



INDIAN SCHOOL DARSAIT DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



Subject : English

Topic :Mother's Day

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S.No.	Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.	Marks
1.	<p>_Why did Mrs. Fitzgerald insist upon Mrs. Pearson to be the boss of her family?</p> <p>Mrs. Fitzgerald insisted so because Mrs. Pearson's husband and children considered her as a housemaid rather than a loving and caring mother and wife. They treated her like a slave, ordered her to make tea and never thought that she too was a human being and needed rest.They thought that it was her duty to work for them while they never considered her work as work.</p>	3
2.	<p>How was Mrs. Pearson responsible for her fate?</p> <p>To a certain level, Mrs. Pearson herself was responsible for her fate. She loved and cared for her children and husband so much that they failed to understand her value and worth. She had wished to correct them but for fear of hurting them, she didn't mention it.</p>	3
3.	<p>How did Mrs. Fitzgerald offer to help Mrs. Pearson to set her family right?</p> <p>Mrs. Fitzgerald told her plan and said that they would change their personalities with each other. She had learnt this art when she was in East. Mrs. Fitzgerald would look like Mrs. Pearson and vice versa. Thus she offered to set Mrs. Pearson's family right for her.</p>	3
3.	<p>How does Mrs. Pearson make fun of Charlie Spence?</p> <p>Charlie Spence is Doris's boy-friend. She intends to go out with him that evening. But mother makes fun of Charlie Spence. She says that Charlie has buck-teeth and is half-witted. She wonders whether Doris could not find of anyone better than Charlie Spence.</p>	3
4.	<p>How does Mrs. Pearson make fun of her husband?</p> <p>Mrs. Pearson tells her husband that they laugh at him at the club and call him Pompy-ompy Pearson because they think he is so slow and pompous. When his son Cyril confirms it, he is shocked and walks out of the room.</p>	3
5.	<p>What was Mrs. Fitzgerald's final advice to Mrs. Pearson?</p> <p>She advised Mrs. Pearson to be tough on them in future. She tells her not to feel sorry for the drama and give any explanation or apology. If she stays firm, they will eat out of her hands obediently.</p>	3
6.	<p>What change do you notice in George, Doris and Cyril at the end of the play?</p> <p>They are no longer thoughtless and overbearing in their behavior. Cyril and Doris agree to get supper ready while their mother has a talk with their father. She also asks for a nice family game of rummy. All agree with her. She finally thanks her neighbor and bids her goodbye. As she walks out of the room, the family gathers round mother.</p>	3

	Answer the following questions in 100-120 words	
1.	<p>Bring out the theme of the play Mother's Day.</p> <p>In this play, Priestley tries to depict the fate of most house wives. The poor house wife has to work all hours of the day and all days of the week. She works hard to keep her husband and children happy. But the husband and children are almost always thoughtless. They have no regard for the feelings of the poor mother. They treat her as a servant. After their work, they go out to spend their evening with friends. The poor mother has to stay at home and keep working. Her husband and children never think that she, too, needs some rest and entertainment. Such husbands and children need to correct themselves.</p>	6
2.	<p>Compare and contrast the characters of Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Fitzgerald.</p> <p>Mrs. Pearson is a loving mother and a gentle wife. She works hard to keep her husband and children happy. But she gets no praise or regard for it. Her husband and children are very thoughtless and selfish. They treat her as a servant. Mrs. Pearson feels unhappy about it. But she is too weak to protest.</p> <p>On the other hand, Mrs. Fitzgerald is very outspoken. She can brook no injustice. She believes in equal rights with men. To make it clear, she even smokes and drinks. She says that husbands, sons and daughters should take notice of wives and mothers. They should not treat them like dirt. She asks Mrs. Pearson to be the boss of her family.</p>	6