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A LETTER TO GOD

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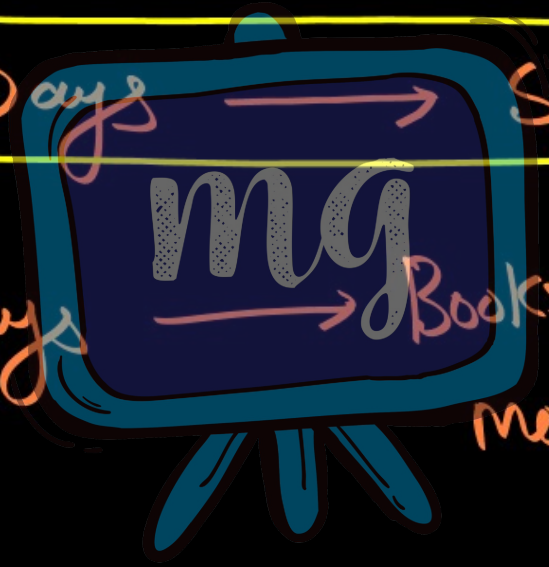

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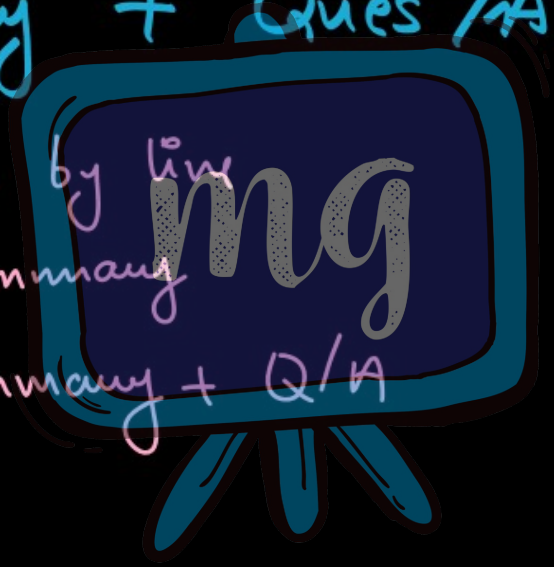
Summary + Ques/Ans

Line by line

Summary

Summary + Q/A



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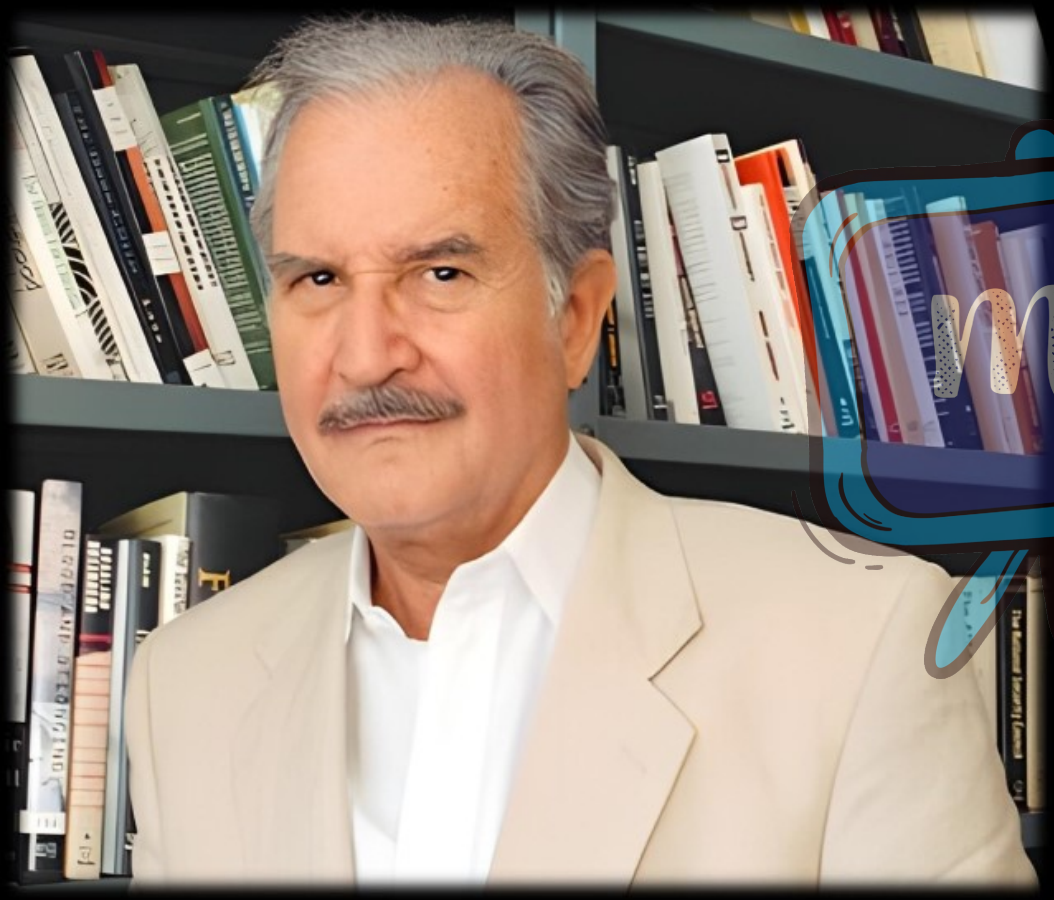

