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**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

**CLASS: IX A & B**

**ASSIGNMENT**

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**CHAPTER: THE LITTLE GIRL**



**WRITE IN NOTEBOOK**

**I. READ THE PASSAGE GIVEN BELOW AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:**

In the evening when he came home she stood near the staircase and heard his loud voice in the hall. "Bring my tea into the drawing-room... Hasn't the paper come yet? Mother, go and see if my paper's out there – and bring me my slippers."

**Questions:**

- 1. What was his first essentiality after entering the room?**
- 2. When did he return the house?**
- 3. What do these lines show about the person mentioned above?**

**II. READ THE PASSAGE GIVEN BELOW AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:**

One day, when she was kept indoors with a cold, her grandmother told her that father's birthday was next week, and suggested she should make him a pin-cushion for a gift out of a beautiful piece of yellow silk.

Questions:

1. What did she suggest Kezia?
2. What did Kezia's grandmother tell her?
3. Why did Kezia mad a pin-cushion?

III. READ THE PASSAGE GIVEN BELOW AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:

"Oh, a butcher — a knife — I want Grannie." He blew out the candle, bent down and caught up the child in his arms, carrying her along the passage to the big bedroom. A newspaper was on the bed. He put away the paper, then carefully tucked up the child. He lay down beside her. Half asleep still, still with the butcher's smile all about her it seemed, she crept close to him, snuggled her head under his arm, held tightly to his shirt.

Questions:

1. What was uttered by the little girl?
2. How did he help the little girl?
3. How did Kezia do then with the father?

Answers Of Passages

Answers for Passage I:

1. He asked to have a cup of tea into the drawing room.
2. He returned in the evening.
3. These lines show that he commanded in the house.

Answers for Passage II:

1. The grandmother suggested her to make a pin-cushion for her father's birthday gift.
2. Kezia's grandmother told her that her father's birthday would in the following week.
3. She mad a pin-cushion for her father's birthday.

Answers for Passage III:

1. The little girl uttered – a butcher – a knife. She was fearful and demanded Grannie.
2. He caught up the child in his arms and took her in his room.
3. Kezia put her head under his arm and held his shirt tightly.

## WRITE IN NOTEBOOK:

II. Answer the following questions in one or two sentences.

1. Why was Kezia afraid of her father?

Ans. Kezia was afraid of her father because he was strict. He stared at her and even gave her physical punishment. Instead of the love and affection that Kezia sought from her father, he gave her scoldings which instilled a fear in her mind. Her father's giant structure also terrified little Kezia.

2. Who were the people in Kezia's family?

Ans. In all there were four members in Kezia's family – her strict father, her stern mother, a loving grandmother and Kezia herself.

3. What was Kezia's father's routine

- (i) before going to his office?
- (ii) after coming back from his office?
- (iii) on Sundays?

Ans.

- i) Before going to office, Kezia's father would visit Kezia in her room, give her a kiss and then leave for work in his carriage.
- ii) After coming back from office in the evening, Kezia's father would order that tea be brought for him in the drawing room. He would order for his slippers and the newspapers in a loud voice.
- iii) On Sunday afternoons, he would stretch out on the sofa, his handkerchief on his face, his feet on one of the best cushions, and would sleep soundly and snore.

4. In what ways did Kezia's grandmother encourage her to get to know her father better?

Ans. Kezia's grandmother wanted Kezia to have a strong bond of love and affection with her parents. In order to develop that, she encouraged Kezia to go downstairs every Sunday afternoon to spend time with her parents and to get to know them better.

III. Discuss these questions in class with your teacher and then write down your answers in two or three paragraphs each.

1. Kezia's efforts to please her father resulted in displeasing him very much. How did this happen?

Ans. Kezia was at home as she was down with fever. Her grandmother suggested that she make a surprise gift for her father as his birthday was

approaching. Kezia and her grandmother planned that Kezia would make a pin cushion for him and her grandmother gave her a piece of yellow – coloured silk fabric for it. Kezia stitched the cushion from three sides and was looking for pieces of torn cloth or paper to stuff into the cushion.

As her grandmother was out in the garden, the innocent child reached her parents' room. She found a heap of paper lying on the bed table, tore the sheets of paper into tiny bits and stuffed it into the cushion. Kezia was glad that finally, the surprise gift was ready but, in fact she had committed a serious mistake of destroying her father's speech that he had prepared for the Port Authority.

Kezia's father was angry with her and wanted to teach her an important lesson, not to touch anything that did not belong to her. So, he hit Kezia's palms with a ruler to teach her a lesson.

2. Kezia decides that there are "different kinds of fathers". What kind of father was Mr Macdonald, and how was he different from Kezia's father?

Ans. Mr Macdonald, Kezia's next door neighbour had five children. Kezia often saw them playing in the garden.

One day, she peeped through a gap in the fence and saw them having fun. Baby Mao was sitting on Mr Macdonald's shoulders, his two daughter stuck to his coat's pockets and they ran all around the flower beds, laughing and having fun. His sons opened the hose on him and he tried to catch them.

This fun scene made her conclude that there were different kinds of fathers. Mr Macdonald was different from her father. He was not strict, played with his children and they laughed all the while.

On the other hand, Kezia's father was always angry at her. He remained busy with work and later, was too tired that he slept most of the time. He stared at her, scolded her for stammering and being silly.

His strict nature made Kezia wonder that what for had God made fathers.

3. How does Kezia begin to see her father as a human being who needs her sympathy?

Ans. One day, Kezia's mother was taken ill and went to the hospital. Grandmother too accompanied her. Kezia was left alone with the cook, Alice to look after her. At night, Alice put Kezia to bed but Kezia was reluctant to sleep without her grandmother as she would go to her in case

she got scared by a nightmare. Alice put Kezia to sleep all alone and ordered her not to scream and disturb her father who was asleep in the next room. But she was again bother by the nightmare of a butcher with a knife, a rope and a dreadful smile. Kezia screamed and called her grandmother. Upon hearing her screams, her father woke up. He was holding a candle and lifted Kezia in his arms. He took her to his room and comforted her. He lay Kezia in his bed and told her to rub her feet against his legs to make them warm. Kezia felt his affection and snuggled towards him. At that moment, Kezia realized that her father worked really hard was a tired poor man who needed sympathy and concern. There was no one to look after him. Although he was big and not as soft as grandmother, Kezia realized that he loved her, and she had affection for him.

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