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Revision Notes

Integrated Questions

Q1. (A) Even though Mrs Packletide of 'Mrs Packletide's Tiger' is not honest in her desire to get fame and name, she is better than Amelia Slater in the play 'The Dear Departed'. Elaborate the statement in about 150 words.

(References 'Mrs Packletide's Tiger' and 'The Dear Departed')

Ans. Mrs Packletide wanted to outshine Loona Bimberton's feat of obtaining a tiger skin. So, she decided to kill a tiger. She arranged to pay the villagers ₹1000 so that they would arrange for a weak and an old tiger which she could shoot easily. They also arranged to keep a bleating goat near-by. Mrs Packletide was not a professional hunter. So, when she took her shot, it wounded and killed the goat. The tiger suffered a heart failure and died. Neither the villagers nor her paid companion Miss Mebbin, disclosed this fact because they had been paid for it. Mrs Packletide's photographs appeared in magazines and newspapers. She got name and fame but not honestly.

Amelia Slater in the play, 'The Dear Departed' played the role of an unfaithful and dishonest daughter. After the supposed death of her father, Mr Abel Merryweather, she wanted to grab everything including a bureau, a clock and his slippers before her sister Mrs Elizabeth Jordan arrived. Without a qualm of her conscience she shows her insensitivity towards her family relationship.

Q2. The frog in the poem 'The Frog and the Nightingale' represents evil in society, in the same way Amelia and Elizabeth represent the ungrateful and selfish children with a slight twist in the end. Discuss in 150 words.

(References 'The Dear Departed' and 'The Frog and the Nightingale')

Ans. 'The Dear Departed' depicts a tragic situation that has become very common in today's world. The author presents the idea of degrading moral values in the middle-class society. Amelia and Elizabeth have no feelings for their father even after his death. They just try to grab the belongings of their father who is presumed to have died. Materialism has so much affected the modern man's life that even the respectful relationship between father and daughters has become tainted with it.



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The frog in the poem 'The Frog and the Nightingale' exploits the Nightingale to sing, and then charges fee for its training and then ultimately becomes the reason of its death. Innocent but talented Nightingale becomes a victim of the wicked frog.

Abel Merryweather, the father understands the selfish motive of his daughters, and so, changes the will and gives not a single penny to them. However, the Nightingale in the poem does not understand the evil motive of the frog and becomes a victim of his cruelty which leads to its death.

Q3. Ali in the story 'The Letter' is a hunter in his young days, whereas Mrs Packletide in 'Mrs Packletide's Tiger' also shoots a tiger. However, motives of both the characters are different. Discuss.

(References The Letter and 'Mrs Packletide's Tiger')

Ans. The motive of Ali shooting a bird was just to enjoy hunting, whereas the motive of Mrs. Packletide shooting a tiger was to dissipate the fame of her rival Loona Bimberton.

Ali was a clever shikari. Whenever he saw a Partridge or a rabbit it was sure that the next moment it would be in his bag. His aim was so sure. However, after his daughter got married and went away with her husband to live in Punjab, Ali felt very lonely. It was then he realized the pain young Partridge felt on being separated from its parents. He no longer enjoyed the game of hunting because he could now understand the grief the parents of the hunted animal went through after getting separated from the young ones.

Mrs. Packletide was jealous of her rival, Loona Bimberton. In order to outclass her, Mrs. Packletide decided to hunt a tiger and gain media coverage through her pictures.

Ali was a skilled hunter whereas, Mrs. Packletide was a poor hunter. Instead of shooting the tiger, she shot a goat. While Ali got pleasure in shooting animals and birds, Mrs. Packletide got name and fame by shooting a tiger. Ali gave up shooting after his daughter's marriage, and Mrs. Packletide gave up shooting because incidental expenses were heavy.

