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Chapter-1 | A Letter to God Worksheet-1

Multiple Choice Questions

- Who read Lencho's letter to God?**
 - The postmaster
 - None of these.
 - The postman
 - God
- Why is Lencho compared to an ox?**
 - To suggest that people underestimated him
 - To show how hard he worked
 - To emphasise his size
 - To insult his intelligence
- What did Lencho think of the post-office employees? (A Letter to God)-**
 - Rude
 - Unhelpful
 - Bunch of crooks
 - Proud
- Why did the postmaster decide to help Lencho?**
 - Because Lencho had asked him for help.
 - Because he always helped people in need
 - So as not to shake Lencho's faith in God
 - Because he knew Lencho
- How much money did Lencho ask for?:**
 - 500 pesos
 - 1000 pesos
 - 100 pesos
 - 10 pesos
- A Letter to God was written by :**
 - Lokesh Abrol
 - G.L. Fuentes
 - The Postmaster
 - Ruskin Bond
- Why are locusts mentioned in the text?**
 - To show how unpredictable farming can be
 - To compare this event to a past experience
 - To indicate how much damage was done to the crops
 - To suggest that God was playing a role in the events
- What did the hailstones resemble initially in the chapter A Letter to God?**
 - Gold coins
 - 10 cent pieces
 - New silver coins
 - 5 cent pieces
- In the lesson, A letter to God, the crop that grew was.**
 - Barley
 - Corn
 - Maize
 - Wheat

10. What destroyed Lencho's fields?

- (a) Landslide
- (b) Hailstorm
- (c) Heavy rainfall
- (d) Flood

Fill in the blanks :

11. Lencho's response to the first letter shows that his faith in God can be best described as _____.
12. Lencho's actions in the first paragraph show that he was _____.

True / False

13. The postmaster was able to collect 70 pesos only?
14. Lencho wrote a letter to God.

Very Short Type Questions

15. What, according to you would have been the likely reaction of Lencho's wife upon knowing about him writing an actual letter to God?
16. Lencho was an ox of a man, working like an animal in the fields, but still he knew how to write. What does this line tell us about the norm amongst such farmers, then?

Short Type Questions

17. Why would you not agree with Lencho calling them a bunch of crooks?
18. What was the postman's reaction to see the letter addressed to God? What did he do with the letter?

Essay Type Questions

19. How and why did Lencho write a letter to God? Who received the letter and what did they do?
20. Write a character sketch of Lencho.

HOTS

21. **Assertion (A) :** The postmaster was a representative of God.
Reason (R) : Evaluate this statement in the context of your understanding of A Letter to God.
- (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) God

2. (c) To emphasise his size

3. (c) Bunch of crooks

4. (c)

The postmaster was amazed to see Lencho's faith in God. He decided to help him so as not to shake his faith in God.

5. (c) 100 pesos

6. (b) G.L. Fuentes

7. (c)

To indicate how much damage was done to the crops

8. (c)

The hail stones appeared like new silver coins to lencho because they could yield good crop harvest and bring him a fortune.

9. (b) Corn

10. (b) Hailstorm

11. Absolute

12. Concerned

13. True

14. True

15. Lencho's wife might have been surprised by the unshakeable faith in God of her husband. She would tell him that a letter cannot be addressed to God. She would attempt to persuade him to approach their friends or family for assistance.

OR

Alternatively, Lencho's wife would have been relieved that Lencho had told God about their loss and that assistance would be on its way. She had a strong belief in God. She thought that since God provides for everyone's basic necessities, there must be no hunger deaths.

16. Lencho was a hard working farmer. He worked hard in the field like an Ox. But unlike farmers, he was also a literate person.

17. When the hailstorm stopped Lencho was filled with utter sadness. He was troubled to see the corn which was totally destroyed. Nothing was left in the fields. He and his family had to go hungry without corn. The rain affected his life badly.

18. When the postman saw the letter, he was astonished as it was addressed to God. He burst into laughter. In his career as a postman, he had never seen such an address. He didn't understand what to do with that letter. So, he went to the postmaster and showed it to him.

19. Lencho was a poor and hard-working farmer. The hailstones destroyed his crop completely. Lencho and his family members became very sad. He thought that year they won't have any crop. So they have to starve. But, Lencho had great faith in God. So, he thought that God won't let them hungry and it was only the God who can help them. So he wrote a letter to God. Lencho was an ox of a man, working like an animal in the fields, but still, he knew how to write. The following Sunday he began to write a letter which he himself carried to town and placed in the mail. He wrote 'To God' on the envelope. He requested God to send him one hundred pesos. That amount was enough to sow his fields again and feed his family. The postman received the letter and showed to the postmaster. The postmaster was much impressed and came up with an idea. He decided to send money to Lencho. He collected the money from his employees, friends and gave a part of his salary and sent the money to Lencho.

20. Lencho was a farmer. He lived on the crest of a hill. He worked like an animal in his fields, but still, he knew how to write. He had good faith in God, with that he used to live happily. He was so simple that he did not know about the reality of the outer world.

Lencho was a very hard working farmer. It was the result of his hard work that his fields were full of ripped corn with flowers. He knew his fields deeply because he always remained busy in his fields. He was waiting for a downpour or a lite shower for his crop. Lencho was very naive. He writes a letter to God. He did not know that God cannot be addressed directly. God is the supreme power and no one can see or talk to him directly. He had immense faith in God. He believed that God won't let anyone die of hunger. When his crop was destroyed his only hope was the help of God. His faith was so strong that the postmaster was convinced to help him. We can say that Lencho had many qualities in his character but was very naive for the world..

21. Yes, the postmaster was a representative of God for at least three reasons. First, he was the one who actually read the letter, on behalf of God. Also, he made effort to fulfill Lencho's prayers, which were addressed to God. So, the postmaster acted in God's place and tried to collect funds for the poor farmer. Thirdly, Lencho himself believed that God had answered his prayers and sent him the money. The postmaster represents a bunch of people like Lencho who have faith in God. There are people like the Postmaster and the Post Office employees, who help others without any self interest. To keep Lencho's faith in God intact, the postmaster cooperated with his employees and collected the amount.

He had love and empathy towards Lencho when he knew about his situation. He was a compassionate man and even hid his identity in helping Lencho. He sent the amount to Lencho in the name of God. Even though none of the Post Office employees or Post Master were related to Lencho in any manner, yet it was a pure act of humanity, kindness and selflessness on their part. Thus, the postmaster was a follow human being and not God, but his actions were very kind. It can be concluded that he was indeed a representative of God.

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