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Chapter-7 | The Necklace

Worksheet-1

Multiple Choice Questions

1. **Why did Matilda throw the invitation spitefully?**
(a) She was unfit to attend the event because of health issues
(b) She didn't like the hosts
(c) She did not have any dress fit for the occasion
(d) She was not interested
2. **How did Mme Forestier feel after listening to Matilda's plight?**
(a) Deeply touched
(b) Enraged
(c) Delighted
(d) Scared
3. **Why had M. Loisel been saving four hundred Francs?**
(a) To buy a gun
(b) For buying a new car
(c) For repayment of a loan
(d) For spending on a vacation
4. **What did Matilda lose in order to compensate for the lost necklace?**
(a) Her comforts
(b) Her beauty
(c) All of these
(d) Her house
5. **Who was Matilda Loisel?**
(a) An old woman
(b) A wealthy woman
(c) A pretty middle-class lady
(d) A contented and happy woman
6. **In which profession was Matilda's family engaged?**
(a) Administrators
(b) Clerkship
(c) Lawyers
(d) Doctors
7. **What was M. Loisel's profession?**
(a) Mechanic
(b) Artist
(c) Doctor
(d) Clerk
8. **To whom was Matilda married?**
(a) M. Ramponneau
(b) M. Loisel
(c) M. Forestier
(d) M. Lawrence
9. **From whom did Matilda and her husband get an invitation?**
(a) Matilda's parents
(b) M. Loisel's best friend
(c) Minister of Education
(d) Mme Forestier

10. How did Matilda react on receiving the invitation?
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| (a) Grateful | (b) Displeased |
| (c) Puzzled | (d) Delighted |

Fill in the blanks :

11. Matilda borrowed a beautiful _____ necklace from her friend.
12. It took the Loisels _____ years to pay off all their debts.

True / False

13. Matilda was content with her simple, middle-class life.
14. Mme Forestier immediately recognized Matilda when they met after ten years.

Very Short Type Questions

15. Why was Matilda unhappy with her life?
16. How did the necklace change the life of Loisel?

Short Type Questions

17. What changes came into the lives of the Loisels after borrowing money?
18. Do you think Mr. Loisel had an enjoyable evening at the ball ? Give reasons for your answer.

Essay Type Questions

19. What did Loisel do to replace the necklace?
20. Mme Forestier proved to be a true friend of the Loisels. Elaborate.

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21. **Assertion (A)** : Mme Loisel's disposition invites her doom.
Reason (R) : Her constant discontentment and desire for a luxurious life led her to borrow a necklace, resulting in a series of unfortunate events.
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| (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)
Matilda didn't have anything beautiful to wear to such a grand affair. That made her feel uncomfortable and humiliated.
2. (a)
Mme Forestier was deeply touched by Matilda's plight which could have been avoided if Matilda had confessed before.
3. (a)
He had saved the amount to purchase a gun to join some hunting parties with his friends.
4. (c)
Matilda lost all she had, her apartment, her maid and all the comforts she was used to. Above all, she lost her beauty and youthfulness due to constant struggles and hardships she was subjected to.
5. (c)
Matilda was a young, pretty and discontented woman. She dreamt of being super-rich and was totally unhappy with her simple life.
6. (b)
Matilda was born in a family of clerks and she was absolutely regretful about it. She came from a simple and middle-class background which she detested.
7. (d)
M. Loisel was a simple clerk by profession. He was a contented and humble person.
8. (b)
Matilda was married to an ordinary and simple man. He was a clerk by profession and unlike Matilda, he was pretty contented with whatever he had.
9. (c)
M. Loisel was elated for being invited to the fancy ball. It was supposed to be for the affluent classes and was a grand affair.
10. (b)
Matilda felt humiliated and disappointed on receiving the invitation. In fact she threw it spitefully upon the table.
11. Diamond
12. Ten
13. False
14. False
15. Matilda was unhappy with her simple lifestyle and constantly desired material possessions and social status. She believed that these external factors would bring her happiness and fulfillment. However, the desire for a lavish lifestyle blinds her to the blessings she already possesses, such as a loving husband and a comfortable home.

After dinner, she gave him problems to solve. This helped Richard to learn a lot. She was his only companion for a long time. It was his mother who got him the book 'The Travels of Monarch X'. This book opened the world of science for Richard. She also wrote to Dr Urquhart to guide her son. The scientist helped Richard and guided him. Thus, his mother actually shaped him into an extraordinary scientist.

16. Having lost the diamond necklace Matilda and her husband had to live a miserable and frugal life. Their entire savings were spent and they had to borrow money. For ten long years, they bore that misery. Matilda had to work like an ordinary maid doing all her household work herself. Mr. Loisel, too, had to do extra work in the evenings and nights to save money. They had to change their lodgings and rent a room in the attic. Matilda lost her charm and beauty because of the hardships she faced.

17. After borrowing money, a lot of changes came into the lives of the Loisels. They had to do away with their maid, and Matilda had to work at a house and to do all the domestic chores. She had to carry down the refuse to the street and carry water upstairs. She had to do all the shopping at the market after a lot of bargaining. Her husband also had to work hard.

He worked in the evenings and sometimes even at night. Thus, their life became very challenging and after ten years of labour and difficult life, they were able to pay for Madam Forestier's lost necklace.

18. Mr. Loisel was bored at the ball. It seemed that he did not enjoy the evening as he had been half asleep in one of the little salons since midnight, with three other gentlemen whose wives were enjoying themselves very much.

19. The couple needed thirty-six thousand francs to purchase a diamond necklace and return it to Mrs. Forestier but Mr. Loisel had only eighteen thousand francs with him. He raised a loan of eighteen thousand francs for purchasing the necklace. Now, Loisel and his wife worked hard in order to repay that debt. They changed their lodgings. They shifted to a small room. They dismissed their maid. Mrs. Loisel did all her household work herself. She had to be very frugal in her purchases. She bargained for small amounts. Mr. Loisel did extra work in the evenings sometimes late at night. He did the work of copying manuscripts. After ten years of hard work, they were able to pay off their debt but because of hard work and misery, Mrs. Loisel looked old. Thus the couple's life was completely changed after they had raised the loan for the necklace.

20. Mme Forestier was Matilda Loisel's childhood friend. Matilda was invited to a grand party at the education minister's house. She had a beautiful dress but no jewellery so she went to her friend, Mme Forestier in order to borrow some jewels. She quite generously asked Matilda to choose any jewel. Matilda chose a superb diamond necklace. Mme Forestier immediately agreed to lend it to Matilda. Unfortunately, the necklace was lost. Mme Forestier was considerate when Matilda could not return the jewels on time. At the end of the story, when she came to know that Matilda gave her real jewels in place of the artificial jewels she had lost, Mme Forestier did not hide the truth from her friend and immediately told Matilda that her jewels were fake. She did not bother about the fact that she would have to return them. Thus, we can say that Mme Forestier was a true friend of Matilda.

21. In "The Necklace" by Guy de Maupassant, Mme. Loisel's disposition plays a significant role in inviting her doom. She is dissatisfied and constantly yearns for more, believing herself to be born for a higher social class. This discontentment leads her to borrow an expensive necklace to wear to a prestigious event, setting off a chain of events that ultimately leads to her downfall. Her inability to accept her station in life and her desire for materialistic pleasures blind her to the consequences of her actions. Mme. Loisel's disposition of perpetual discontentment and vanity contributes to her tragic fate, illustrating the theme of the story - the perils of pride and materialism.

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