CBSE TEST PAPER-03

Class 12 English Core (On the Face of It)

General Instructions:-

- All questions are compulsory.
- Question No.1 to 7 carries 3 marks each.
- Question No. 8 to 10 caries 6 marks each.
- 1. Who was Derry? Why had he come to Mr. Lamb's garden?
- 2. Who was Mr. Lamb? How was his conversation with Derry?
- 3. What had happened to Derry that changed his views towards life?
- 4. What had happened to Mr. Lamb? What did he tell Derry about his leg?
- 5. Where was Mr. Lamb when Derry entered the garden? What did he tell Derry when he was about to leave the garden?
- 6. What did Derry tell Mr. Lamb about his mother?
- 7. 'Beauty of soul is more important than outer beauty' Do you agree? Why/Why not?
- 8. Derry had gone into seclusion after he accidently burnt his face. How his brief association with Mr. Lamb changed his perspective towards life?
- 9. Mr. Lamb dealt with Derry in a very positive manner. Do you think Derry's brief association brought about any change in the life of Mr. Lamb?
- 10. 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?

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Answers

- 1. Derry was a boy of fourteen who got his face burnt with acid. He had come to Mr. Lamb's garden thinking that no one resided there and would have some exclusive time for himself.
- 2. Mr. Lamb was a lame person who had lost his leg in a war. He carried a very positive attitude towards life. His conversation with Derry brought about a complete change in his (Derry) life. He shunned his negativity and started thinking positive towards life.
- 3. Derry's face was burnt with acid. His face became ugly and was disliked by whosoever saw him. When people started fearing him his views towards life changed.
- 4. Mr. Lamb had lost his leg in a war. It was amputated, and a tin leg was attached. He used to limp, and children would make fun of him. He told Derry that real one got blown off, years back. He was called 'Lamey-Lamb' by the kids.
- 5. Mr. Lamb was very close to the wall when Derry entered the garden. When Derry was about to leave the garden, he told him that his gates were open for all and he need not leave the place for him.
- 6. Derry told Mr. Lamb that his mother would want to know where he was going and what he would do. She would fuss to know. She would be disturbed as she thought no one would ever want to live with him.
- 7. 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.
- 8. Derry had gone into seclusion after he accidently burnt his face. Mr. lamb told him that there were many other things than his face to think of. He made him realise that the world has a full face not half like him and no one was bothered unless he paid heed to what others thought. Derry told him the story of the Beauty and the Beast and said that he won't ever change, and no one would love him. He was made to realise that there were people in the world who were not bothered about the looks like the Beauty who loved the Beast. He also talked about the man who shut himself indoors for fear of getting hurt by everything but died in the room because a picture fell on him and killed him. This

- completely changed his perspective towards life.
- 9. Though Mr. Lamb dealt with Derry in a very positive manner, but his brief association brought about a complete change in his (Lamb) life. When Derry entered the garden and found Mr. lamb at hand, he wanted to leave. However, Mr. Lamb calmed him and told that his garden was open for all. When Derry was about to leave, Mr. Lamb told him that he can stay in the house. He told him that whatever was his was of anyone. Actually, he wanted Derry to befriend him and stay there. But when Derry told him that his house was three miles away and that his mother wouldn't allow him to come back, he felt that no one was going to talk to him nor there would be anyone who would befriend him. This negativity finally brought about his end.
- 10. 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 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.