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## Chapter-9 | The Proposal Worksheet-2

### Multiple Choice Questions

- Why did Natalya declare the Oxen Meadows as Lomov's property In the second meet?**
  - She stood up for right and realized her mistake
  - She was declaring it in a sarcastic manner
  - She lost her interest in the Oxen Meadows
  - She got to know the authentic reason behind the visit of Lomov
- How many characters are there in the chapter The Proposal?**
  - Six
  - Two
  - Three
  - Five
- Who is the author of the chapter, 'The Proposal'?**
  - Anton Chekov
  - John Berryman
  - Gavin Maxwell
  - Robert Frost
- How many Roubles did Lomov give to Miranov for his dog?**
  - One hundred and thirty five Roubles
  - One hundred and twenty five Roubles
  - One hundred and twenty Roubles
  - One hundred and thirty Roubles
- What was the name of Natalya's dog?**
  - Guess
  - Tommy
  - Squeezer
  - Bruno
- What best describes the mood of the play?**
  - Foreboding
  - Melancholic
  - Tumultuous
  - Suspenseful
- Why Lomov and Natalya had an intense argument related to the Oxen Meadows?**
  - They didn't like that land
  - Both of them claimed their ownership on the Oxen Meadows and they were quarrelsome people
  - They liked to argue with each other
  - They had a court case related to Oxen Meadows
- What are the repercussions of giving a wrong answer to a riddle in order to get their bride?**
  - The Bride slaps the Groom
  - The Groom has to pay cash as a penalty to move ahead
  - The Groom has to be punished
  - The Groom loses his Bride

9. **Who in Lomov's family was a blatant mortal?**  
(a) Lomov's sister (b) Lomov's Mother  
(c) Lomov's younger aunt (d) Lomov's Great Grandfather
10. **What kind of riddles are presented in front of the groom in order to get his bride?**  
(a) Generally, Riddles related to the General knowledge.  
(b) Generic Easy riddles.  
(c) Riddles related to the bride.  
(d) Generally, difficult riddles.

### Fill in the blanks :

11. Lomov described Natalya as a good \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Chubukov called Lomov "my \_\_\_\_\_" when he realized Lomov had come to propose.

### True / False

13. Lomov considered his dog Guess to be inferior to Natalya's dog Squeezer.
14. The main reason Lomov wanted to marry Natalya was his deep and passionate love for her.

### Very Short Type Questions

15. Why do Lomov and Natalya quarrel with each other?
16. What does Chubukov say to Lomov about his being a hunter?

### Short Type Questions

17. What do you learn about Natalya from the play, 'The Proposal'?
18. Give brief pen-portrait highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of Lomov's character. Why can't he express himself like a calm and composed man?

### Essay Type Questions

19. What does Chubukov at first suspect that Lomov has come for? Is he sincere when he later says "And I've always loved you, my angel, as if you were my own son"? Find the reasons for your answer from the play.
20. Write a brief character sketch of Natalya.

### HOTS

21. **Assertion (A)** : Lomov is looking to marry.  
**Reason (R)** : Lomov is looking to marry Natalya.  
(a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.  
(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.  
(c) A is true, but R is false. (d) A is false, but R is true.



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#### Answer & Solution

1. (d)  
In their first meet, Natalya and her father insulted Lomov badly and asked him never to set his foot in their house again but, when Natalya got to know about the authentic reason about his visit which was the marriage proposal for her; she asked her father to call him back, and then she cut off all the arguments related to the Oxen Meadows and declared it as his property.
2. (c)  
There are total three characters in the chapter. They all are related to the chapter. They are named as Natalya, Lomov and Chubukov.
3. (a)  
The Chapter, 'The Proposal' is a short extraction from a Russian play. The author of this masterpiece is Anton Chekov.
4. (b)  
While having a conversation of Lomov with Natalya, he apprised her that he gave Mironov One hundred and twenty-five Roubles for his dog named Guess.
5. (c)  
The name of Natalya's dog was Squeezer. She considered it as the best dog in the entire world. She even contended with Lomov about it.
6. (c) Tumultuous
7. (b)  
They both had an intense argument related to the Oxen Meadows as they both claimed their ownership on it, they were quarrelsome people; so they just exaggerated the stuff and had an argument.
8. (b)  
In order to answer a riddle, the groom has to make some wild guesses. In case, if the guess is wrong, then he has to pay cash as a penalty to move ahead.
9. (c)  
In a fiasco, Chubukov affirmed Lomov's younger aunt named Nastasya Mihailovna as a blatant mortal as she ran away with an architect.
10. (c)  
Generally, the riddles are related to the bride and sometimes just difficult riddles are presented in front of the groom in order to get the bride. These riddles are asked by the bride's friends.
11. housekeeper
12. angel
13. False
14. False

