

Chapter 7: The Necklace

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Textbook exercises

Question 1

What kind of a person is Mme Loisel – why is she always unhappy?

Solution

Ans: Mme Loisel is a lovely lady. Her dreams are really important to her. She is blind to life's reality. As a result, she is perpetually dissatisfied because dreams are impossible to come true. She wishes for them to be accurate.

Question 2

What kind of a person is her husband?

Solution

Ans: Her husband, M Loisel is a down-to-earth individual. He's just a regular person. He is a loving and caring husband. He's eager to meet Mme Loisel is overjoyed.

Question 3

What fresh problem now disturbs Mme Loisel?

Solution

Ans: Mme Loisel was worried by yet another difficulty after purchasing a lovely gown. She didn't have any jewels with which to beautify herself. She stated that she would have a destitute appearance. Her husband advised that she put some natural flowers on her head. She, on the other hand, rejected, claiming that having a shabby air in the company of rich women was degrading.

Question 4

How is the problem solved?

Solution

Ans: The situation was handled by Mme Loisel's husband. He advised his wife to ask Mme Forestier, a friend of hers, to lend her some jewels. Mme Loisel went to Mme Forestier, who handed her a jewel case so she could choose any jewels she wished.

Question 5

What do Mr and Mme Loisel do next?

Solution

Ans: When Mme Loisel and the others realized the necklace was gone, they sought to figure out where she might have dropped it. They concluded that it could have been left in the cab. They had no idea what number it was. As a result, Loisel walked back over the path they had taken. When he couldn't find anything, he went to the cops and cab companies. He even placed an ad in the newspapers promising a prize. He then ordered Matilda to write Mme Forestier, a letter stating that she had damaged the necklace's clasp and that she would have it fixed. This allowed them to search for the necklace. They did, however, decide to replace the necklace with a new one in the end.

Question 6

The course of the Loisels' life changed due to the necklace. Comment.

Solution

Ans: M Loisel even advertised a reward in the press. He then directed Matilda to write a letter to Mme Forestier explaining that she had damaged the necklace's clasp and that she would have it repaired. This enabled them to look for the jewellery. They did, however, eventually decide to replace the necklace with a new one. She lugged the trash to the street and brought up the water every morning,

resting at each landing to catch her breath. She shopped with her basket on her arm, haggling for discounts at the grocer's, butcher's, and fruiterers. Loisel spent his evenings organising the books of a few enterprises. He copied at a cost of five cents each page.

Question 7

What was the cause of Matilda's ruin? How could she have avoided it?

Solution

Ans: Matilda's downfall was caused by her unhappiness with whatever life had to offer her. She was always in a bad mood. She felt as if she had been born for all the luxuries and delicacies. She despised her situation. She could have averted ruin if she had been satisfied with what she had.

Question 8

What would have happened to Matilda if she had confessed to her friend that she had lost her necklace?

Solution

Ans: If Matilda had revealed to her friend that she had misplaced her necklace, she might not have been in as much difficulty as she was after replacing it. Her friend would have been furious if she had done so. She would have most likely asked Matilda to replace it. She would have told her where she had purchased the necklace and how much it had cost her. Matilda would have recognized that the necklace's stones were not genuine diamonds. Replacing it would have cost her a lot less money. As a result, Matilda and her husband would have avoided all of their problems.
