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Class: X

Subject: English

Topic: The Proposal

Q1. Natalya was not Lomov's real love. But still, he wanted to marry her. Give two reasons for his decision.

Ans. Although Lomov was not in love with Natalya, he wanted to marry her because he was suffering with a weak heart and sleep-sickness. He wanted a companion who could look after him. He was also getting old, so he thought waiting for real love or an ideal was not a good decision.

Q2. What justification did Lomov give to Natalya and Chubukov to prove that he is the rightful owner of Meadows?

Ans. Lomov told Natalya and Chubukov that his aunt's grandmother gave the Meadows for the temporary and free use of Chubukov's grandfather's peasants. So, he is the rightful owner of the Oxen Meadows.

Q3. Natalya calls Lomov a landgrabber'. Justify the statement.

Ans. Lomov and Natalya argue over the ownership of Oxen Meadows. Natalya calls him a 'landgrabber' as he claims his ownership over it. Lomov says that he is not a landgrabber as he has never done so and would never let anyone do so.

Q4. Neighbours must have a cordial relationship which Lomov and Natalya do not have, Describe the first fight between them.

Ans. Neighbours must have a cordial relationship which Lomov and Natalya do not have. Although he had come there to propose Natalya, he started fighting with her over a small piece of land. This land adjoined her land and touched her birchwoods. Natalya told Lomov that Oxen Meadows belonged to her, but Lomov claimed that the Oxen Meadows were his. Lomov tried to convince Natalya by telling her that his aunt's grandmother gave the Meadows for temporary and free use to Chubukov's grandfather's peasants. They did not demand money for it for a long time, so the Chubukov's misunderstood that the Meadows belonged to them. While Chubukov insisted that yelling could not prove anything because everyone knows that Meadows belong to Chubukov, since last three hundred years. Both threatened each other.

Q5. Bring out the humorous element in the one-act play, 'The Proposal'.

Ans. The one-act play, 'The Proposal' is full of humorous element. The characters in the play behave ridiculously. Lomov comes to propose to Natalya. But he cannot talk in a straight-forward manner. He beats about the bush. He starts quarrelling with her over a piece of land. When he comes back, he quarrels about the superiority of his dog. Chubukov is also a humorous character. He knows that Lomov has come to ask for his daughter's hand in marriage, even then he quarrels with him. We laugh at the words used by them and their behaviour. The sudden marriage of Lomov and Natalya induces laughter. Chubukov puts his daughter's hand in Lomov's in a foolish manner. Lomov is a comic character. His complaints about his poor health, provoke laughter. Thus, the play gives us a lot of laughter.





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