

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Moments Chapter-7 The Last Leaf
Test Paper-01

Read the following passages and answer the questions

1. He was a sixty year old painter. His lifelong dream, was to paint a masterpiece but that had remained a dream. Sue poured out her worries to Behrman.
 - a. Who is being talked about here?
 - b. What worried Sue?
 - c. Why do you think he listened to Sue?
 - d. What was his lifelong dream? Why had it remained unfulfilled so far?
2. You have looked after me so lovingly and I have not cooperated with you. I have been depressed and gloomy. The last leaf has shown me how wicked I have been.
 - a. Who said this to whom?
 - b. Why had she been depressed and gloomy?
 - c. What character of the speaker is reflected here?
 - d. What lesson did she learn after that?

Answer the following questions in about 30 words:

3. Why did Sue pour out her worries on Mr. Behrman?
4. How did Johnsy associate herself with the falling leaf?
5. How did Sue try to encourage Johnsy?
6. When and why was the doctor's report encouraging about Johnsy's condition?
7. Which items were found near Mr. Behrman when he died? What did it signify?
8. What saved Johnsy's life?

Answer the following questions in about 100 words:

9. Sue is a true and faithful friend. Comment.
10. How did Behrman saved Johnsy's life?

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Answers

1.
 - a. The person being talked about here is Mr. Behrman, sixty year old man, who lived on the ground floor of the same building where Sue and Johnsy lived.
 - b. Sue was worried because Johnsy had pneumonia and despite of good treatment, she did not show any sign of improvement.
 - c. Mr. Behrman listened to Sue because he was a compassionate and helpful person. He was large hearted and a good neighbour.
 - d. Mr. Behrman's lifelong wish was to paint a masterpiece.
It had remained unfulfilled so far because he had not found any inspiration or motivation to paint the masterpiece.
2.
 - a. Johnsy said these words to Sue.
 - b. She had been depressed and gloomy thinking about her illness to be her approaching death.
 - c. Johnsy is simple and honest who realizes her mistakes and admits it without any tantrums.
 - d. She learnt that wanting to die is a sin. She realized that Sue had been extremely worried about her and she is her true friend.
3. Sue poured out her worries to Behrman because she was alarmed by the deteriorating condition of her friend. She wanted to seek guidance and support from an elderly well-wisher. She considered that an elderly experience of life would be of great help.
4. It was autumn and the ivy creeper leaves were falling gradually. She would stare at the falling leaves and started back counting. She associated her falling health with the leaves. She believed that she would die when the last leaf fell.
5. Sue tried to encourage Johnsy by telling her that she won't die and she had to live for the sake of her friends. She further pleaded with Johnsy to spare a thought for her as she could not live without her.
6. The doctor gave an encouraging report about Johnsy's condition after examining her a day after the storm. She believed that the report was encouraging because she had

regained her will to live.

7. A ladder and a lighted lantern were discovered near Behrman's bed when he died. There were also some brushes and green and yellow paints on the floor near the ladder. This signified that the last green and fresh leaf had been painted by Mr. Behrman all through the stormy night.
8. The last leaf painted by Mr. Behrman on the wall opposite Johnsy's window saved her life. She felt that she had been wicked. The last leaf gave her hope to live and realize that wanting to die is a sin.
9. Sue was a true and faithful friend. As Johnsy fell ill, Sue made every effort to nurse her back to health. She exhibited the values of sincerity and commitment towards her friend by calling the doctor who would visit them daily to review Johnsy's condition. She tried to lift Johnsy's spirit by talking to her cheerfully about clothes and fashion. She whistled to pep up Johnsy. She would sit beside and paint so that she did not feel lonely and she could earn for herself and Johnsy. She tried to comfort her by reassuring that the ivy creeper leaves has nothing to do with her illness.
Sue was optimist, symbol of undying hope and a selfless friend.
10. Behrman saved Johnsy's life by sacrificing himself at the altar of art. The last leaf is about his extreme sacrifice that infuses life in a young depressed woman.
Johnsy's illness was serious but it could be cured if she had the will to live. Her falling health was more due to her state of unwillingness to live than pneumonia. Behrman took over him the responsibility to save her life. He made a single handed effort to brave the icy winds and rain to reach the window by climbing a ladder and finally paint a fresh and green leaf that looked natural and real. The readiness with which he gave his life shows an unparalleled commitment to talent. His finesse as an accomplished artist is revealed that could save the sinking breath of Johnsy.