

## CHAPTER-9 | The Proposal

QUIZ  
PART-01

1. How long does a typical Russian wedding last?

- A. One day
- B. Two days
- C. Three days
- D. A fortnight (B)

**Explanation:** It is stated that a Russian wedding lasts for two days, though some may extend to a week.

2. What is a necessary part of the Russian wedding ceremony?

- A. A church parade
- B. A procession of several cars
- C. A fireworks display
- D. A village feast (B)

**Explanation:** The ceremony includes a wedding procession of several cars.

3. When the groom climbs the stairs to reach the bride, what must he do at each landing?

- A. Sing a song
- B. Answer a question
- C. Show his invitation card
- D. Pay a fixed fee (B)

**Explanation:** At each landing he must answer a question posed by the bride's friends, sometimes riddles.

4. What do the newly married couple do immediately after the registration?

- A. Host a family lunch
- B. Leave for a tour of city sights
- C. Begin the first dance
- D. Visit a temple (B)

**Explanation:** After registration, the couple leaves the guests for a city tour before the reception.

5. What typically starts the wedding reception?

- A. Cutting the cake
- B. Wedding toasts
- C. The first dance
- D. Gift giving (B)

**Explanation:** The reception begins with toasts, where a close friend or relative wishes the couple and everyone raises a glass together.

6. What do the bride's friends 'steal' during the celebrations?

- A. The wedding ring
- B. The bouquet
- C. The bride's shoe
- D. The car keys (C)

**Explanation:** The bride's friends steal the bride's shoe, and the groom must pay to get it back.

7. How is The Proposal described in terms of form and period?

- A. A tragedy written in 1904
- B. A one-act farce written in 1888–89
- C. A historical novel from 1877
- D. A satire from 1890 (B)

**Explanation:** It is identified as a one act farce written in 1888–89.

8. What central theme drives the plot of The Proposal?

- A. Romantic love conquers all
- B. Social reform through education
- C. Marriages arranged for economic advantage
- D. Rural life versus urban life (C)

**Explanation:** The play highlights wealthy families seeking ties to increase estates through economically sensible marriages.

9. Who comes to seek the hand of Natalya?

- A. Stepan Chubukov
- B. Ivan Lomov
- C. A distant relative
- D. A wealthy merchant (B)

**Explanation:** Ivan Lomov, a wealthy neighbour, comes to ask for Natalya's hand.

10. What risk does the constant quarrelling create for the main event?

- A. The engagement is publicly cancelled
- B. The proposal is forgotten amid the arguments
- C. The families break ties forever
- D. The wedding is postponed for a year (B)

**Explanation:** The proposal is in danger of being forgotten because of the persistent quarrelling.