

CHAPTER-9 | The Proposal

QUIZ
PART-04

1. Whom does Chubukov address as “Darling” when asserting the Meadows are theirs?
A. Natalya
B. The peasants’ leader
C. Lomov
D. A court official (C)

Explanation: He turns to Lomov and insists the Meadows are theirs.

2. Under what arrangement did the peasants first use the Meadows?
A. Annual rent to Lomov’s aunt
B. Purchase from the State
C. Temporary and free use granted to Chubukov’s grandfather’s peasants
D. A lifetime lease signed by Chubukov (C)

Explanation: Lomov says his aunt’s grandmother allowed free, temporary use to Chubukov’s grandfather’s peasants.

3. What evidence does Chubukov claim Lomov has not seen?
A. A royal patent
B. The plan of the property
C. A recent court decree
D. A deed of sale (B)

Explanation: Chubukov says “you haven’t seen the plan,” implying it proves their claim.

4. What does Chubukov say he would rather do than hand the Meadows to Lomov?
A. Sell them to the State
B. Leave them unused
C. Give them to the peasants
D. Exchange them for birch woods (C)

Explanation: He declares he’d much sooner give the Meadows to the peasants than to Lomov.

5. Which charge does Lomov level against Chubukov’s grandfather?
A. Treason
B. Arson
C. Embezzlement
D. Perjury (C)

Explanation: Lomov says none of his people were tried for embezzlement “like your grandfather.”

6. Which word does Chubukov use to insult Lomov as a quarrelsome legal hawk?
A. Philanthropist
B. Pettifogger
C. Pacifist
D. Pragmatist (B)

Explanation: He calls Lomov a “pettifogger,” accusing him of itching to go to court.

7. What immediate action does Natalya urge in the heat of the dispute?
A. Call the police
B. Send the mowers to the Meadows
C. Build a fence around the Meadows
D. File a lawsuit (B)

Explanation: She demands her father send the mowers out at once.

8. Which line does Natalya emphatically repeat during the quarrel?
A. “We’ll pay a fair price!”
B. “Shan’t give them up!”
C. “Move the boundary!”
D. “Leave at once!” (B)

Explanation: She repeats “shan’t give them up” several times, refusing to yield.

9. Which symptom is NOT among Lomov’s complaints as he staggers out?
A. Left foot gone to sleep
B. Seeing stars
C. Clutching at his heart
D. Nosebleed (D)

Explanation: He clutches his heart, sees stars, and says his foot is numb; a nosebleed isn’t mentioned.

10. What revelation shocks Natalya near the end of the passage?
A. The Meadows truly belong to Lomov
B. Lomov came to propose to her
C. The peasants plan to seize the land
D. Chubukov intends to sell the farm (B)

Explanation: Chubukov blurts out that Lomov’s visit was to make a marriage proposal.