The story, "A Letter to God" by **G.L. Fuentes** depicts the unwavering faith of a farmer in God. Lencho who writes a letter to God when his crops are ruined, asking for a hundred pesos.

G. L. Fuentes

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Lencho - faith

PM - Kind man

Setting and Characters:

- **Lencho:** A hardworking farmer living in a solitary (एकान्त) house in a valley (घाटी).
- **Family:** Lencho's wife and children.
- **Postmaster:** A kind-hearted man who works at the local post office.

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Lencho's Hope and Despair

I



Lencho - a dedicated (समर्पित) farmer, was expecting a decent harvest (फ़सल). He had been hoping for a downpour (भारी वर्षा) or at least a shower to nourish (स्वस्थ बनाना) his field of corn. To his utmost excitement (अत्यधिक उत्साह) and as he predicted, rainfall happened and

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Lencho – बारिश

खेत (corn)

बारिश – बूँदें = सिक्के

(बूँदें से फसल,

फसल से सिक्के)

he compared the raindrops with 'new coins' as it was going to yield him huge profits. He called the big rain-drops ten cent pesos and the small rain-drops five-cent pesos.

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बारिश
↓
ओले

But sooner, it turned into a hailstorm (ओलावृष्टि) destroying (नष्ट) his entire field, leaving his field covered in white as if it were covered with salt. (नमक)



Lencho – hope – rain

Rain – drops = coins

Rain → Hails

Field of corn destroy



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Question – Answer

2 marks

Q.1 What did Lencho hope for?



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Answer: Lencho hoped for rain as the only thing that his field of corn needed was a shower.

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3 marks

Q.2 What does Lencho call the rain-drops?



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Answer: He calls the raindrops, 'new coins.' He compares the big rain-drops to ten cent pesos and the small rain-drops to five-cent pesos.

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3 marks

Q.3 What were the raindrops compared to and why?

OR

Why did Lencho say “the raindrops were like new coins"? [2022]

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Answer: All Lencho wanted was a downpour or a shower for good harvest. And raindrops would have helped in getting a better harvest, resulting in more prosperity and wealth, so Lencho compared them with new coins. He compared the big drops of rain to ten-cent pesos and the little ones to five-cent pesos.

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3

Q.4 Why did Lencho's happiness change into deep concern?

भारी चिंता



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Answer: As Lencho had predicted the rain did come. At mealtime, it came in the form of big drops. Naturally, the rain gladdened his heart. He could see better prospects of a good crop. However, his happiness was short-lived. Suddenly, a strong wind began to blow. The rain turned into big hailstones.

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The hailstones for an hour completely destroyed everything— leaves, trees, and the standing crops. Naturally, such a heavy loss put Lencho into a deep concern.

ओलों ने सबकुछ नष्ट कर दिया

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II

Despite the loss, he maintained unwavering (दृढ़) faith in God ("All through the night, Lencho thought only of his one hope: the help of God, whose eyes... see everything, even what is deep in one's conscience"). On a Sunday, he wrote a letter to God, requesting one hundred pesos to rebuild his fields.

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He put the letter into an envelope, went to town to post his letter addressed "To God" and dropped it into the mailbox.



