

A Marriage Proposal

(a) How is Lomov greeted by Choobokov?

Ans. Lomov is greeted very cordially by Choobokov. The latter calls him his old friend and shakes hands with him.

(b) Why does Lomov think that he is in a critical age?

Ans. Lomov thinks so because of the popular belief that 35 is a critical age for marriage. He thinks so also because besides being 35 he was also suffering from several diseases.

(c) Why is Natalia afraid that all her hay may rot?

Ans. Natalia is afraid because it rained very hard and she had the whole meadow mown. So, she thinks that all her hay may rot.

(d) What, according to Lomov, had let the meadows and to whom?

Ans. According to Lomov, it was his aunt's grandmother who had let the meadows to Natalia's great grand father's peasants.

(e) Why is Lomov unable to speak about marriage.

Ans. Lomov is unable to speak about marriage due to his hesitation and the possibility of acceptance so he does not ask Natalia's father for her hand to marry.