-in-law's. Write an article for the Indian Express on the topic 'Elderly people Have Right To Live Happily.'

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Answers

1. (i) Answers

- a. Mrs. Jordan is speaking to the grandfather.
- b. These words are spoken to the grandfather.
- c. 'They' are Amelia and Henry.
- d. They stole grandfather's clock and bureau.

OR

- a. Mrs. Slater had pinched grandpa's bureau.
- b. Father does not know anything about the happenings in the house because he was sleeping and everyone thought him to be dead and they didn't share anything with him.
- c. The word 'double faced' means 'hypocrite'.
- d. Mrs. Slater didn't want Elizabeth to tell grandpa that thinking him to be dead, Mrs. Slater had stolen his bureau.

2. a. The Slaters had called for the doctor named Pringle who attended grandpa whenever he was sick. Because he was out of the town, they did not make any effort to get him checked from any other doctor. This indicates their lack of concern for grandpa. As the Jordans had suggested, they should have consulted the doctor before declaring him dead.
- b. Mrs. Slater always nursed a desire to own the bureau that the grandfather had in his room. She had planned that as soon as he would die she would bring it downstairs in her room. She was also worried about her clever and observant sister who was in the habit of getting what she wanted. So she decides that it should be brought down before the division of grandpa's property.
- c. Jimmy is presumably the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jordan. His reference is made twice in the play when Mrs. Jordan states that the grandpa had promised to give his gold watch to him that shocks Mrs. Slater. Again, when the same matter is repeated and this time in front of the grandpa, his name is repeated to ascertain whether the old man had

really promised so. But when Mrs. Jordan makes excuses, then it becomes clear that it was a concocted lie to get hold of the only valuable present with grandpa.

- d. Victoria or Vicky is a sweet, precious girl of teen and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Slater. She is the only person in the family who has affection for her grandfather and is upset to know about his death. And when she discovers that her grandfather is alive, she is glad. She is unable to digest the way her mother pinched the clock and the bureau of her grandpa. Her tender nature is in stark contrast to the cold and calculative attitude of her relatives.

3. No, I don't think the grandfather was right in moving away from his daughters. After all, he was their father. No doubt, they had been greedy. But they must be given a chance to mend their ways.

If I had been in place of the grandfather, I would not have left the house. I would have sorted out the matter wisely by discussing each and everything with them.

I would have focused on the family values such as love and forgiveness. Human relations are not weak. They should be sustained and maintained with love and patience. I love my granddaughter very much. Leaving her and going away pains me a lot. I need some emotional support but at the same time I want to reform my daughters by making them understand what a family is. I hope they will understand and surely change their attitude. **OR**

'Old is gold' is a well-known saying. Truly said! The old are a valuable asset of our society. But in the present scenario, they feel neglected in their own homes as they don't get desired care and help. They become unwanted. They don't get timely medical care and suffer from agony and mental pain. The youth must realize the true worth of their parents and grandparents. They should not forget their sacrifices. A little help and love can make them happy. They are our aged angels. Their blessings are invaluable for us. Our elders deserve to be treated with great care and love. They have spent their whole life supporting their children. We should learn how to take care of our elders. Children should be taught certain values and the parents also should stand as an example by paying good attention and love towards their parents. Old people should not feel alone and helpless. They are not a burden. Their elderly advice is always needed to lead their life in a meaningful way.