

Short Answer Questions:-

Q1. How does Lomov come to Chubukov's house? Why does he come?

Ans- Lomov comes to Chubukov's house in evening dress with gloves on. He comes to propose to his daughter Natalya.

Q2. What is the state of mind of Lomov immediately after Chubukov's reaction to his offer of marrying Natalya?

Ans- Lomov is trembling all over due to nervousness. He says that if he goes for an ideal or real love he will never get married. He says that Natalya is an excellent housekeeper. He feels that he is 35. Now he must lead a quiet and regular life.

Q3. How does Natalya excite Lomov to the point of verbal fighting ?

Ans- Natalya doesn't agree to the point that Oxen Meadows are not theirs. She says that up to that she thought Lomov was a good neighbour and friend. This excited Lomov to the point of verbal fighting.

Q4. How does Lomov react when Chubukov says he is not used to misbehaviour by youngmen like Lomov?

Ans- Lomov reacts saying that Chubukov calls his own. Then he wants to be talked to calmly and politely. He says that good neighbour don't behave like that. He is now excited. Out of excitement he says that Chubukov is not a neighbour but a 'grabber'.

Q5. How does Lomov contradict Natalya's saying that their dog squeezer is better than his ?

Ans- Lomov contradicts Natalya's saying. Saying that on the Marusinsky hunt Guess ran neck- to-neck with his count's dog. But Squeezer was very much left behind. Secondly the dogs ran after a fox. But Squeezer went after a sheep.

Q6. How do Lomov and Chubukov fight after talking about dogs etc ?

Ans- Chubukov says that Lomov should sit at

home with his heart beats. He is not at all a hunter. Lomov replies that he goes hunting to intrigue only. This starts their verbal fight. Lomov calls him 'Intriguer' Chubukov calls him "pup". and Lomov calls him a fool' etc.

Q7. What do you learn about Natalya from the play "The proposal" ?

Ans- Natalya is a young girl and is waiting desperately for marriage. She is very talkative and dominating. She fights verbally with Lomov. It proves that she is adamant on her points. But she springs with joy when She learns that Lomov has come to propose to her.

Q8. What does Natalya say to prove that Oxen Meadows are theirs?

Ans- Natalya says that Oxen Meadows have been theirs for long. They had the land for nearly three hundred years. These Meadows are not worth much to her. They are worth perhaps 300 roubles.

Q9. How does Chubukov assert that the Oxen Meadows are theirs?

Ans- Chubukov says that he doesn't want anything from Lomov's. But he won't give up what is his. Chubukov says that peasants didn't pay Lomov's grandmother. It was because the meadows were in dispute. Everybody knows that they are theirs. Moreover, Lomov hasn't seen the plan.

Long Answer questions :-

Q1. Why did Lomov visit Chubukov? Was it a Successful visit ?

Ans- Lomov goes to Chubokov's house to propose Natalya. He is in his evening dress. Chubukov receives him warmly. It is because Lomov is the most suitable husband for his daughter. So Chubukov shows his extreme love and joy at his coming to his house. However, before it Chubukov thinks that Lomov has come to borrow money. Chubokov asks him to speak about the purpose. He then says that he came to ask for Natalya's hand, Chubukov is pleased to hear it. He embraces Lomov and kisses

him. This is a successful visit.

Q2 . Write a brief character sketch of Lomov.

Ans- Lomov is a neighbour of Chubukov . He is a large and hearty fellow but is very suspicious. He is a young unmarried fellow. He visits Chubukov to propose to his daughter for marriage. He is well-dressed. He doesn't have the courage to speak his heart to Chubukov. However he speaks it but takes the matter in another direction. Natalya comes and both start fighting verbally over Oxen Meadows. The issue of marriage takes secondary place so Lomov gives importance to other unimportant things. When he enters again he starts fighting over his dog Guess. Lomov is more conscious of unrelated things. He is a weak- hearted person. In the end, both agree to marry.

Comprehension Questions:-

A. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow:

It's cold.. I'm trembling all over, just as if I'd got an examination before me. The great thing is, I must have my mind made up. If I give myself time to think, to hesitate, to talk a lot, to look for an ideal, or for real love, then I'll never get married. Brr... It's cold! Natalya Stepanovna is an excellent housekeeper, not bad-looking, well-educated. What more do I want ? But I'm getting a noise in my ears from excitement. [Drinks] And it's impossible for me not to marry. In the first place, I'm already 35-a critical age, so to speak. In the second place, I ought to lead a quiet and regular life. I suffer from palpitations, I'm excitable and always getting awfully upset; at this very moment my lips are trembling, and there's a twitch in my right eyebrow.

Q1. Why is Lomov trembling?

Ans- Lomov is trembling because he wants to propose to Natalya but he is getting nervous.

