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Class:X

Subject:English

Topic: The Necklace

Answer the following questions

Q1. The course of the Loiseles' life changed due to the necklace. Comment.

Ans. It takes Loiseles a decade to pay back the money they borrowed to buy the necklace. And it changed everything for them. They had to move to the poorest quarters of the city. With no maids or assistance, Matilda had to cook, clean, mend, sew, bargain with the grocer and butcher to save every penny just for mere survival. The husband had to work in the evening and night to pay off their debt. In this way, the course of the Loiseles' life changed due to the necklace.

Q2. What changes occurred in Mme. Loisel after ten years?

Ans. After a period of ten years, Madame Loisel changed into a humble, industrious woman, who no longer dreamt about being rich. She began to work hard for everything she earned. After losing the necklace, Madame Loisel sacrificed her comfortable lifestyle and discards her desire. to be entitled. She experienced the hardship of being poor and transformed into an old-looking, frugal woman.

Q3. Why did Madam Loisel leave the ball in a hurry? What does it show about her character?

Ans. Madam Loisel left the ball in a hurry because her husband threw a modest wrap around her shoulders. Its poverty and inadequacy, clashed with the elegance of the ball costume. She did not want to be noticed by the other women who had wrapped themselves in rich furs. It shows. her discontentment, vanity, inferiority complex, hypocrisy, and frustration at being placed in the lower economic strata of society.

Q4. How did M. Loisel and Madam Loisel manage to buy a diamond necklace to return it to Madam Forestier? What were the consequences?

Ans. Mr Loisel and Madam Loisel spent all their savings, i.e. eighteen thousand francs, which his father had saved for him. They borrowed the rest of the money from usurers with ruinous promises. They had to arrange 36,000 francs for the new diamond necklace. All this ruined their life. Mme Loisel had to do all odd jobs to save money. They had to change there lodgings. Mr Loisel had to work till late at night after office hours, putting the books of some merchant or to copy pages at five soups a page to earn extra money.

Q5. Matilda realised that one little act of negligence can lead to total ruin. How would you prefer to be guided to move on in life?

Ans. Matilda lost the necklace that she borrowed from Mme. Forestier. She had to buy a new necklace for thirty-six thousand francs which ruined all her savings. She had to change her lodgings and do all odd jobs like washing, cleaning and shopping grocery while her husband had to do extra work of copying after his office time. She lost all her charisma and beauty. Now, she realised that one little act of negligence can lead to total ruin. We must prefer to move on in life according to the situation. If we had committed any mistake, we have to pay for it. And we should pay it bravely. There is no harm in doing any household jobs or in earning extra money after office time. If we can live in a big house, we should learn to live in a small one too with the demand of time.