

CBSE TEST PAPER-06
Class - 10 English Communicative
(Two Gentlemen of Verona)

General Instruction: -

- Question No. 1 to 6 carry four marks.
 - Question No. 7 carry eight marks.
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1. We watched for a few moments; then as trade slackened we went over. They greeted us with friendly faces.
“I thought you picked fruit for a living” I said.
(a) Who does “they” refer to in the above lines?
(b) What was the narrator watching them doing?
(c) Why did the narrator think that they picked fruit for a living?
(d) Give the meaning of “slackened”.
2. The boys grew to hate the Germans. When the resistance movement began secretly to form they were among the first to join. When the war was over, and we had peace at last, they came back to their beloved sister.
(a) Name the boys in the above extract.
(b) Why did the boys join the resistance movement?
(c) Who was their sister?
(d) What did they find on returning to their sister?
3. “We do many things, sir”. Explain this statement with reference to the context.
4. Why was the narrator surprised when the boys got down in front of a large villa?
5. Discuss the qualities that make Nicola and Jacopo true gentlemen.
6. What kind of life had the boys lead before the war broke out?
7. 'Tough days never last but tough people do'. Explain this statement with reference to the two boys in 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'.

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(Answers)

1. Answers

- a. Nicola and Jacopo
- b. The narrator saw the boys shining shoes outside his hotel.
- c. When the narrator had met them for the first time, he saw them selling wild strawberries.
- d. Slowed down

2. Answers

- a. Nicola and Jacopo
 - b. The boys hated the Germans as they had wreaked a havoc on their happy and comfortable life. They therefore joined the movement to help overthrow the Germans.
 - c. Lucia was their sister.
 - d. Upon returning from the war, they found that their sister was suffering from the tuberculosis of the spine.
3. It means that Nicola and his brother Jacopo, being utterly poor and unskilled, did whatever they could to eke out a living. From picking berries to shoe polishing to chaperoning tourists coming to the town, the boys did sundry jobs cheerfully.
4. The two brothers worked very hard to earn their living, wore shabby clothes and ate very little. The narrator had expected them to stop in front of some humble dwelling. So he was surprised when the boys got down in front of a large villa.
5. Although the money that the two brothers earned was small, they begrudged no one. They never stooped to criminality or anything immoral. Their sense of dignity stopped them from seeking undue help from anyone.
6. The boys had lead a very cultured and comfortable life. Their father had been a well-known singer and sister Lucia had also been training as a singer. The war took away

their father, a bomb destroyed their house and threw them into the streets.

7. The boys had lead a very comfortable and secure life till the time war broke out. They lost their parents, became destitute and faced harsh circumstances. But they remained undeterred. Even the news of their sister's illness did not dampen their spirit. They did not take to wrong path and worked day and night sacrificing their own desires in order to pay her hospital bills on time. They were so full of self-respect that they neither show their personal grief to anyone nor seek favour from anyone. All these qualities quintessentially make them 'gentlemen'.