

**CLASS – 10**

**ENGLISH**

**Footprints without Feet**

**CH-7 : The Necklace**

**Part – 3**

**The Lost Necklace and the  
Consequences**

**ARPITA SHARMA**



1. Mme Loisel's Dissatisfaction

2. The Necklace and Loisel's Success at the Ball

3. The Lost Necklace and the Consequences

Loisel already half undressed, asked,

“What is the matter?”

She turned towards him excitedly.



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Excitedly : उत्तेजित होकर



“I have — I have — I no longer have  
Mme Forestier’s necklace.”

He arose in dismay, “What! How is  
that? It is not possible.”

And they looked in the folds of the  
dress, in the folds of the **cloak**, in the  
pockets, everywhere. They could not  
find it.

**Cloak** : आवरण

He asked, "You are sure you still had it when we left the Minister's house?"

"Yes, I felt it as we came out."

"But if you had lost it in the street, we should have heard it fall. It must be in the cab."

"Yes, it is possible. Did you take the number?"

“No. And you, did you notice what it was?”

“No.”

They looked at each other utterly cast down. Finally Loisel dressed himself again.

“I am going,” he said, “over the track where we went on foot, to see if I can find it.”

And he went. She remained in her evening gown, not having the force to go to bed.

Toward seven o'clock her husband returned. He had found nothing.

He went to the police and to the cab offices, and put an advertisement in the newspapers, offering a reward.

Advertisement : विज्ञापन



She waited all day in a state of bewilderment before this frightful disaster. Loisel returned in the evening, his face pale; he had discovered nothing.

He said, "Write to your friend that you have broken the clasp of the necklace and that you will have it repaired."

Bewilderment : भ्रम

That will give us time.” She wrote as  
he dictated.

At the end of a week, they had lost all  
hope. And Loisel, older by five years,  
declared, “We must replace this  
jewel.”

In a shop of the Palais-Royal, they  
found a chaplet of diamonds,

Chaplet : हार

which seemed to them exactly like  
the one they had lost. It was valued  
at forty thousand francs. They could  
get it for thirty-six thousand.  
Loisel possessed eighteen thousand  
francs, which his father had left him.  
He borrowed the rest. He made  
ruinous promises,

Ruinous : विनाश करने वाला

took money from usurers and the  
whole race of lenders. Then he went  
to get the new necklace, depositing  
on the merchant's counter thirty-six  
thousand francs.

When Mme Loisel took back the  
jewels to Mme Forestier,

Usurers : सूदखोर

the latter said to her in a **frigid** tone,

"You should have returned them to me sooner, for I might have needed them."

Mme Forestier did not open the jewel-box as Mme Loisel feared she would.

Frigid : कठोर

What would she think if she should  
perceive the substitution? What

should she say? Would she take her  
for a robber?

Mme Loisel now knew the horrible  
life of necessity. She did her part,  
however, completely, heroically.

Perceive	:	सोचना / देखना
Substitution	:	विकल्प
Heroically	:	वीरतापूर्वक

It was necessary to pay this frightful  
debt. She would pay it. They sent  
away the maid, they changed their  
lodgings; they rented some rooms in  
an attic.

She learned the odious work of a  
kitchen.

Lodgings	:	अस्थायी आवास
Attic	:	अटारी
Odious	:	गंदा

She washed the dishes. She washed the soiled linen, their clothes and dishcloths, which she hung on the line to dry; she took down the refuse to the street each morning and brought up the water, stopping at each landing to catch her breath.

Refuse : कचरा

And, clothed like a woman of the  
people, she went to the grocer's, the  
butcher's and the fruiterer's, with  
her basket on her arm, shopping,  
haggling to the last sou of her  
miserable money.

