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I	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:-	Marks
1.	<p><i>There are moments in life when it's the right time to buy, but it's never the right time to sell. For fifteen years everybody has had money at the same time and nobody has wanted to sell. Now nobody has any money and nobody wants to buy.'</i></p> <p>(a) Who is the speaker of these lines? (b) According to the speaker, there is never the right time to sell. What does it imply? (c) Describe the previous financial condition of the speaker. (d) Where is the location of the villa?</p>	4
2.	<p><i>'You are an exception. Frenchmen usually have to consult about ten people before they get a move on. Listen! Do you or don't you want to sell this house?'</i></p> <p>(a) Who is 'You' here? (b) How does the speaker rate the Frenchmen? (c) Why is the listener an exception? (d) Name the lesson and the author.</p>	4
3.	<p><i>'They want a cook in the film as well. They asked me if I knew of anybody suitable. You said just now, Madame, that times were hard.... Would you like me to get you the engagement?'</i></p> <p>(a) Pick out the word from the extract that means the same as 'difficult'. (b) Identify the speaker of these lines. (c) What has the speaker offered the listener? (d) Why does the speaker find the listener suitable for the offer?</p>	4
II.	Short Answers in 30 -40 words:-	
1.	<p>What offer did the maid give to Juliette? Did she accept it? Ans: The maid told Juliette that she was offered a role in a film at Joinville studio for one hundred francs. She suggested Juliette to act as a cook in the film as it would help her in earning a handsome amount of money. Juliette did not accept the offer. She remarked, 'Thank God I'm not quite so hard up as that yet!'</p>	2

2.	<p>Why did the maid ask for leave for three hours?</p> <p>Ans: The maid asked for leave for three hours because she wanted to go for shooting of a film where she was offered the role of a maid and for that she was paid one hundred francs.</p>	2
3.	<p>Why is Gaston not interested in buying the villa in the beginning?</p> <p>Ans : Gaston was not interested in buying the villa in the beginning for two reasons. He was not impressed with a garden, kitchen and salon. He thought that it was not worth the price. Another was related to his in-laws. He knew that his in-laws with 'whole tribe of sister's children would come and stay there.</p>	2
4.	<p>Who is better in business – Juliette or Gaston? Why?</p> <p>Ans: Gaston is better in business. Juliette wanted to sell her villa but could not generate a customer for a long time. She was so desperate that she was ready to sell it at a throw away price. Gaston was a good businessman. He clinched a deal with Mrs Al Smith in such a way that he made money out of air. He sold the villa which did not belong to him satisfying both the owner and the buyer.</p>	2
	Practice Question	
1.	Why does Jeanne want to buy a villa?	2
2.	"Gaston lacked honesty and fairness in his deal. Do you agree? What values are reflected from his character? As a businessman, what would be your priority, profit or honesty?"	8
	Assignment Question	
1	<p><i>'To start off with, why isn't the price marked on the signboard? You French people have a cute way of doing business! You go and tell your boss that if he doesn't come right away, I'm going. I haven't any time to waste. Any hold up makes me sick when I want something.</i></p> <p>(a)Who is the speaker? (b) Why is the speaker impressed? (c) Who is the boss the speaker is waiting for? (d) Pick out the word from the extract that means the same as 'written.'</p>	4
2	<p><i>'Why should I? I don't want to see the kitchen to know that the garden is a myth and that the salon is impossible.</i></p> <p>(a) Identify the speaker of these lines. (b) Why does the speaker not want to see the kitchen and the salon? (c) What does ' the garden is a myth' mean? (d) Whom is the speaker speaking to?</p>	4