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Lencho – टिड्डियों का प्रकोप (कम नुकसान)



- Additionally, the story mentions a plague of locusts (टिड्डियों का प्रकोप) as a comparison to the damage caused by the hailstorm. Lencho believed that even a plague of locusts would have left more behind than the hailstorm. This comparison emphasizes the severity (गंभीरता) of the damage and the despair (निराशा) felt by Lencho and his family.

Loncho – destroyed (a plague of -->

Faith on God – Sunday (letter) 100 pesos)



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Question – Answer

2 marks

Q.5 What did Lencho demand in his letter to God?

OR

How much money did Lencho need? [UPMSP 2019]

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Answer: In his letter, Lencho demanded one hundred pesos from God.



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Q.6 Who does Lencho have complete faith in?



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Answer: Lencho has complete faith in God.



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Write

Q.7 The sentences that shows Lencho's faith in God.



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Answer: Lencho has complete faith in God. The sentences are: "All through the night, Lencho thought only of his one hope: the help of God, whose eyes... see everything, even what is deep in one's conscience".

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3m

Q.8 'A plague of locusts would have left more than this'. Explain this line.



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Answer: "A plague of locusts would have left more than this" reflects Lencho's intense frustration and despair after a hailstorm completely destroys his crops. Locusts, while devastating, typically leave some crops behind, but the hailstorm has not left a single leaf.

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Q.9 Why were Lencho and his family in distress? Whom did he ask for help?

OR

→ What was Lencho's problem?

→ What was his only hope?

[UPMSP 2018]

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Problem
↓
damaged crops

Help – God

Answer: Lencho's crops were completely destroyed by the hailstones. He feared that he and his family would go hungry. He had no one to help but he had full faith in God whose eyes see everything. He wrote a letter to God asking for a hundred pesos to sow the crop and live until the next harvest.

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God

↓

Post office



Q.10 What was the address written and how was the letter sent to God?

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Answer: Lencho had an unshaken faith in God and His mercy. Therefore, he decided to write a letter to God for help. He wrote 'To God' on the envelope and put the letter inside. He went to the post office and placed a stamp on the letter. Finally, he dropped it into the mailbox.

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Postman → Postmaster

The Postmaster And The Charity



III

When the postman took out the letter from the mailbox, he laughed heartily after seeing the address (to God) and reading it. He immediately rushed to the postmaster and showed him the strange letter.

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Postmaster liked Lencho's faith in God.

The postmaster read the letter and laughed out loud in the same way. However he was moved by Lencho's faith in God at the same time. So he decided to answer the letter. He contributed (योगदान) from his salary and collected money from his employees and friends to send Lencho some funds. To his dismay (निराशा),

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he could only collect 70 pesos which he wrapped in an envelope and included a letter signed "God" to maintain Lencho's belief.

Postmaster did charity of 70 pesos

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Question – Answer

faith should not be broken

Q.1 Why did the postmaster decide to answer Lencho's letter to God?

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Answer: By doing so he wanted to protect Lencho's faith in God.



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Q.2 Was Lencho surprised to find a letter with money in it? Why/Why not?



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Answer: Lencho was not at all surprised to receive an envelope with money in it because he had utter faith in God. His unshakeable faith gave him firm confidence.

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6 marks

Q.3 Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? [2024]

OR

Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter 'God'? [2023]

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Lencho के faith को protect करें

Answer: The postmaster doesn't want that Lencho's faith in God should break. He, in fact, feels proud that Lencho has such a great faith in God. So he decided to send money to Lencho on behalf of God.

He signs the letter 'God' to make him believe that the letter and the pesos are sent by the 'God' Himself.

If he doesn't do so, Lencho might think differently.

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Q.4 Did Lencho try to find out who had sent the money to him? Why\Why not?

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Answer: Lencho did not try to find out who had sent the money to him. It was because he had complete faith in God. He, therefore was utterly sure that 'God' Himself had sent the letter along with the money he asked for.

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Q.5 Did the letter reach God?

Why did the postmaster send a reply to Lencho?



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Answer: No, the letter did not reach God. The postman saw the letter addressed to God. He took the letter to the postmaster. The postmaster did not want to shake Lencho's faith in God. So he sent a reply with seventy pesos to him.

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Q.6 How did the postmaster react when a postman showed him the letter to God?



