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CLASS 10th ENGLISH

FIRST FLIGHT

THE PROPOSAL

RAPID REVISION



The Proposal

→ Anton Chekov

- Lomov — 35 y/o — marriage proposal
- Chubukov — N' father — झगड़ालू
- Natalya — 25 y/o housewife



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1. The play is set in the house of Stepan Stepanovitch Chubukov, where his daughter, Natalya Stepanovna, lives.



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Setting of the play

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Chubukov's house



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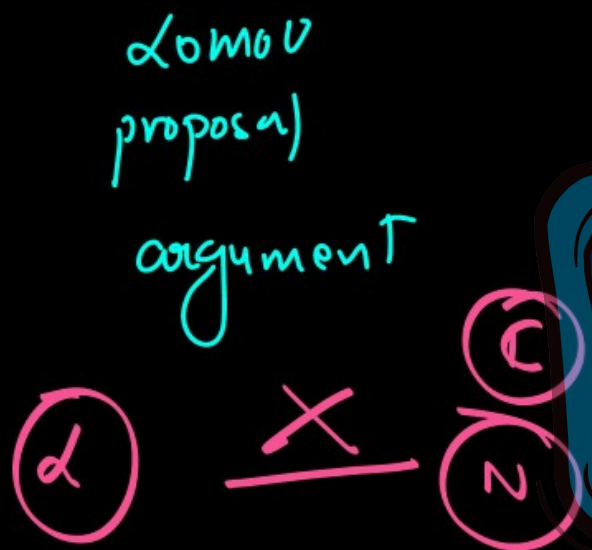

2. Ivan Vassilevitch Lomov, a neighbor, comes to propose to Natalya, but he is immediately caught up in an argument over Oxen Meadows, a piece of land that both Lomov and Chubukov's family claim ownership of.

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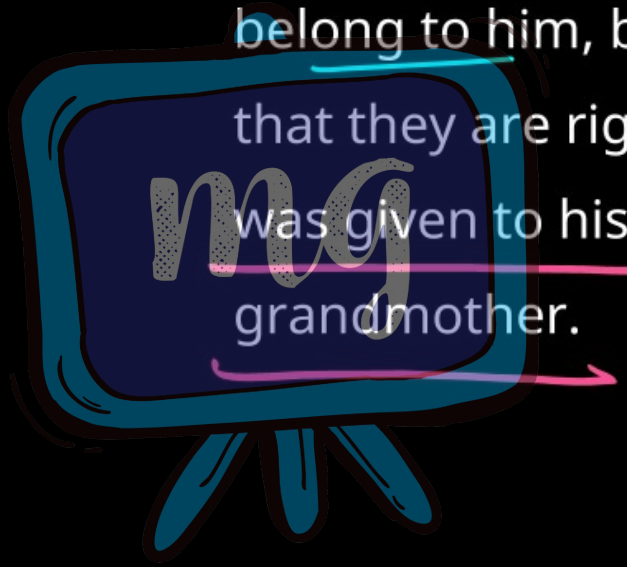
3. Lomov insists that Oxen Meadows belong to him, but Chubukov argues that they are rightfully his, as the land was given to his family by his grandmother.



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4. Lomov tries to prove his ownership of the land, but Chubukov dismisses him and refuses to acknowledge his claim.

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Lomov has a medical condition.

5. As the argument escalates, Lomov starts to feel faint, claiming that his heart is palpitating and that his foot has gone to sleep. / numb.



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6. In the midst of the chaos, Natalya demands that the mowers be sent to Oxen Meadows, further aggravating the situation.



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7. Lomov accuses Chubukov of wanting to cheat him out of the land, and Chubukov retaliates by insulting Lomov and bringing up the past, including calling his family dishonest.