The husband worked evenings,

Haggling : सौदेबाजी

Sou : फ्रेन्च सिक्का

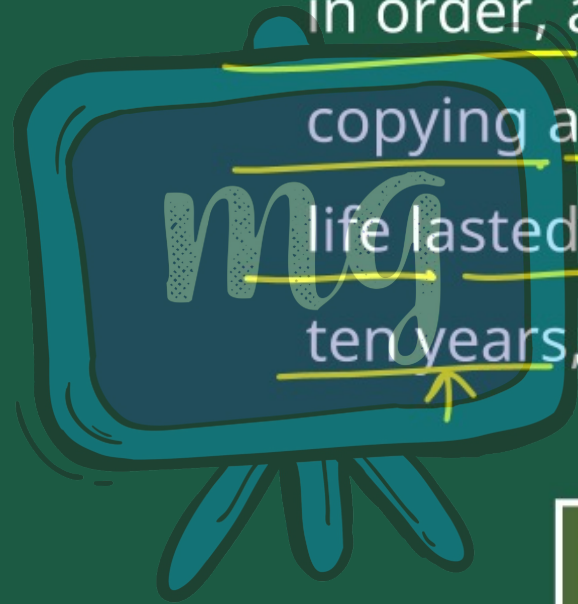
putting the books of some **merchants**

in order, and nights he often did

copying at **five sous** a page. And this

life lasted for **ten years**. At the end of

**ten years**, they had **restored** all.



**Merchants** : सौदागर

**Restored** : लौटाना

Mme Loisel seemed old now. She had become a strong, hard woman, the crude woman of the poor household.

Her hair badly dressed, her skirts awry, her hands red, she spoke in a loud tone, and washed the floors with large pails of water.

Crude	:	अपरिष्कृत
Awry	:	गन्दा
Pail(s)	:	बाल्टी

But sometimes, when her husband  
was at the office, she would seat  
herself before the window and think  
of that evening party of former  
times, of that ball where she was so  
beautiful and so flattered.

How would it have been if she had  
not lost the necklace?

Flatter(ed) : प्रशंसा करना

Who knows? How singular is life, and how full of changes! How small a thing will ruin or save one!

One Sunday as she was taking a walk in the Champs-Elysees to rid herself of the cares of the week, she suddenly perceived a woman walking with a child.

Perceived : देखना

It was Mme Forestier, still young, still pretty, still attractive. Mme Loisel was affected. Should she speak to her?

Yes, certainly. And now that she had paid, she would tell her all. Why not?

She approached her. "Good morning, Jeanne."

Her friend did not recognise her and

was astonished to be so familiarly

addressed by this common **personage**.

She stammered, "But, Madame — I

do not know — you must be

mistaken—"

"No, I am Matilda Loisel."

Personage : व्यक्ति

Her friend uttered a cry of

astonishment, "Oh! my poor Matilda!

How you have changed!"

"Yes, I have had some hard days since I saw you; and some miserable ones — and all because of you ..."

"Because of me? How is that?"

Astonishment : आश्चर्यचकित

"You recall the diamond necklace  
that you loaned me to wear to the  
Minister's ball?"

"Yes, very well."

"Well, I lost it."

