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## **Class-X**

### **Letter to God**

#### **Additional Questions**

##### **A. Answer the following questions (30-40 words)**

- 1) Describe the area where Lencho lived.
- 2) Describe the field of corn before and after the hailstorm.
- 3) "Lencho's soul was filled with sadness". When and how?
- 4) Why did Lencho write a letter to the postmaster?
- 5) What made the post office people break out laughing?
- 6) Why did the postmaster decide to send money to Lencho?
- 7) Did Lencho try to find out who had sent the money to him? Why/ why not?
- 8) Why did Lencho become angry when he counted the money?
- 9) "Lencho was an ox of a man, working like an animal in the fields". Describe the statement.
- 10) Why did Lencho decide to send the second letter?
- 11) How were the raindrops like "new coins" to Lencho?
- 12) The postmaster was a person of great compassion. How?
- 13) Describe the hailstorm in your own words.
- 14) Who were called "a bunch of crooks"? Why were they called so?

##### **B. Answer the following questions in 100 -200 words.**

- 1) "Man proposes God disposes". In light of the above statement describe the condition of Lencho.
- 2) On behalf of Lencho write a letter to God asking for 100 pesos.
- 3) How will you describe the cornfield of Lencho?
- 4) Lencho had tremendous faith in God. How do you feel so?
- 5) Lencho expresses his anguish to God in his second letter. What made him feel so?
- 6) There are some people in this world who despite their official duty come good for the needy. The character of the Postmaster displays the same. How

## **"Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom"**

**Answer the questions in not more than 30 words.**

1. What is "Apartheid," and how did it affect South Africa?
2. Why did Nelson Mandela join the African National Congress (ANC)?
3. What does Mandela say about courage in the chapter?
4. How did Mandela's view of freedom change over time?
5. What role did Mandela's family play in shaping his character?
6. What were Mandela's feelings on becoming the first black President of South Africa?
7. How does Mandela define the concept of "freedom" in his speech?
8. What significance does Mandela attribute to the inauguration ceremony on May 10, 1994?
9. How does Mandela describe the role of comrades in the struggle for freedom?
10. What does Mandela say about the twin obligations every person has?

**Answer the following questions in not more than 60 words.**

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**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS**

**A Triumph of Surgery**

**Short Answer type Questions.**

1. "It was a temptation to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest." Why was it so?
2. What was the major flaw in Tricki?
3. What do you think would happen to Tricki after he went back to Mrs. Pumphrey?
4. "I was really worried about Tricki this time." Comment on the writer's choice of beginning the story in this manner. What purpose does it serve?
5. Was it actually a triumph of surgery in reference to Tricki? Why/Why not?
6. Briefly state how does Mr. Herriot treat Tricki?
7. What made James Herriot expect a call from Mrs. Pumphrey?
8. Do you think the narrator's decision not to reveal the actual treatment to Mrs. Pumphrey was unprofessional? Justify your stance.
9. What 'extra' does Mrs. Pumphrey feed Tricki? Is she wise in this?
10. According to a popular quote- Where there is no struggle, there is no strength. In what way is this quote relevant to the events of the story?
11. Was Tricki suffering from any ailment in reality? If not, then what made him inactive and lethargic?

**Long Answer Type Questions.**

1. Read the following quote by Mahatma Gandhi.  
"It is health that is real wealth not pieces of gold and silver."  
Justify the quote given above in light of Tricki's sickness and his recovery to be fit.
2. Excess of anything is harmful. Evaluate this in the context of Tricki's condition in the story 'A Triumph of Surgery'.
3. Read the extracts given below and critically examine the difference of the views regarding keeping pets of both the characters:
  - A. "He seemed to have no energy. I thought he must be suffering from malnutrition, so I have been giving him some little extras

between meals to build him up, some malt and cod-liver oil and a bowl of Horlicks at night to make him sleep- nothing much really.”

- B.** “Now I really mean this. If you don’t cut his food right down and give him more exercise, he is going to be really ill. You must harden your heart and keep him on a very strict diet.”