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he laughed

Answer: When a postman received Lencho's letter, he laughed heartily and took that letter to the postmaster. The postmaster looked at the letter to God and laughed heartily too. However, he soon grew serious. He was impressed with the sender's faith in God who tried to correspond him. "What a faith"! he could utter only such words.

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One more letter →

Another Letter

IV

On Sunday, Lencho once again came to the post-office and asked if there was a letter for him. The postmaster took out the letter and handed it to Lencho. He was not surprised after seeing the money but became angry upon counting it.

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70 pesos



He believed that God could not make a mistake and the post office employees (कर्मचारी) must had taken the remaining thirty pesos. So, Lencho wrote another letter to God, asking for the remaining money but advised not to send it through the mail because he thought the post office employees were a bunch of 'crooks' (बदमाशों का झुंड).

Sunday — 30 pesos कम

one more letter (a bunch of crooks)

किसी और माध्यम से भेजना

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- The story highlights the power of faith and the human desire to find help in times of hardship.



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Question – Answer

Q.7 Who does Lencho think has taken the rest of the money?

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Answer: Lencho thinks that the rest of the money has been taken by the post office officers.

employees.



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Q.8 What does Lencho call the post-office employees?

OR

How did Lencho describe the post-office employees?



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Answer: He calls them “a bunch of crooks.”



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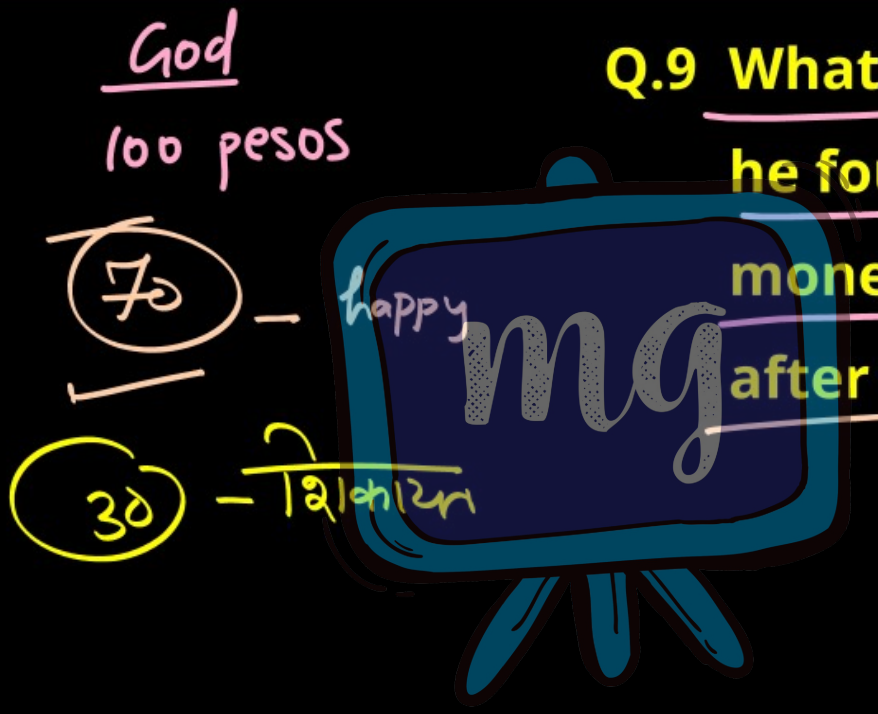

Q.9 What were the feelings when he found the letter with money in it? What did he do after opening the letter?

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Answer: Lencho was not at all surprised to see the money with the letter as he was fully confident about it. He knew that God would send money to him. On opening the letter he found seventy pesos instead of a hundred. So, he wrote another letter to God to send rest of the amount but now not through the mail as the post office employees were crooks.

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Q.10 Character Sketch of Lencho

[2022], [UPMSP 2020]