Q2. Why does he want to marry at once?

Ans- He wants to marry at once because he is already 35 years old. Also he wants to lead a quiet and regular life.

Q3. What does he think of Natalya?

Ans- He thinks Natalya can be a good wife. She is an excellent housekeeper, educated and not bad-looking.

Q4. Name the ailments he suffers.

Ans- He suffers from palpitations i.e violent heart beatings.

Q5. Find a word from the passage that means 'to shake due to cold or fear'.

Ans- Trembling

B. LOMOV: But you can see from the documents, honoured Natalya Stepanovna. Oxen Meadows, it's true, were once the subject of dispute, but now everybody knows that they are mine. There's nothing to argue about. You see, my aunt's grandmother gave the free use of these Meadows in perpetuity to the peasants of your father's grandfather in return for which they were to make bricks for her. The peasants belonging to your father's grandfather had the free use of the Meadows for forty years, and had got into the habit of regarding them as their own, when it happened. that...

NATALYA: No, it isn't at all like that! Both grandfather and great grandfather reckoned that their land extended to Burnt Marsh- which means that Oxen Meadows were ours. I don't see what there is to argue about. It's simply silly!

Q1. Why does Lomov say that Natalya can see the documents ?

Ans- Lomov says so as a proof to the fact that Oxen Meadows are his.

Q2. For what did Lomov's aunt's grandfather give the Oxen Meadows to Natalya's father's grandfather?

Ans- He gave the Meadows in lieu of their making bricks for Lomov's aunt's grandmother.

Q3. Why does Natalya say that Oxen Meadows are theirs?

Ans- Natalya says so because her grandfather and great-grandfather thought that Oxen Meadows extended to Burnt Marsh.

Q4. What is simply silly here?

Ans- It is simply silly to believe that Oxen Meadows are of Lomov.

Q5. Find a word from the passage that means 'argument'.

Ans- Dispute

C. NATALYA :I can make you a present of them myself, because they're mine! Your behavior, Ivan Vassilevitch, is strange, to say the least! Up to this we have always thought of you as a good neighbour, a friend; last year we lent you our threshing-machine, although on that account we had to put off our own threshing till November, but you behave to us as if we were gypsies. Giving me my own land, indeed! No, really, that's not at all neighbourly! In my opinion, it's even impudent, if you want to know.

LOMOV: Then you make out that I'm a land-grabber? Madam, never in my life have I grabbed anybody else's land and I shan't allow anybody to accuse me of having done so.

[Quickly steps to the carafe and drinks more water] Oxen Meadows are mine!

Q1. What can Natalya make a present of?

Ans- Natalya can make a present of Oxen Meadows to Lomov.

Q2. What is not 'at all neighbourly'?

Ans- Giving Natalya's own land to Lomov is not at all neighbourly.

Q3. According to Lomov what Natalya is accusing him of?

Ans- Lomov says that Natalya is accusing him of being a land-grabber.

Q4. What is the quarrel between Natalya and Lomov about?

Ans- Natalya and Lomov are quarreling over the ownership of Oxen Meadows. Each claims to be their owner.

Q5. Find a word from the passage that means 'gift'.

Ans- Present

MCQ

Q1. Who is squeezed between Lomov and Natalya emotionally?

- a. Natalya's father b. Natalya's mother
c. Natalya's brother d. Natalya's friend

Q2. How much are the Meadows worth

- a. 100 roubles b. 200 roubles

- c. 300 roubles d. 500 roubles

Q3. What is the dispute over ?

- a. Over Oxen Meadows
b. Over Pigs
c. Over Buffalo
d. None of the above

Q4. What defect does Guess have ?

- a. lame
b. old age
c. short in the muzzle
d. all of them

Q5. According to Lomov, what would be good enough for buying a Squeezer ?

- a. 60 Roubles b. 25 Roubles
c. 35 Roubles d. 40 Roubles

Q6. The play is set in which country?

- a. India b. France
c. Russia d. Japan

Q7. What had Natalya been doing when Lomov called for her?

- a. cleaning the house
b. washing clothes
c. shelling peas
d. cooking food

Q8. What do they argue about after holding each other's hands?

- a. dogs b. land
c. marriage venue d. the cuisine

Q9. What was the topic of the second argument?

- a. land b. the Proposal
c. the dogs d. none

10. Who is the writer of the play 'The Proposal'?

- a. Robert Frost b. Anton Chekhov
c. Carolyn Wells d. Robin Klein

Answer Key

- a. Natalya's father
- c. 300 roubles
- a. Over Oxen Meadows
- d. all of them
- b. 25 Roubles
- c. Russia
- c. shelling peas
- a. dogs
- c. the dogs
- b. Anton Chekhov