

**CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature**  
**Moments Chapter-7 The Last Leaf**  
**Test Paper-02**

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**Read the following passages and answer the questions**

1. She talked about clothes and fashion, but Johnsy did not respond. Johnsy continued to lie still on her bed. She brought her drawing board into Johnsy's room and started painted.
  - a. Why did Sue talk about clothes and fashion?
  - b. Why did Johnsy continue to lie still on her bed?
  - c. Why did she bring her drawing board into the room?
  - d. Which value of Sue's character is revealed in these lines?
2. He was ill for only two days. The first day the janitor found him on his bed. His clothes and shoes were wet and he was shivering.
  - a. Who is a janitor?
  - b. Whose illness is being discussed here?
  - c. Why were his clothes and shoes wet?
  - d. What had been the cause of his condition?

**Answer the following questions in about 30 words:**

3. Who were Sue and Johnsy? Where did they live?
4. Why was Johnsy's condition worrisome for the doctors?
5. How could Johnsy's life be saved?
6. What did Sue see when she heard Johnsy counting backwards?
7. What did Sue and Behrman see from the window?
8. When did Johnsy realize her mistake?

**Answer the following questions in about 100 words:**

9. Do you think the feeling of depression Johnsy had is common among teenagers?
10. Explain how Behrman saved Johnsy's life?

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**Answers**

1.
  - a. Sue is being talked about in the above lines.
  - b. Sue talked about fashion and clothes because she was trying to cheer up Johnsy who had been suffering from pneumonia and felt depressed due to her illness.
  - c. These lines reveal Sue's value as a true friend. She makes special efforts to divert her friends mind away from all the negative thoughts.
  - d. Sue brought her drawing board into Johnsy's room to give her company and help her not feel depressed and lonely.
2.
  - a. Janitor is a person who looks after a building.
  - b. Mr. Behrman's illness is being discussed here.
  - c. His clothes and shoes had been wet because he had been out in the stormy night a day before.
  - d. He had been wet and shivering because he was painting a green and yellow ivy creeper leaf for Johnsy as a replica of the original one.
3. Sue and Johnsy were young artist friends who shared the same apartment on the third floor of an old house. They were struggling to establish themselves in the world of art.
4. According to the doctor, Johnsy's condition was worrisome because she did not show any signs of improvement despite good treatment as she had lost her will to live.
5. Johnsy's life could be saved by reviving her interests in things around her. She has to be made realize that she was important and has to recover fully as death is not ultimate.
6. Sue heard Johnsy counting backwards and went to her. She saw that Johnsy was counting the falling leaves backwards and relating the falling of last leaf to her death.
7. When Johnsy was sleeping, Sue and Behrman saw the approaching storm, strong icy winds and realized that the last leaf of the ivy creeper would fall in no time.
8. According to Johnsy, the last leaf remained clinged to the creeper despite of the strong storm the previous night. She realized that if the leaf can sustain the strong storm, she could resist her illness and become well.
9. Yes, the feeling is common among teenagers. It is so because they lack emotional

maturity. They fail to understand that sorrows are much as a part of our lives as joys are. Certain situations in life are unpredictable as well as unavoidable. Teenagers become nervous and go through depression. They begin to gather negative thoughts and have a fear of failure. It becomes a vicious cycle of their emotional instability and weak health. Pessimism begins to destroy their will power.

Another problem is, like Johnsy, they take a lot of time to get convinced. They are difficult to counsel and try their loved one's patience. Absence of healthy lifestyle pushes them into negativity and depression.

Therefore, teenagers should inculcate good and positive values like optimism, patience, strong will power, faith in God, regular exercise in order to enjoy the blessings of sound mind in a robust body.

10. Behrman saved Johnsy's life by sacrificing his own at the altar of art. It had been an extreme sacrifice to infuse life in a depressed lady.

Johnsy's illness was serious but could be cured if she had the will to live. Her falling health was not due to pneumonia but her unwillingness to live. Mr. Behrman, a sixty year old man, took upon himself the difficult responsibility to save her life. He made a single handed effort in the strong icy wind and rain to reach the window by climbing the ladder and finally make the fresh green and yellow leaf. The readiness to complete the task despite the unfavorable condition shows his unparalleled commitment to talent. He painted the leaf with such passion that it turned out to be a masterpiece as it looked the true replica of the original one. Thus, he revived the sinking breath of Johnsy sacrificing his own.