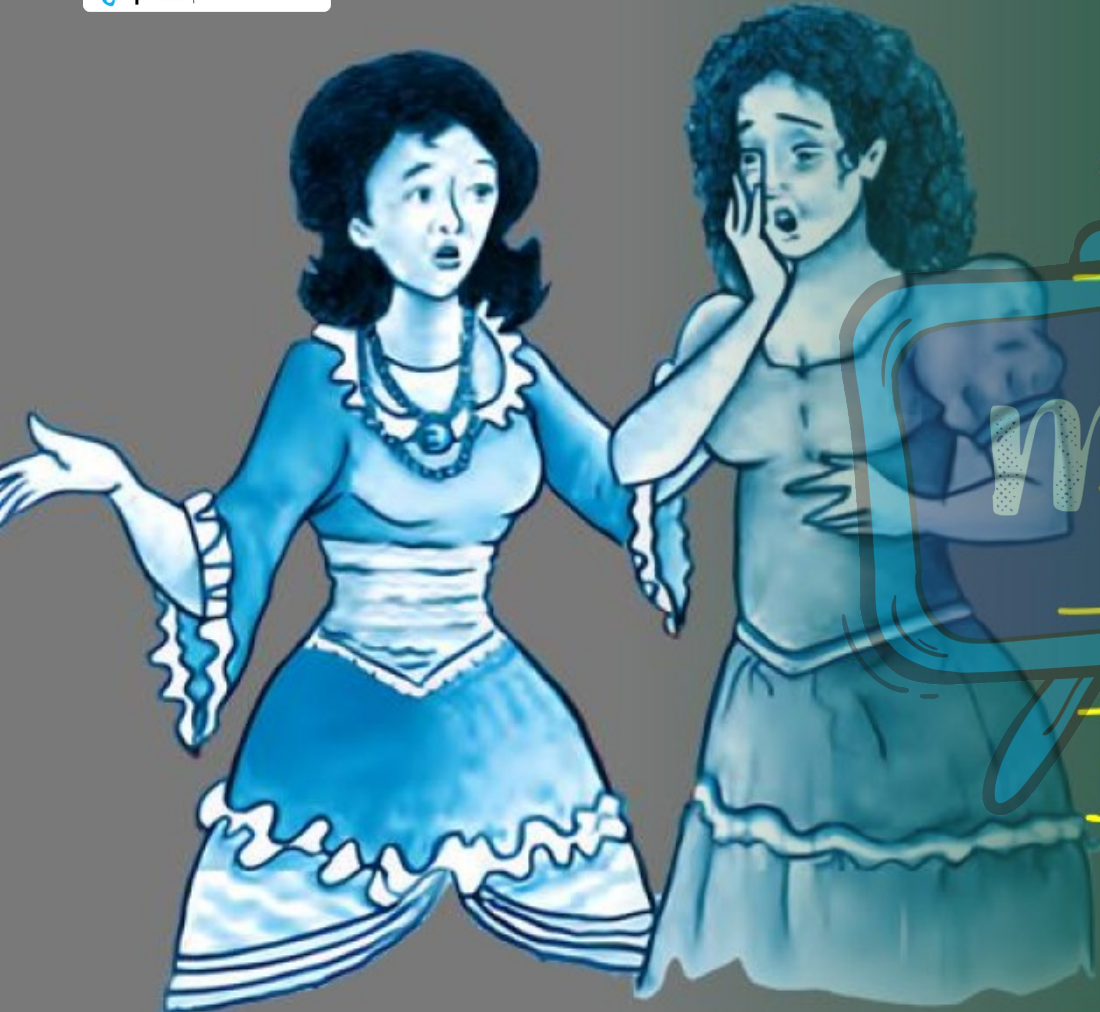
"How is that, since you returned it to  
me?"

"I returned another to you exactly  
like it."

And it has taken us ten years to pay  
for it. You can understand that it was  
not easy for us who have nothing.  
But it is finished and I am decently  
content."

Mme Forestier stopped short. She  
said, "You say that you bought a  
diamond necklace to replace mine?"

