

CBSE TEST PAPER - 02
Class-12 English Core (On the Face of It)

General Instruction:

- Question No. 1 to 7 carry three marks each.
 - Question No. 8 and 10 carry six marks each.
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1. Who is Derry? Why does he go to Mr. Lamb?
2. What advice does Mr. Lamb give Derry about the real beauty?
3. How does Mr. Lamb learn so much?
4. Mr. Lamb is a positive personality. Comment.
5. 'Beauty of soul is more important than outer beauty' - Do you agree? Why/Why not?
6. What peculiar things do the young boy noticed about Mr. Lamb?
7. Do you think the friendship between Mr Lamb and Derry is fruitful?
8. What is the bond that unites the two - the old man Mr. Lamb and Derry - the small boy?
How does the old man inspire the small boy?
9. As told by Mr. Lamb what happened to the man who locked him up in the room?
10. Derry sneaked into Mr. Lamb's garden and it became a turning point in his life.
Comment.

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Answers

1. Derry is a fourteen years young boy. His one side of the face is badly burnt. He enters Mr. Lamb's garden. He thinks that there is nobody in the garden so he climbs the wall. He goes to the garden because he wants to spend some time at a lonely place.
2. Mr. Lamb advises him not to mind what people say about his face. He tells Derry that beauty is not in physical body instead it lies in our soul. So he should live his life to the fullest and ignore the people who mock at him. This advice of Mr. Lamb transforms Derry's life.
3. Derry asks Mr. Lamb that how he learnt so much. He tells Derry that he has learnt all by watching, listening and thinking. He adds that he listens to music, watches plants and trees and then he thinks deeply over all these things. So he learns all this by experiencing.
4. Mr. Lamb is alone in this world and moreover he is physically challenged. So in order to overcome his loneliness he always welcomes people. He likes to talk to them and learn different things from them. Although he is physically impaired yet he never allows his deformity rule his life. He always stays positive and even encourages other people to be positive.
5. Yes, I completely agree with the statement that 'beauty of soul is more important than outer beauty' because our outer beauty is transient and will fade away with time but a beautiful soul will never change and spreads happiness all around. Thus, we can say that real beauty lies within and not in looks.
6. Mr. Lamb is a handicap. Even then he is ready to help everyone. His thoughts are optimistic and he brings a positive change in Derry's life. Derry always finds him peculiar. Derry noticed that in spite of being physically impaired Mr. Lamb always remains positive and even inspire others to look at the brighter side of life.
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.

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8. Derry and Mr. Lamb are united by a similarity that both are physically impaired. Mr. Lamb is handicap and Derry on the other hand has a burnt face. But the approach of these two people is totally different. Derry has secluded himself out of his deformity whereas Mr. Lamb always stays positive. Derry can't bear his public insult but Mr. Lamb ignores when the children calls him 'Lamey – Lamb'. The worst thing about Derry's life is that he distrusts the world. He believes that his face is the ugliest thing in the world and people hate him. But Mr. Lamb's association with Derry transforms his life positively. He encourages Derry not to give much importance to what people think of him and live his life to the fullest. Derry gets inspired from Mr. Lamb's attitude and thus becomes a confident youth.
 9. Mr. Lamb quotes an example to Derry and tells him that once a man locked himself up because he was scared of the world. He had fear that a bus might run over him, or a donkey might kick him to death or he might love a girl and she would leave him. So he was having these kinds of silly fears and out of his fear he locked himself in a room. When he went to bed, unfortunately a picture fell on his head and killed him. Mr. Lamb tells Derry that it was not the picture that killed him but it was his fear that ruled his mind and he lost his life. Mr. Lamb tries to make Derry understand that our life depends on how we take it. So one should always be positive and should never give up on life.
 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.