

A Letter to God Class

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate alternative from those given below:

(1)

One of the employees, who was a postman and also helped at the post office, went to his boss laughing heartily and showed him the letter to God. Never in his career as a postman had he known that address. The postmaster, a fat, amiable fellow – also broke out laughing, but almost immediately he turned serious and, tapping the letter on his desk, commented : "What faith! I wish I had the faith of the man who wrote this letter. Starting up a correspondence with God!"

Question 1.

Lencho had written that letter to:

- (a) Sarpanch
- (b) God
- (c) Neighbour
- (d) Brother

▼ Answer

(b) God

Question 2.

The postman at the post office laughed because :

- (a) he received a parcel
- (b) he had irritation
- (c) the postman said something
- (d) the letter was addressed 'To God'

▼ Answer

(d) the letter was addressed 'To God'

Question 3.

The postmaster was impressed with:

- (a) postmaster's devotion
- (b) clerk's work
- (c) Lencho's faith in God
- (d) his friends' care

▼ Answer

(c) Lencho's faith in God

Question 4.

The postmaster decided to collect money from his employees:

- (a) to retain Lencho's faith
- (b) to retain clerk's devotion
- (c) to retain Sarpanch's order
- (d) none of the above

▼ [Answer](#)

- (a) to retain Lencho's faith
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Question 5.

The noun form of 'amiable' is:

- (a) amiably
- (b) amicable
- (c) amicably
- (d) amiability

▼ [Answer](#)

- (d) amiability
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(2)

"It's really getting bad now," exclaimed the man. "I hope it passes quickly." It did not pass quickly. For an hour the hail rained on the house, the garden, the hillside, the cornfield, on the whole valley. The field was white, as if covered with salt. Not a leaf remained on the trees. The corn was totally destroyed. The flowers were gone from the plants. Lencho's soul was filled with sadness.

Question 1.

"It's really getting bad now...." 'It' refers here to :

- (a) rain
- (b) sunlight
- (c) sand storm
- (d) hailstones

▼ [Answer](#)

- (d) hailstones
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Question 2.

Lencho hoped it would pass quickly because:

- (a) the ripcorn would flourish more
- (b) the ripcorn would be destroyed in it
- (c) the land was over flooded
- (d) the house would get down

▼ [Answer](#)

(b) the ripecorn would be destroyed in it

Question 3.

Lencho's hopes were belied because:

- (a) the sunlight was enough
- (b) the rain was still going on
- (c) the hail lasted for an hour
- (d) the children were unsuccessful

▼ Answer

(c) the hail lasted for an hour

Question 4.

The noun form of 'destroyed' is:

- (a) destroy
- (b) destruction
- (c) destroyable
- (d) destructive

▼ Answer

(b) destruction

Question 5.

The field was white as if:

- (a) covered with cotton
- (b) covered with milk
- (c) covered with maida
- (d) covered with salt

▼ Answer

(d) covered with salt

(3)

The house – the only one in the entire valley – sat on the crest of a low hill. From this height one could see the river and the field of ripe corn dotted with the flowers that always promised a good harvest. The only thing the earth needed was a downpour or at least a shower. Throughout the morning Lencho – who knew his fields intimately – had done nothing else but see the 'sky towards the north-east.

Question 1.

Lencho was a:

- (a) landlord
- (b) farmer

- (c) labourer
- (d) worker

▼ Answer

- (b) farmer
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Question 2.

The house was situated on the crest:

- (a) of a high hill
- (b) of a low bill
- (c) near the valley
- (d) of a nearby village

▼ Answer

- (b) of a low bill
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Question 3.

The house is called 'the house' because:

- (a) it is different
- (b) it is a pakka villa
- (c) it was built last year
- (d) it was the only one in the valley

▼ Answer

- (d) it was the only one in the valley
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Question 4.

The ripe corn dotted with flowers promised:

- (a) a lot of dollars
- (b) a store of canes
- (c) a good harvest
- (d) a good bamboo crop

▼ Answer

- (c) a good harvest
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Question 5.