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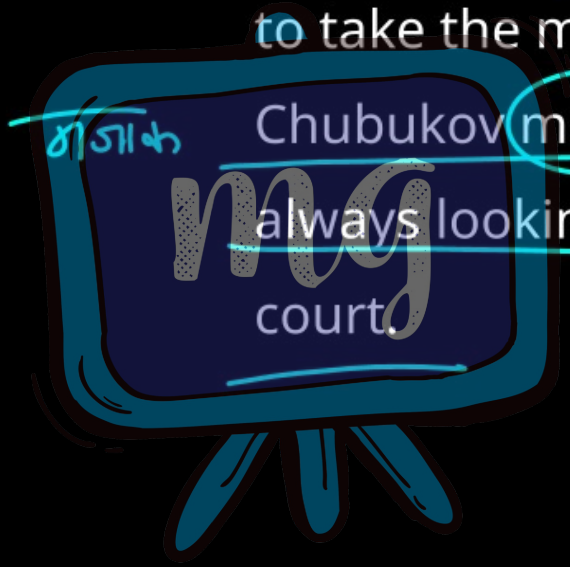
8. Lomov, in his physical distress, threatens to take the matter to court, but Chubukov mocks him, saying he's always looking for an excuse to go to court.



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9. The argument takes a wild turn as both Lomov and Chubukov insult each other's ancestors and family members.



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10. Lomov, feeling overwhelmed, collapses, and both Natalya and Chubukov believe he has died from the stress of the situation.

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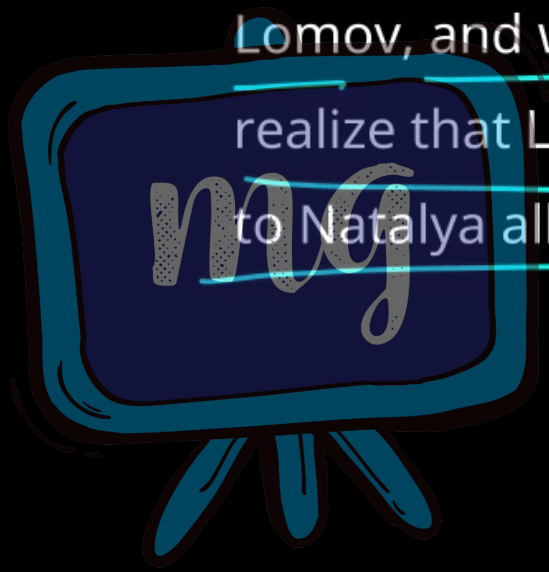
11. In a panic, Chubukov decides to fetch Lomov, and when he returns, they all realize that Lomov had come to propose to Natalya all along.



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12. Chubukov, seeing an opportunity,

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hurriedly gives his blessing to the आशीर्वाद

marriage and urges Lomov and Natalya

to kiss.



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13. However, even after agreeing to marry, the bickering continues. Lomov and Natalya argue about their dogs—Lomov's dog Guess and Natalya's dog Squeezer.

whose dog is a better hunter ?

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14. Lomov insists that Guess is a better hunting dog, but Natalya argues that Squeezer is far superior. The argument intensifies, with both sides refusing to back down.

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15. In the end, Chubukov, frustrated and exhausted, tries to calm the situation by offering champagne, but Lomov and Natalya are still caught up in their ridiculous argument, even as they're newly engaged.

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what to prepare?

1. Basic storyline (1 reading of the chapter)
2. Character sketch (4 points each)
3. Basic question – answer framework.



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Questions – Answer

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1. Why does Chubukov suspect the arrival of Lomov?



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Answer :

- Chubukov thinks Lomov has come to borrow money.
- He thinks this because Lomov acts very nervous and formal.

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Q.2 What impression do you draw from the character of Natalya? (2017)



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Strong willed

Answer :

- She is strong-willed, quick-tempered, and a bit stubborn.
- She cares deeply about her family's land and property.
- Despite arguing, she can be hospitable and practical.

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Q.3 Draw a character sketch of Natalya.

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Answer :

- She is a 25-year-old woman who is hard to sway.
- She is very emotional, reactive, and loves to argue about property.
- She values family pride and status.

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learning – points

writing – paragraph



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Q.4 Write the character sketch of Lomov.

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Answer :

- He is a 35-year-old wealthy man who is very nervous and excitable.
- He wants to marry for peace and comfort rather than true love.
- He worries a lot about his health and heart palpitations.

