



Chapter-7 | The Necklace

Worksheet-2

Multiple Choice Questions

1. **At what age was Richard's research published in the science journal?**
(a) At the age of twenty-two
(b) At the age of forty
(c) When he was thirty-five
(d) When he was barely twenty
2. **Where did Richard grow up?**
(a) Orchard Street in London
(b) North of Reading, Pennsylvania
(c) Austria
(d) California
3. **What is termed as a blueprint for life in the chapter, The making of a scientist?**
(a) Arteries
(b) DNA of a cell
(c) Brain
(d) A hormone
4. **Who was Richard A. Weiherer?**
(a) Ebright's social studies teacher
(b) A lab assistant
(c) Ebright's zoology teacher
(d) High school in charge
5. **What did Richard love to collect during his childhood?**
(a) Stamps
(b) Perfumes
(c) Butterflies
(d) Flowers
6. **Who is Richard H. Ebright?**
(a) An American geologist
(b) A British Virologist
(c) An American molecular biologist
(d) A chief scientist at NASA
7. **What was the main reason for Richard Ebright's initial defeat at the county science fair in seventh grade?**
(a) He lacked proper scientific equipment.
(b) He displayed slides of frog tissues instead of actual experiments.
(c) He chose a topic that was too complex.
(d) He did not have enough time to prepare.
8. **Which book played a significant role in opening the world of science for Richard Ebright?**
(a) The Life of Monarchs
(b) The Travels of Monarch X
(c) Butterflies and Beyond
(d) The Secret Life of Cells

9. **Besides science, what other interests did Richard Ebright have?**
- (a) Playing football and baseball
 - (b) Collecting stamps and writing poetry
 - (c) Debating, public speaking, canoeing, and photography
 - (d) Painting and playing musical instruments
10. **What crucial role did Richard Ebright's mother play in his development as a scientist, beyond just providing equipment?**
- (a) She wrote his science fair projects for him.
 - (b) She discouraged his scientific interests to focus on his social life.
 - (c) She provided unconditional support, motivated him to explore nature, and set up challenging tasks.
 - (d) She introduced him to other scientists who taught him everything.

Fill in the blanks :

11. Richard Ebright's mother fostered his interest in the natural world and supported his educational pursuits by buying him all kinds of microscopes, telescopes, and other _____.
12. In his senior year of high school, Ebright discovered an unknown _____ hormone, which later led to his theory on cell life.

True / False

13. Richard Ebright spent most of his childhood in North of Reading, Pennsylvania.
14. Dr. Frederick A. Urquhart was a botanist who studied plant migration.

Very Short Type Questions

15. What lesson did Ebright learn when he entered the country science fair in the seventh grade?
16. How did Richard Ebright's mother help him?

Short Type Questions

17. Why did Ebright start a project of tagging butterflies?
18. How was The Travels of Monarch X a turning point in Ebright's life?

Essay Type Questions

19. Give a brief character sketch of Ebright's mother.
20. Ebright's study of monarch pupas had a far reaching impact. Elaborate.

21. **Assertion (A)** : Dr Urquhart contributed significantly to Ebright's growth as a scientist.
Reason (R) : He guided Ebright by suggesting new experiments and encouraging him to study butterfly migration, which helped him win many prizes and make scientific discoveries.
- (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. (c)
M. Loisel was a clerk in the office of the, Board of Education.
2. (a)
Matilda dreamt of being rich. In fact, she believed that she deserved to be rich and she strongly detested her current lifestyle.
3. (b)
She was Matilda's good, an old friend who happened to be pretty rich.
4. (a)
Matilda wanted to make her look perfect for the fancy ball by wearing a beautiful diamond necklace with her dress.
5. (c)
The necklace was fake, it wasn't a real diamond necklace.
6. (c)
Matilda's materialistic aspirations shadowed her happiness. She lost all she had because of her unfruitful desires.
7. (d) It took them ten years to pay off all the debts. They worked hard and lost all their assets.
8. (c)
Matilda had asked her husband for four hundred francs to buy a new dress for the fancy ball.
9. (d)
They had to pay a hefty amount of thirty-six thousand francs to buy the necklace.
10. (c)
The whole plot revolves around a beautiful, discontented woman whose desires make her lose all she had.
11. Clerk
12. Spitefully
13. True
14. False
15. Matilda did not want to see her rich friends because she suffered from an inferiority complex. She was married to a simple clerk, whereas her friends were rich and full of money power. Her lofty ambition of possessing material goods was not fulfilled, so seeing her rich friends would make her unhappy.
16. Yes, Mr. Loisel loved his wife. He was a very simple man and lived in his reality. He never tried to show off as his wife. He was very economical also. He suggested that his wife wear some natural flowers instead of expensive jewellery to the ball. When his wife said that she did not have a dress for the ball, he arranged four hundred francs to buy a new dress for her.

17. If Matilda had confessed to her friend that she had lost her necklace in time, the situation would have been very different. Her friend, Mrs. Forestier would have told her the reality about the necklace. Matilda would have known that the necklace was not made of diamonds but it was artificial. Its cost was not more than five hundred francs. She could easily have arranged this amount and did not need to borrow a lot of money to pay for the loss. Due to the debt with a high rate of interest, Mr. Loisel and Mrs. Loisel had to lead a very difficult life for ten years to pay their lenders.
18. The night of the ball had been the realisation of a long cherished dream for Matilda when she was the focus of all the attention. She had borrowed a beautiful necklace from her friend. As she was looking good, everyone admired her. But the happiness was short-lived and turned into her worst nightmare when she discovered that the necklace was missing from her attire. She was tense and wondered how she would face Madame Forestier and pay up for the loss.
19. The Loiseles had been invited to a party at the minister's residence. When Matilda told her husband that she wanted a new dress to wear, first of all, he asked her to wear whatever she possessed. When she got angry and refused to go to the party at all, he finally agreed to let her buy a new dress. When he heard the price of the new dress, he was not pleased but he reluctantly agreed to buy the new dress.
20. Mathilda's desire to belong to the rich and affluent section of society was her downfall. She was born into a family of clerks and married a clerk. She had neither frocks nor jewels, nothing. And she loved only those things. If she had accepted her condition with a smile and without any complaints, she could have led a life of contentment.
21. Guy de Maupassant projects Matilda's character in The Necklace as greedy and ambitious, highlight how this eventually brings her downfall eventually. We see Matilda being deeply dissatisfied with her life, particularly with her social status. She has big dreams of luxury, and elegance and longed for beautiful clothing and expensive jewelry. She was ashamed of her modest home and plain appearance. Her desire for material possessions drove her to borrow a necklace from her wealthy friend, Madame Forestier to wear to a party. When she loses the necklace, rather than confessing what happened, she and her husband decided to take a loan to buy a replacement, setting in motion a series of events that lead to their financial ruin. These words express how her choice invited her ruin: "It was she who had chosen the necklace, and she had done it in a fever of excitement, so that she might feel herself envied by other women." Instead of admitting her mistake, she hides the truth from Madame Forestier. No doubt she had to spend years of her life working to repay the debt. Her dishonesty and pride eventually lead to her ruin.