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## NOTES

Class - VII

Subject - English

Topic – A House With a grey gate

- A. 1. The old woman is expecting someone.
  - 2. Nobody comes to the house anymore because everyone has moved away and are busy in their own lives. They don't have time to visit the old people anymore.
  - 3. The old people still have hopes of someone coming to visit them because whenever the gate creaks due to wind or age, they still peer through their curtained windows expectantly.
- B. 1. The two reasons for the creaking of the gate are wind and age. The gate is slightly off one hinge and always open, so it keeps creaking.
  - 2. The little house is surrounded by skyscrapers. This tells us that the old people have settled and grown roots in their little house, and refuse to leave, even though the area around them has developed and is surrounded by skyscrapers. They are stubborn and refuse to leave their home.
  - 3. The old woman knits and the old man sometimes cleans the garden. This tells us that old people live according to a set routine and daily pattern of life.
  - 4. The open gate signifies that the old people are expecting someone to come and visit them any time. We keep our gate open when we are expecting guests to visit us.
- 5. Surface meaning: A street full of skyscrapers

Deeper meaning: The pressures of urban development and a modernized way of life

Surface meaning: Planted seeds that have now grown roots and become plants and trees

Deeper meaning: The old couple had settled into their home and way of life, and refused to leave even amidst all the urban development taking place around them.