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Q.5 How did the Chubukovs prove themselves as good neighbours to Lomov?



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Answer :

- Chubukov warmly welcomes Lomov into his home.
- He treats him like family and shows great happiness when Lomov proposes.

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Q.6 How does the play 'The Proposal' conclude? (end)



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Answer :

- The play ends with a lot of confusion and funny arguments.
- The couple gets engaged while still fighting over small matters like land and dogs.

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Q.7 Why does Lomov want to marry Natalya?



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Answer :

- He wants to marry because he is already 35 years old and wants a quiet, steady life.
- He believes Natalya is a good housekeeper and an average-looking, educated woman.

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Q.8 What are the names of the pets (dogs) owned by Lomov and Natalya?

Lomov –

Natalya –



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Answer :

- Lomov's dog is named Guess.
- Natalya's dog is named Squeezer.



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Q.9 How does the argument shift from land to dogs in the play?

Oxen Meadow
↓
dogs



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Answer : After a fight where Lomov faints and recovers, Chubukov tries to smooth things over by getting Natalya and Lomov to agree to the marriage. However, right after sealing the engagement, the conversation turns toward their hunting dogs. Lomov criticizes Natalya's dog Squeezer for being overshot and lame, while Natalya defends Squeezer and calls Lomov's dog Guess old and worn out, triggering a brand-new argument.

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Q.10 What message or satire does Anton Chekhov convey through this play?



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Anton Chekov
व्यंग्य – Satire

Answer : Through The Proposal, Anton Chekhov satirizes the upper-class society of 19th-century Russia, where marriages were often treated as business arrangements for property expansion and social status rather than unions built on love. The playwright highlights how human beings often ruin peaceful moments by fighting over petty, meaningless things like strips of land and hunting dogs, turning romance into pure farce.

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Q.11 Who is the author/playwright of the play 'The Proposal'?

A. Ruskin Bond

B. Anton Chekhov

C. Robert Frost

D. Sinclair Lewis

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Q.12 What is the disputed piece of land that Lomov and Natalya fight over?

A. Green Valley

B. Oxen Meadows

C. Birch Woods

D. Golden Fields

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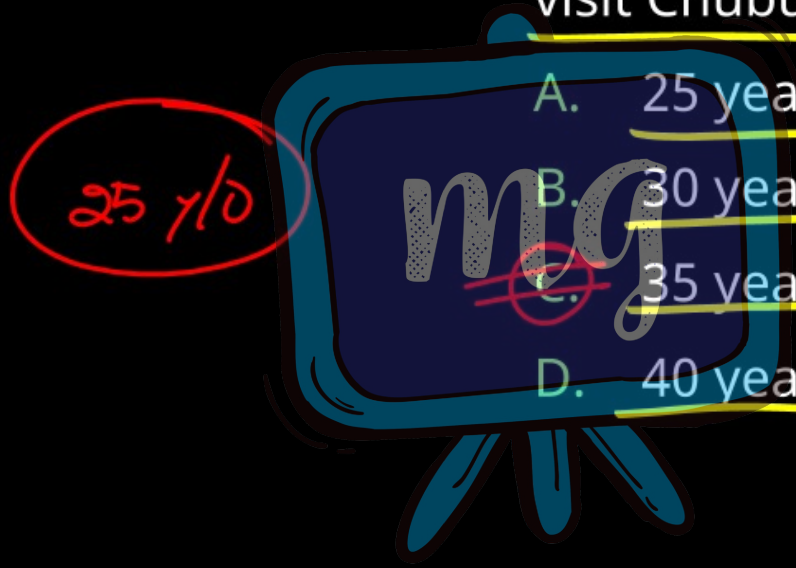
Q.13 How old is Lomov when he goes to visit Chubukov?

A. 25 years old

B. 30 years old

C. 35 years old

D. 40 years old



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Q.14 What physical problem does Lomov frequently complain about during his visit?

A. Severe toothache

B. Heart palpitations and a numb foot

C. Migraine and dizziness

D. Back pain