Content : संतुष्ट



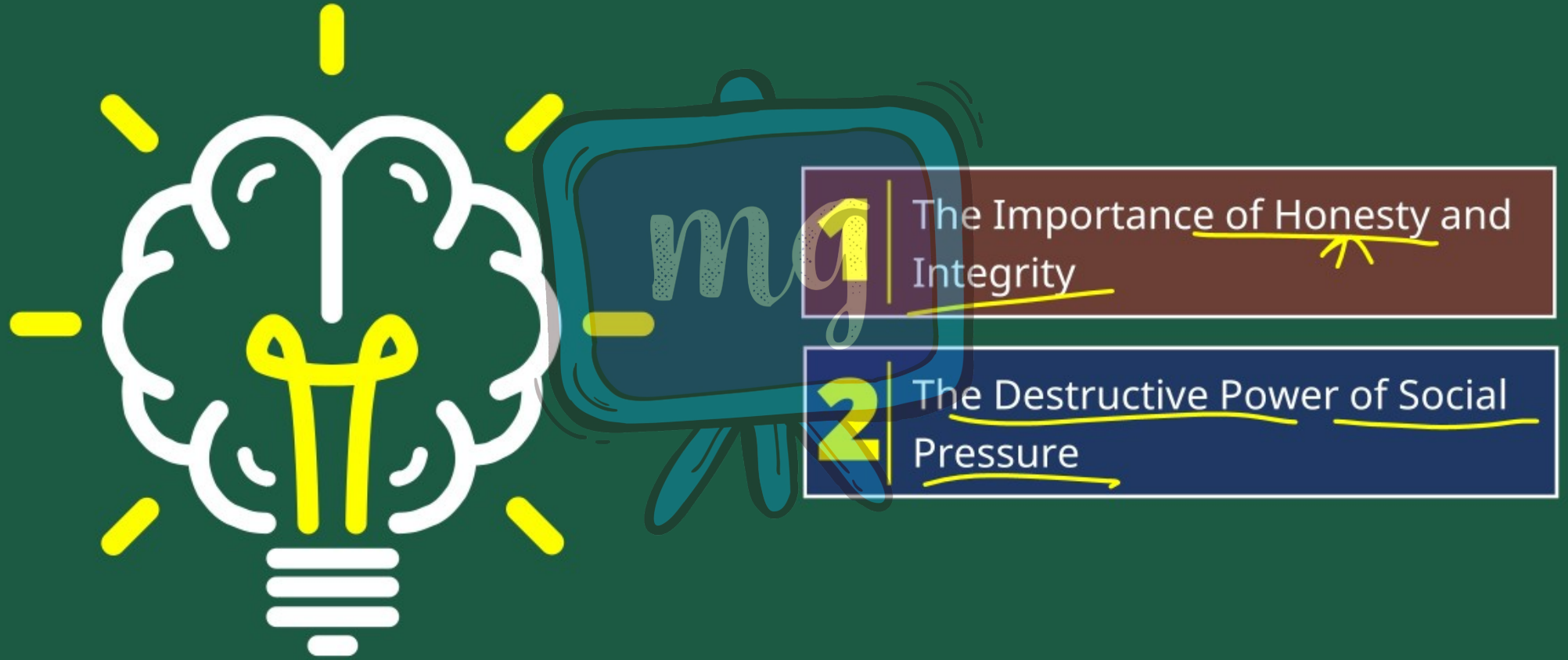
“Yes. You did not perceive it then?  
They were just alike.”

And she smiled with proud and simple joy. Mme Forestier was touched and took both her hands as she replied, “Oh! My poor Matilda!

Mine were false. They were not worth over five hundred francs!” 500

Perceive : बोध होना 36,000

# LEARNING OUTCOMES



1 | The Importance of Honesty and Integrity

2 | The Destructive Power of Social Pressure



1

What does Mme Loisel do after realizing she has lost the necklace?

- A She confesses immediately to her friend.
- B She decides to buy a replacement necklace.
- C She waits for it to turn up.
- D She reports it to the police.



2

How much did the replacement necklace cost?

A

5,000 francs

B

20,000 francs

C

36,000 francs

D

50,000 francs



3

How does Mme Loisel's life change after the loss of the necklace?

A

She becomes rich and lives luxuriously.

B

She works hard to repay the debt, living in poverty.

C

She moves to a new city.

D

She quits her job.



4

When Mme Loisel meets Mme Forestier again, she realizes that the necklace she bought to replace the lost one was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A worth a lot more
- B worth less than she thought
- C priceless
- D exactly the same