**15.** Lomov tells Natalya that their families have an affectionate and a friendly relationship for a long time. He says that his Oxen Meadows touch Natalya's Birchwoods. At this, Natalya claims that the Oxen meadows are hers and this initiates a quarrel between them.

**16.** Chubukov says that Lomov is not a hunter. He says that Lomov should sit at home with his palpitations instead of tracking animals. He says that Lomov only goes to argue with people and interfere with their dogs.

**17.** Natalya is the only daughter of the landowner Chubukov. Though well educated, she does not use her education wisely and thoughtfully. She is a short-tempered lady who quarrels with everyone. She always pinpoints the amount of help she offers to her neighbours. Also, she is very possessive about her land and is very determined not to part with it.

**18.** Lomov is a Russian landlord of thirty-five years. He is a neighbour of another rich landlord Chubukov. Lomov is highly impulsive, irritating and quarrelsome. Physically, he is a wrack. He enjoys very poor health. He suffers from palpitations, hypertension and heart problems. He is easily excited and irritated. Lomov realises that he has reached an age when he needs a peaceful and regular life. In Chubukov's daughter Natalya he sees an ideal life-partner.

She is a good house-keeper, educated and not bad looking. So, he visits Chubukov's house with a proposal of marriage. Lomov is confused. He can't talk like a calm and composed man. He forgets the main issue and the purpose of his visit. He indulges in unnecessary details and quarrels over the ownership of Oxen Meadows. He does not know how to solve and deal with controversies. He picks up a new quarrel over the dogs. He unsuccessfully tries to prove that his dog Guess is far superior to Natalya's dog Squeezer.

Lomov appears in a formal dress. He seems to be fashionable, well-dressed and presentable. He is a gentleman and acknowledges the help received from his neighbour Chubukov. He is self-respecting and is ready to give Oxen Meadows to Natalya as a present. Last but not least, his desire for many Natalya is practical and genuine.

**19.** At first, Chubukov suspected that Lomov had come to him to borrow money because he was in his evening dress. He was not sincere when he told Lomov that he had always loved him and he was like his own son as he had decided not to give any money to Lomov. It was only when Lomov asked for his daughter's hand in marriage that's when his attitude changed and he rushed to call his daughter, Natalya.

20. Natalya Stepanovna is the only daughter of Stepan Stepanovitch Chubukov. Natalya was a young unmarried girl of twenty-five years. She was an excellent housekeeper and was not bad looking. She was thirsting for love. Her father called her a lovesick cat. Lomov said that she was well educated, but she did not seem to be so. She was very quarrelsome and abusive by nature. She began a bitter quarrel with Lomov over a piece of land that had little value. She said that those meadows were not much worth to her but she could not stand unfairness. Till then she does not know that Lomov has come for her. Her father calls Lomov a blind hen who has come with a proposal for her. Immediately she softens and asks her father to call back Lomov. She shows remorse over the quarrel on the ownership of the Oxen Meadows and says that she can give them up but then very quickly falls into another disagreement with Lomov over the worth of his dog. Natalya advocates that her Squeezer is better than Guess. Then Lomov falls due to palpitation of his heart. Her father and Natalya wail. Thus it can be said that Natalya is a clever woman who can change herself according to the situation.

21. Indeed, Lomov is looking to marry but only Natalya because he considered her as a good home maker. Though he was not in love with Natalya, he wanted to marry her as he was suffering due to weak heart and sleep sickness. He wanted a companion who could look after him.