

CBSE TEST PAPER - 02
Class - 12 English Core (The Enemy)

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. How did Dr Sadao ensure that the American sailor left his house but he himself remained safe and secure?
2. How does the writer indicate that Dr Sadao's father was a very traditional and conventional man?
3. Why did the messenger come to Dr Sadao? What did Hana think about it?
4. Why did the General spare the American soldier?
5. Why was Dr Sadao not sent to the battlefield?
6. How did Dr Sadao get rid of the enemy soldier?
7. Why didn't Dr Sadao put the wounded man back in the sea even though he was his enemy?
8. What traits of General's character are highlighted in the lesson?
9. Do you think Dr Sadao's final decision was the best possible one in the circumstances? Why/Why not? Explain with reference to the story, 'The Enemy'.
10. Sadao and Hana were true patriots and human beings. Justify with reference to the story.

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Answers

1. The night the man escaped as per the plan, Dr Sadao slept well. One evening standing on the verandah, Dr Sadao looked towards the island. There was no signal of the flashlight. It meant that the man had gone, safe on a Korean fishing boat. In this way, he ensured the American's departure and his own safety and security.
2. Dr Sadao's education had been his father's chief concern, for which he even sent him to America at the age of twenty-two to study surgery and medicine. Dr Sadao's father was a true patriot & took immense pride in Japanese culture & traditions. Even Sadao married Hana only after confirming that she was Japanese, as he did not want to upset his father. This suggests that Dr Sadao's father was a very traditional and conventional man.
3. The messenger had come to Dr Sadao's house to inform him that the old General was in pain again and had to be attended to. When Hana first saw the uniformed messenger, she got frightened, for she thought that he had come to arrest her husband for harboring an enemy in their house.
4. The General spared the American soldier because he was a selfish man. He thought of nothing but his own life. He needed Dr Sadao for his operation and he forgot about his promise in his pain.
5. Dr Sadao was not sent abroad with the troops because the ailing General trusted no other surgeon but Dr Sadao and could have needed his expert services anytime.
6. Dr Sadao planned out everything beforehand. He put his boat on the shore with food and extra clothing. He asked the American prisoner of war to row to a little island near the coast and then wait for a Korean ship to pass. He also gave the American his flashlight complete with instructions on how to signal him in a time of distress.
7. Dr Sadao could not put the wounded man back in the sea even though he was an enemy because he was a Doctor and the foremost duty of a doctor is to save life. He knew the man would die if not tended medically. This would be against medical ethics. So, he rescued him to give medical treatment.
8. Dr Sadao informed the General about the presence of the American prisoner at his house. The General decided that his private assassins would take care of him and even take his body away. Sadao agreed to the General's proposal. However, the General's assassins did

not arrive for the next three days. Consequently, the General's plan was not executed. Sadao spent three restless nights in waiting for the assassins; ultimately he helped the prisoner escape. When Sadao informed the General about the escape of the prisoner, the General replied that he was sick and thus forgot about the whole affair. He further wanted that Dr Sadao must not inform anybody about this. This shows that the General was highly selfish. He had regard only for his own safety and pride. Also, he did not send Sadao to the battlefield as he needed his services himself. He considered himself more important than the lives of thousands of soldiers.

9. Dr Sadao's final decision was the best possible one in the given circumstances. He has the instincts of a doctor. When Tom, the prisoner of war, was found wounded, the first thing he did was to save his life. As a doctor he was duty-bound to save lives. Next, he completed the duty towards his nation by informing the General about the presence of the prisoner. But finally, he helped the enemy escape. His compassionate heart rose above the narrow confines of hatred and war. As a doctor, Sadao could not have left the wounded prisoner of war unattended yet he decided to operate upon him and save his life. However, at the same time he discharged his duty towards his nation by informing the General about the enemy. And finally, the surgeon helped the enemy escape because his compassionate heart forbade him from killing the same person whom he had saved.
10. Both Sadao and Hana were full of patriotism, proud of Japan and its culture. They hated Americans, found them repulsive, full of prejudices against Japanese. Both considered humanity above patriotism. As a doctor, he could not leave his patient in distress, could not stop himself from saving the life of the wounded American soldier. Both risked their lives and reputation by helping & sheltering the soldier. Hana was equally compassionate, she washed the soldier's wounds herself when Yumi refused. They considered every soldier as a human being in distress. Dr Sadao did not hand the white soldier over to police initially as the soldier was weak and could have died. On the other hand, he did not want to keep the American soldier when he fully was recovered. Dr Sadao informed the General about the soldier. He had no objection if the soldier was killed by the assassins, but was ill-at ease and worried that harm may come to him, shows that he was essentially kind. He helped the soldier to escape, gave him food, clothes and water on his boat. Dr Sadao found relief when the soldier did not give any signal through his flash light as he was safe. They saved the soldier as true human beings but also wanted to get rid of him as true patriots.