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Chapter-7 | The Last Leaf

Worksheet-1

Multiple Choice Questions

1. **What kind of feeling did Johnsy have?**
 - (a) A common teenager's feeling of depression
 - (b) Low sounding
 - (c) Joyous
 - (d) Sadness
2. **When was Behrman able to make his dream true?**
 - (a) In the night
 - (b) When he died
 - (c) When he painted the last leaf on ivy
 - (d) When he thought of Johnsy
3. **In the story The Last Leaf, what does the last leaf actually symbolise?**
 - (a) Sorrow
 - (b) Inspiration
 - (c) Depression
 - (d) Loss of life
4. **Who is the author of the prose, The Last Leaf?**
 - (a) Zan Gaudioso
 - (b) Oscar Wilde
 - (c) O. Henry
 - (d) Ruskin Bond
5. **In the story, The Last Leaf who else was suffering from pneumonia other than Johnsy?**
 - (a) The doctor himself
 - (b) Sue
 - (c) Mr Behrman
 - (d) The author
6. **Who was Johnsy?**
 - (a) A young artist
 - (b) A sick girl
 - (c) A girl
 - (d) A poor girl
7. **What was Johnsy looking at out of the window?**
 - (a) An ivy creeper
 - (b) A rose plant
 - (c) A banana tree
 - (d) A mango tree
8. **What was Behrman's masterpiece?**
 - (a) Painting a picture of sue
 - (b) All of these
 - (c) Painting a picture of a leaf
 - (d) Painting a picture of Johnsy

9. In the story **The Last Leaf**, who was Mr Behrman?

- (a) A seventy-year-old painter
- (b) The doctor
- (c) A sixty-year-old painter
- (d) The janitor

10. What was Behrman's dream?

- (a) To paint a masterpiece.
- (b) To make a colorful painting.
- (c) To make a poster.
- (d) To travel the world.

Fill in the blanks :

- 11. Johnsy was counting the falling leaves from the _____ tree outside the window.
- 12. Behrman lived on the _____ floor of that building.

True / False

- 13. Sue started dancing to take Johnsy's mind off her illness.
- 14. Sue and Johnsy were two young artists.

Very Short Type Questions

- 15. Behrman has a dream. What is it? Does it come true?
- 16. What efforts did Sue make to keep Johnsy cheerful?

Short Type Questions

- 17. What kind of friend was Sue to Johnsy?
- 18. Who was Behrman? What was his masterpiece?

Essay Type Questions

- 19. Who were Sue and Johnsy? Where did they live?
- 20. The Last Leaf is a story of supreme sacrifice. Discuss.

HOTS

- 21 **Assertion (A)** : Johnsy's condition did not improve despite the doctor's efforts.
Reason (R) : She had lost her will to live and believed she would die when the last ivy leaf fell.
 - (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. (a) A common teenager's feeling of depression.
2. (c) When he painted the last leaf on ivy.
3. (b)
The Last Leaf is a symbol of inspiration to begin life anew, to dream of achieving success and joy by overcoming the adversities in life without falling prey to the hurdles that come in life.
4. (c)
The Last Leaf is a heart-warming and inspiring short story written by the very famous American short-story writer O. Henry.
5. (c)
Mr Behrman had taken great effort in painting the last leaf on Johnsy's window during the stormy night and was all wet in the rain. Due to his old age and the rain he too got affected with pneumonia but passed away in a very short period of time.
6. (a) A young artist
7. (a) An ivy creeper
8. (c) Painting a picture of a leaf.
9. (c)
Mr Behrman was a sixty-year-old painter whose lifelong dream was to paint a masterpiece.
10. (a) To paint a masterpiece.
11. Ivy creeper
12. Third
13. False
14. True
15. Behrman had a dream to paint a masterpiece in his life. He kept waiting for the opportunity to give it a practical shape. Yes, he could materialize his dream by painting the last leaf of the ivy creeper.
16. Sue made all possible efforts to divert Johnsy's attention and make her happy. She tried to create her interest in various things. She talked about clothes, fashion and painting and kept whistling while working on the drawing board.
17. Sue and Johnsy were fast friends. They loved each other. In a state of illness, Sue helped her like a mother. She tried her best and left no stone unturned to take her friend out of depression. She worked for extra hours for the money to support Johnsy's medical expenses and prepared soup for her. She seemed the happiest person upon her friend's recovery from illness.

18. Behrman was a sixty year old painter who lived on the ground floor. His masterpiece was the 'Ivy Leaf' that he painted on the wall on a stormy night which looked so real. It was a masterpiece because it saved Johnsy's life, though it cost him his own.
19. Sue and Johnsy, were young artist friends who were struggling to establish their feet in the world of art. They shared a small flat on the third floor of an old house, which was no less than a home for them.
20. The story reveals Behrman's sacrifice. He was a sixty year old poor artist. He had a dream to paint a masterpiece. Once Johnsy fell ill and started identifying her life span with the number of leaves left on the ivy creeper climbing the brick wall opposite to their window. Johnsy would lie in her bed without moving, just gazing out of the window. She was waiting for the last leaf to fall. Sue looked after Johnsy and tried her best to divert her mind off her illness but failed.

She informed about it to Behrman. It was a stormy night and there was a single leaf on the creeper. Behrman thought that the leaf would fall in that stormy and rainy night. So he decided to paint the leaf on the wall. He painted the leaf so beautifully that it looked natural. But he got pneumonia that night and died two days after his painting but succeeded in saving Johnsy's life. Hence, this story becomes the story of supreme sacrifice.

21. (c)

The doctor observed that Johnsy's physical health was not improving because she had lost the will to live. Her irrational belief that she would die when the last ivy leaf fell severely impacted her mental and emotional state, which in turn hindered her recovery. Therefore, her belief directly explains why she did not respond to treatment

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