

**CBSE TEST PAPER-05**  
**Class 12 English Core (On the Face of It)**

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**General Instructions:-**

- All questions are compulsory.
  - Question No.1 to 7 carries 3 marks each.
  - Question No. 8 to 10 carries 6 marks each.
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1. When do you think Mr. Lamb started thinking like Derry?
2. Why would mother not allow Derry to return to Mr. Lamb?
3. What was Mr. Lamb's behavior towards children who called him 'Lamey Lamb'?
4. How was Mr. Lamb's outlook towards life before meeting Derry?
5. Mr. Lamb said "I have a weed garden" - What he wanted to convey to Derry?
6. What do you understand by the story of man who was afraid of everything in life?
7. Do you think the friendship between Mr Lamb and Derry is fruitful?
8. A physical disability brings about a sense of alienation in the mind of a person more than it causes pain or inconvenience. Can he be treated in the same fashion as a normal person?
9. There's a mention of fairy tale 'The Beauty and the Beast'. How's it related to Derry?
10. Derry sneaked into Mr. Lamb's garden and it became a turning point in his life.  
Comment.

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**Answers**

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1. It was the time when Derry said that he had to go back home to tell his mother that he would stay with Mr. Lamb, but his house was three miles away and that she wouldn't allow him to come back. From that point Mr. Lamb started thinking like Derry.
2. The mother wouldn't allow Derry to return to Mr. Lamb because she had heard a lot of stories about Mr. Lamb. She was afraid that he might teach him something adverse against them.
3. Mr. Lamb was very cool towards children who called him 'Lamey Lamb' because he had reconciled to the fact that he was lame, and people detested him because of his disability. He welcomed them home and gave them sweets and jelly.
4. Mr. Lamb had a very positive outlook towards life before meeting Derry. He wasn't bothered about what children called him nor was he disturbed when people never returned to talk to him. However, when Derry hesitated to come back, it disturbed him greatly.
5. Through these words Mr. Lamb wanted to convey to Derry that the world was to be viewed the way one thought. Even weeds are of green color then why they are called weeds and not flowers. He called it weed garden as he called the buzzing of bees as hum.
6. The story of man who was afraid of everything in life teaches us that we have to take the gifts and adversities of life in the same stride. We should always think positive and lead the life the way it comes to us.
7. Yes, the friendship between Mr Lamb and Derry was indeed fruitful because Derry was inspired to a great deal by Mr Lamb and a positive change took place within him. Mr Lamb's ceaseless enthusiasm for living life despite all odds changed Derry's outlook towards life. After meeting him, Derry found a new meaning of his life, which was otherwise unhappy and negative.
8. A physical disability brings about a sense of alienation in the mind of a person more than it causes pain or inconvenience. When a person gets disabled, the people around him make him feel bad about the problem. He might take the effect of disability in his stride but people coax and cajole to make him realize that he suffers from something that others don't. He is called poor and they show either sympathy towards him or criticize

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him for it. Either way they create a kind of impression in the disabled person that he isn't normal. If we treat them in the same fashion as we do with others, they will forget their disability and lead a normal life.

9. The fairy tale 'The Beauty and the Beast' is discussed in the play to reiterate that love knows no disability. We love a person not because of his or her looks but because of his behavior. The beauty initially hated the beast but as she stayed long to know him, she started loving him and kissed him without knowing the effect of the kiss. Similarly, we need to deal with our disabilities boldly without bothering about the consequences. We shouldn't get hurt by what others say. It's our life and we are the one who is to suffer or enjoy, then why listen to others? The world should understand the policy of 'Live and let live'.
10. The play 'On the Face of It' is an apt description of loneliness and alienation on the part of physically impaired people. Such people expect support and love from the world around. But in reality, the contrary happens. People ridicule them, and this makes them develop the sense of inferiority and forces them to live in seclusion. Derry and Lamb both live alienated life. Derry is often mocked at thus he secluded himself and Mr. Lamb is being called 'Lamey - Lamb' by people. Such people are not confident enough to face the world but being responsible citizens, we must give them due respect and thus motivate them to feel confident. We should love and support them. We should also make them aware of the innumerable opportunities available for them and bring a ray of hope in their life.