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Class : XI

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Chapter- Mother's Day

Answer the following questions

Q1. What advice did Mrs. Fitzgerald give to Annie?

Ans: Mrs. Fitzgerald was very bold and dominating in nature; she knew how to control the family members. So, Mrs. Fitzgerald felt that it was time for Annie to set her family right and teach them a lesson. Mrs. Fitzgerald advised her to put her foot down and be the 'boss' in her family.

Q2. What was wrong in the Mrs. Annie Pearson's family?

Ans: The members of the Annie's family, George (her husband), Doris and Cyril (her children) are self-centred and take Annie for granted whereas she takes care of all their needs without demanding anything. Annie tolerates their behaviour but she wants her presence and work to be acknowledged by all family members.

Q3. Do you agree that Doris and Cyril's behaviour with their mother was extremely rude and unheard of?

Ans: Yes, Doris and Cyril were extremely rude to their mother. We generally don't see children speaking to their mother in such a rude manner. Their words "Is tea ready?" and "You are going to iron it for me" are rude and demanding. This shows that the children were extremely selfish, badly behaved and self-centred. They ordered their mother as if she was their servant.

Q4. How did Annie plan to spend her weekends in future?

Ans: Annie informs her children that she would also work for only eight hours a day and take two days off every week on Saturday and Sunday. She said that on these days she would do some work only and that also will depend upon how she was treated and requested to do the work.

Q5. Mrs. Annie Pearson and Mrs. Fitzgerald are totally opposite to each other in their attitude. Show the difference in their personalities.

Ans: Mrs. Annie Pearson is submissive, soft-spoken and wears a worried look as she is being treated more like a slave than like a mother or wife.

Mrs. Fitzgerald is well-versed in many arts, bold and strong in her opinion and knows how to make people behave properly.

Mrs. Annie Pearson does not want to hurt anyone but Mrs. Fitzgerald wants to bring discipline in the family, even if the members feel bad or hurt for some time.

Q6. Mother is the axis around whom the family revolves. Mother should always be respected. Elaborate.

Ans: A mother is expected to give her whole life to her family. A mother is someone who holds a family together, because it is up to her to provide the love, care, attention and support needed. She is a good listener, problem solver and guide, as well as being always available for her children..

Unfortunately, so many times a mother's love is not reciprocated the way it should have been. Some children do not recognise the importance of what their mother is doing for them. They do not take into account the sacrifices she makes so that her children could be reared in the best possible way.

As children grow up, they want to be totally independent and consider their mother's concern an interference, not wanting to be checked at any point of time. Some children are so self-centred that they even insult their mother, which is totally unacceptable. A mother demands respect and at any cost it should be given by her family members in return for what a mother does for them.

Q7. Today, a woman shoulders all the responsibilities at home as well as outside. but she is still exploited. Write an article in 120-150 words, expressing your views on the 'Need for Woman Empowerment'.

You may begin like this.....

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Need for Women Empowerment

Today's woman shoulders all the responsibilities, at home as well as outside as she is educated, responsible and can take independent decisions. But still the subject of empowerment of women is a burning issue all over the world, including India.

Inequality between men and women and discrimination against women have been age old issues. But women are still exploited, as men refuse to accept the rising status of women.

They try to find ways to insult women and degrade them. People still treat women as a commodity or means of entertainment and not as an individual who should be respected.

Laws are there to protect women. But unless every human being is taught to respect one another and treat everyone as equals, woman empowerment seems a distant dream.

