



# INDIAN SCHOOL DARSAIT DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



Subject : ENGLISH	Topic : The Last Lesson	Worksheet : ____3____
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Name of the Student : _____	Class:XII Division : _____	Roll Number : _____

	Short answers questions	3
1.	<p>What was Franz expected to be prepared with for school that day? Ans. Franz was expected to be prepared with participles that day for school, as Mr. Hamel had said that he would question them on participles.</p>	
2.	<p>What had been put up on the bulletin-board? Ans. Franz had a negative view about the bulletin-board as for the last two years only bad news had come from it. That day was no exception as Germans had put up an order passed from Berlin on the bulletin-board to teach only German in the school of Alsace and Lorraine.</p>	3
3.	<p>How did Franz's feelings about M Hamel and school change? Ans. Earlier Franz didn't like M. Hamel much because of his ruler and cranky nature and he was afraid of him but now all those feelings were entirely changed for M Hamel. The message conveyed by M Hamel about the order from Berlin was a thunderclap for little Franz. He immediately felt sorry for not being sincere in the school and for not learning the French language and other lessons properly. His books, which seemed a nuisance and a burden earlier are now Franz's old friends.</p>	3
4.	<p>. What reasons did M Hamel give for their lack of interest in learning French? Ans. The lack of interest in learning French was: (a) due to the parents who wanted their children to work in farm or mill to earn. (b) due to the students who were reluctant to learn and often put off the lesson for the next day. (c) and due to himself as he asked them to water the flower and gave them off when he had to go for fishing.</p>	3



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5.	<p>How did Franz find teaching and learning that day?</p> <p>Ans. Franz found teaching and learning very interesting that day. He was very attentive and careful. Franz also realized that M Hamel had never explained everything with so much patience. It seemed almost as if the poor man wanted to give them all he knew before going away. M Hamel wanted to put it all into their heads at one stroke as it was their last lesson.</p>	3
6.	<p>Franz thinks, “Will they make them sing in German, even the pigeons?” What could this mean?</p> <p>Ans. The Frenchmen were highly patriotic and took a pride in their language. A strong feeling of revolt was in the air against the Germans. It shows that Franz did not accept their rule and thought that they can’t tame pigeons.</p>	3
<b>LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS:-</b>		
1.	<p>How did M Hamel react when Franz failed to recite rule for the participle?</p> <p>Ans. Franz’s name was called to recite the rule for the participles. But he got mixed up on the first word. He was standing there, holding on to his desk, his heart beating and not daring to look up. But M. Hamel instead of scolding, he told Franz that he must feel bad enough. He said that every day we think that we have plenty of time and we will learn it tomorrow. And now you see where we have come out by putting off learning till tomorrow. Now those fellows out there will have the right to say to you, “How is it; you pretend to be Frenchman, and yet you can neither speak nor write your own language?”</p> <p>Then M Hamel told Franz that only he was not to be blamed. His parents were not anxious enough to have him learn. They preferred to put Franz to work on a farm or at the mills, so as to have a little more money. M. Hamel blamed himself for it also. He said that quite often he had been sending Franz to water his flowers instead of learning his lessons. And when he wanted to go for fishing, he would just give him a holiday.</p>	6
2.	<p>What impression do you form of M Hamel on the basis of your study of the story “The Last Lesson”?</p> <p>Ans. M. Hamel is an experienced teacher who has been teaching in school for forty years. He imparts primary education in all subjects. He is a hard task master and students like Franz, who are not good learners, are in great dread of being scolded by him.</p> <p>The latest order of the Prussian rulers upsets him. He has to leave the place for ever and feels heart broken. He feels sad but exercises self-control. He has the courage to hear every lesson to the last.</p>	6



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	<p>His performance during the last lesson is exemplary. He is kind even to a late comer like Franz. He uses a solemn and gentle tone while addressing the students. He has a logical mind and can analyze problems and deduce the reasons responsible for it. The problem for Alsace is that it puts off learning till tomorrow.</p> <p>He knows the emotional hold of a language over its users. He is a good communicator and explains everything patiently. Partings are painful and being human, M. Hamel too is no exception. He fails to say good-bye as his throat is choked. On the whole, he is a patriotic gentleman.</p>	
3	<p>Franz' attitude towards school as well as towards M. Hamel changes when he comes to know about the takeover of his village by Prussians. Do you agree?</p> <p>Discuss with reference to the 'Last Lesson'.</p> <p>Ans. The orders from Berlin to take over the village where Franz lives have been put up in the school notice board. Only German language would be taught in the school and French teacher had to go. Franz felt sorry for not learning his lessons in French any more. His books that had seemed such a nuisance a short while ago, which he found so heavy to carry seemed to him old friends. His feelings about his French teacher M Hamel were changed. He decided to pay attention to the lesson. The school became very important for him. The idea that the teacher was going away, genuinely upset Franz who became too serious for history and grammar. I fully agree with it as one has to take one's deeds seriously when he feels the loss of it.</p>	