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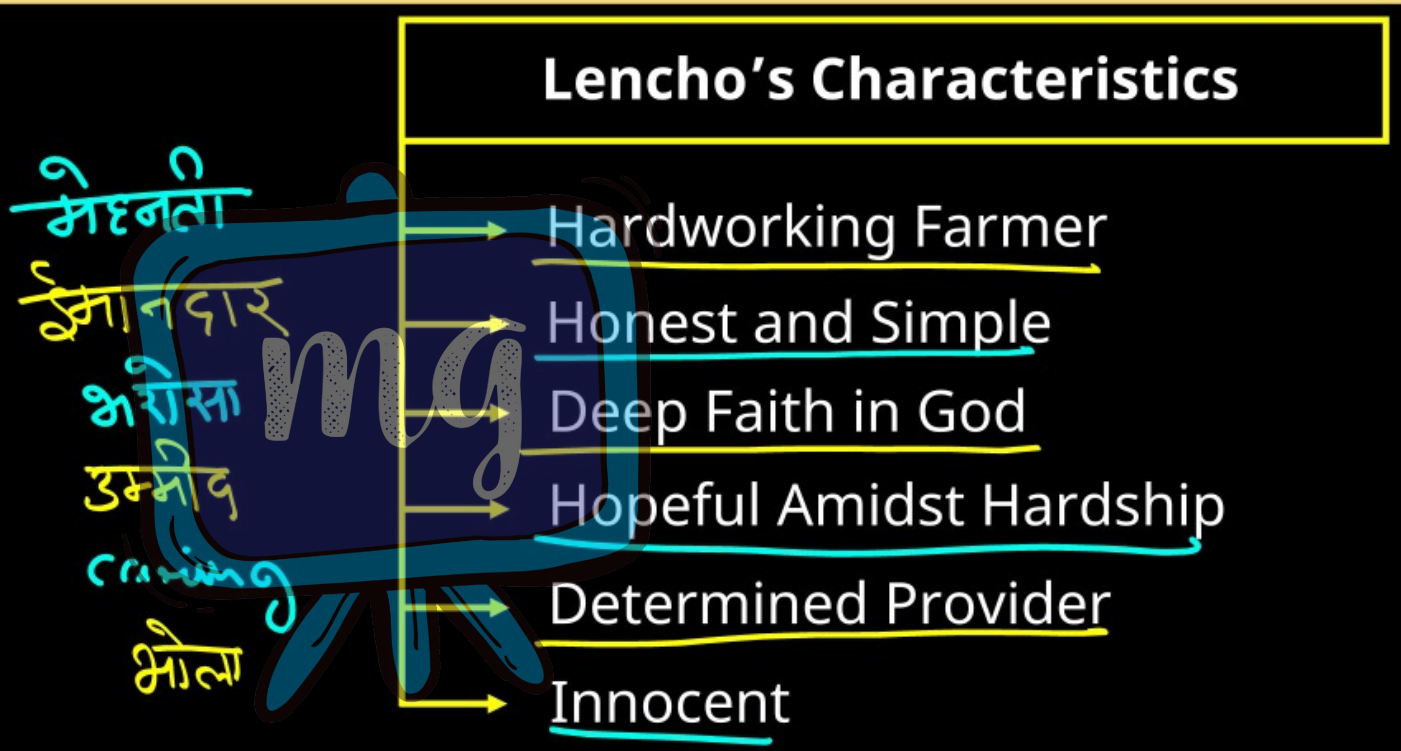

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Answer:

1. **Hardworking Farmer:** Lencho depends on the rain for his crops and works diligently in his fields.
2. **Honest and Simple:** He is straightforward in his actions and dealings, with a sincere nature.
3. **Deep Faith in God:** Lencho trusts profoundly in God's provision and guidance.

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4. **Hopeful Amidst Hardship:** Despite losing his crops to a hailstorm, he maintains hope and writes a letter to God.
5. **Determined Provider:** Lencho is resolute in his efforts to support his family, working tirelessly.
6. **Innocent:** He was innocent enough to believe that the letter was written by God Himself.

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PLOT SUMMARY

1. **Hailstorm:** A devastating hailstorm destroys Lencho's crops, leaving his family facing starvation.
2. **Letter to God:** Lencho writes a letter to God, expressing his faith and asking for 100 pesos to sow his fields again.

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3. **Postmaster's Intervention:** The postmaster, moved by Lencho's unwavering faith, decides to help.
4. **Collection of Money:** The postmaster gathers money from his employees and friends to send to Lencho.

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5. **Partial Fulfillment:** Due to limited funds, the postmaster can only send 70 pesos.
6. **Lencho's Accusation:** Lencho receives the money but becomes angry, believing the post office employees stole the remaining 30 pesos.

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Homework

1. Read the chapter from the book.
2. Learn the character sketch
3. Read all ques - ans.



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7. **Second Letter:** Lencho writes a second letter to God, accusing the post office of dishonesty.