The word 'downpour' means:

- (a) rain
- (b) hail
- (c) drizzle
- (d) dew

▼ Answer

(a) rain

(4)

Lencho went up to the window to ask for paper and ink. On the public writing-table, he started to write, with much wrinkling of his brow, caused by the effort he had to make to express his ideas. When he finished, he went to the window to buy a stamp which he licked and then affixed to the envelope with a blow of his fist. The moment the letter fell into the mail box the postmaster went to open it. It said : "God : Of the money that I asked for, only seventy pesos reached me. Send me the rest, since I need it very much. But don't send it to me through the mail, because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks."

Question 1.

On the public writing-table, Lencho started to write:

- (a) a letter to his brother
- (b) a letter to village Sarpanch
- (c) a letter to postman
- (d) a letter to God

▼ [Answer](#)

- (d) a letter to God
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Question 2.

Lencho was a strong farmer who knew:

- (a) how to write
- (b) how to skip
- (c) how to train
- (d) how to fight

▼ [Answer](#)

- (a) how to write
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Question 3.

Lencho needed more money to sow his field again since :

- (a) the sun had burnt it
- (b) the hail had destroyed the corn
- (c) locusts destroyed it
- (d) rainless harvest had no value

▼ [Answer](#)

- (b) the hail had destroyed the corn
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Question 4.

He felt disgusted and felt that :

- (a) the postrnaster is faithful

- (b) the post office employees are dishonest
- (c) the postman demanded money
- (d) God ignored him

▼ Answer

- (b) the post office employees are dishonest
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Question 5.

The noun form of 'express' is:

- (a) espresso
- (b) expressable
- (c) expression
- (d) expressably

▼ Answer

- (c) expression
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(5)

All through the night, Lencho thought only of his one hope : the help of God, whose eyes, as he had been instructed, see everything, even what is deed in one's conscience. Lencho was an ox of a man, working like an animal in the fields, but still he knew how to write. The following Sunday, at day break, he began to write a letter which he himself would carry to town and place in the mail.

Question 1.

Lencho was an ox of a man. It means that:

- (a) he has an ox
- (b) he is a very strong man
- (c) his ox is faithful
- (d) he feels strength

▼ Answer

- (b) he is a very strong man
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Question 2.

Lencho thought all through the night about:

- (a) the help of elder brother
- (b) the help of Sarpanch
- (c) the help of neighbours
- (d) the help of God

▼ Answer

- (d) the help of God
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Question 3.

He began to write a letter on:

- (a) Saturday at morning
- (b) Monday at lunch time
- (c) Sunday at daybreak
- (d) Tuesday at dusk

▼ [Answer](#)

(c) Sunday at daybreak

Question 4.

The antonym of 'hope' is:

- (a) hopeful
- (b) stress
- (c) despair
- (d) irritate

▼ [Answer](#)

(c) despair

Question 5.

Whose eyes see everything...'Whose' refers to:

- (a) God's
- (b) Sarpanch's
- (c) Brother's
- (d) Wife's

▼ [Answer](#)

(a) God's

(6)

With a satisfied expression he regarded the field of ripe corn with its flowers, draped in a curtain of rain. But suddenly a strong wind began to blow and along with the rain very large hailstones began to fall. These truly did resemble new silver coins. The boys, exposing themselves to the rain, ran out to collect the frozen pearls. "It's really getting bad now", exclaimed the man. "I hope it passes quickly." It did not pass quickly. For an hour the hail rained on the house, the garden, the hillside, the cornfield, on the whole valley.

Question 1.

Lencho looked satisfied when:

- (a) he saw his children playing
- (b) he saw his wife cooking
- (c) he saw his field of ripe-corn
- (d) he saw the heavy downpour

▼ Answer

(c) he saw his field of ripe-corn

Question 2.

The boy ran out of the house to:

- (a) play hockey
- (b) collect corn flowers
- (c) gather silver coins
- (d) collect the hailstones

▼ Answer

(d) collect the hailstones

Question 3.

Lencho the farmer hoped that:

- (a) the rain would continue
- (b) the hail would stop
- (c) the sun would set
- (d) the moon would disappear

▼ Answer

(b) the hail would stop

Question 4.

The word 'resemble' means:

- (a) to look like one
- (b) to look different
- (c) to look sick
- (d) to look pleased

▼ Answer

(a) to look like one

Question 5.

Lencho was filled with sadness because:

- (a) his field of corn was destroyed
- (b) his child hurt his toe
- (c) his wife had cook-burn
- (d) his pocket was picked

▼ Answer

(a) his field of corn was destroyed
