



INDIAN SCHOOL DARSAIT

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



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1.	Will DrSadao be arrested on the charge of harbouring an enemy? DrSadao, on humanitarian grounds as well as professional grounds, tended a wounded war prisoner which was officially a serious crime. However, he did not get punished for this offence as it was never revealed to anyone, except his wife, timid servants, and a General who was too self-obsessed with his own treatment that he would never let the doctor leave him.	3
2.	Did Hana help the wounded man and wash him herself? The wounded American was in a very bad state and needed to be washed before being operated on. Hana did not want Dr.Sadao to clean the dirty and unconscious prisoner. So she asked their servant, Yumi, to do so. However, Yumi defied her master's order and opted out of it. As a result, Hana had no other option but to wash him herself.	3
3.	How did the servants react to the doctor's decision? The servants felt uncomfortable about the presence of American prisoner of war in their house. They felt that they could not stay any longer in Sadao's house if he continued to hide the soldier inside the house. Being superstitious, they were fearful about the wrath of the nature who they thought had wanted to kill him. They even tried to put an emotional pressure on their masters to send the American out of the house.	3
4.	How would you explain the reluctance of the soldier to leave the shelter of the doctor's home even when he knew he couldn't stay there without risk to the doctor and himself? When the American war prisoner came to consciousness and realized that he was saved by a Japanese family, he feared that he will be soon handed over to the army. However, as he noticed the amount of concern and care given to him by the family, he understood that he was in safe hands. He knew that although he was a threat to the doctor's family, his own life might be saved there. Burdened with gratitude towards the family, he ultimately decides to comply with what the doctor planned for him - the escape.	3
5.	Do you think the doctor's final solution to the problem was the best possible one in the circumstances? The doctor tried his best to save the injured soldier as a part of his duty. But the ultimate question was what to do next. It cannot be said that he betrayed his country as he told the truth to the General. However when he noticed that the soldier was to be killed not for the benefit of the country but only to save the doctor's life, he decided to help him flee. In such a situation, the doctor's final solution to the problem was the best possible one.	3



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6.	<p>What explains the attitude of the General in the matter of the enemy soldier? Was it human consideration, lack of national loyalty, dereliction of duty or simply self-absorption?</p> <p>The General was totally governed by self-absorption. He was a patient of DrSadao and did not trust anyone except him when it came to his health. He could not take the risk of living unprotected if the doctor was executed for treachery. He had personal assassins whom he promised to use for killing the injured soldier. But ironically, he 'forgot' his promise to help the doctor.</p>	3
LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS:-		
1.	<p>What will DrSadao do to get rid of the man?</p> <p>With the injured American's health gradually improving, DrSadao and Hana were in a fix as to what should be done with him. Their loyal servants had left them and keeping him in their house could pose a threat to their lives. As Hana's impatience and distress grew, DrSadao revealed the matter to the General who decided to send assassins to kill the young American in his sleep. Keen on getting rid of the escaped war prisoner, DrSadao agreed. However, the matter could not be resolved because the assassins never came. DrSadao then planned another way to get rid of him which was overpowered with sympathy and a distant gratitude towards the people he had been linked to in America. He decided to save his patient one more time. He secretly sent him to an isolated island with food, bottled water, clothes, blanket and his own flashlight on a boat from where he boarded a Korean ship to freedom and safety.</p>	6
2	<p>There are moments in life when we have to make hard choices between our roles as private individuals and as citizens with a sense of national loyalty. Elucidate with reference to the story. Dr. Sadao encounters with the dilemma to live as private individual whose moral and ethical responsibility is to save the soldier and second as a Japanese to a.</p> <p>So as a doctor and as an individual his first job is to save man-takes ethical responsibility, he risks his life, fame and social status- takes him to his house and makes efforts to save him. But his other side-sense of patriotism as well as nationalism also involves a report to police, takes the general in confidence and plans to make him killed but later on again helps the soldier in escaping off. Thus Dr. Sadao's personality is displayed.</p>	6
3	<p>DrSadao was compelled by duty as a doctor to help the enemy soldier. What made Hana, his wife, sympathetic to him in the face of open defiance from the domestic staff?</p> <p>DrSadao and Hana knew that their decision to save the enemy soldier would be questioned by everyone. However, they firmly followed their sense of duty. For DrSadao this sense of duty came from the profession he was in; but for Hana, the duty was purely humanitarian. From bearing the unrest in her domestic staff to being forced to do all the chores of house-hold herself, she does all with grace and dignity. Hana's loving, considerate and sympathetic nature shines out. She washed and fed the soldier although it was not her job. Her care helped recuperate the soldier fast. It is also apparent from the story that she respected her husband, and as a sense of duty towards him, did the needful. This explains why she, even after feeling sick, comes back to the room and readily does whatever is told by her husband during the operation.</p>	6