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Worksheet No.01

कक्षा /Class :X विषय /Subject : English

Name of Chapter-02-Mrs.Packletide's Tiger

Name of Topic: Literature

General Instructions:

Students are suggested to write the answers of the following questions in their note book on the basis of the classes and books.

1. The worksheet is divided into various parts
Question No. 1- **Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)----1 Marks**
Question No. 2- **Very Short Answer Type Questions-----1 Marks**
Question No. 3- **Short Answer Type Questions-----2 Marks**
Question No. 4- **Short Answer Type Questions-----3 Marks**
Question No. 5- **Long Answer Type Questions-----5 Marks**

Q1	Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)---1 Marks
	Tick the correct answer from the given alternatives:
(i)	b. Ambitious and competitive
(ii)	c. To outshine LoonaBimberton
(iii)	b. Indifferent and dismissive
(iv)	d. It suggests that the tiger is more important to Mrs. Packletide than it actually is.
(v)	c. The vanity and greed of the British upper class
(vi)	a. To show off her wealth and status
(vii)	c. By highlighting their obsession with material possessions
(viii)	b. By exaggerating Mrs.Packletide's vanity and arrogance
(ix)	a. She ends up not shooting the tiger herself.
(x)	d) All of the above
Q2	Very short answer (1 marks)
(i)	Why did Mrs. Packletide want to kill a tiger?

	Answer:Mrs. Packletide wanted to kill a tiger for pleasure and to compete with her friend LoonaBimberton who had procured a tiger-skin and gained great popularity.
(ii)	What does it tell you about her? Answer:She wanted to shoot a tiger as she was jealous of her friend and wanted to gain popularity.
(iii)	What is the tone of the storywriter? Answer:The tone of the story writer is humorous.
(iv)	Do you think she was successful in her mission? Answer:Yes she was successful in her mission.
(v)	What do you think the story is all about? Answer:The story is about hunting a tiger for pleasure and popularity.
(vi)	Who was Miss Mebbin? Answer: Miss Mebbin was a paid companion of Mrs. Packletide.
(vii)	What was her relationship with Mrs.Packletide? She was not at all devoted to her. She pretended to have a protective elder sister like attitude towards Mrs. Packletide
(viii)	Why did Mrs. Packletide wish to kill a tiger? Answer:Mrs. Packletide wished to kill a tiger because her friend had procured a tiger-skin so she was jealous and wanted popularity for herself.
(ix)	What discovery annoyed Mrs.Packletide? Answer: The discovery that she shot the wrong animal and the fact that the old tiger died of heart-failure due to the sound of the gun upset Packletide.
(x)	What preparation were made for the tiger shoot? Answer: An old tiger was found for the tiger shoot. A platform was constructed on a tree and a goat was kept as a bait. Mrs. Packletide Waited on the platform with a rifle and a pack of cards.
Q3	Short Answer Type Questions (2 marks each)
(i)	Why did Mrs. Packletide give up big-game shooting? Ans. Mrs. Packletide gave up big-game shooting as she found it to be an affair where ‘incidental expenses’ were heavy. She had to pay a lot in the tiger-killing also as Miss Mebbin blackmailed her into paying for a weekend cottage. Apart from this, she had to pay the villagers also for helping her in the killing of animal.
(ii)	How does Louisa Mebbin exploit the incident of killing the tiger to her

	<p>greatest advantage?</p> <p>Answer. Louisa Mebbin is the paid companion of Mrs. Packletide. She has an elder sisterly attitude towards money. When she notice that it is the goat and not the tiger which has been killed by Mrs.Packletide’s gun shot, she blackmails her into buying a weekend cottage at Darking otherwise she suggests of informing LoonaBimberton about it.</p>
(iii)	<p>How did Miss Louisa Mebbin blackmail Mrs.Packletide?</p> <p>Answer. She blackmailed her into buying her a weekend cottage otherwise she would have told LoonaBimberton the truth that it was not the tiger but a mere goat that Mrs. Packletide had shot.</p>
(iv)	<p>What had Mrs. Packletide already arranged in her mind for LoonaBimberton?</p> <p>Answer. She had arranged a luncheon party in her mind. Actually, her purpose was to show her and others the skin rug of the tiger, she had killed. She had also designed a tiger-claw brooch which she wanted to gift LoonaBimberton on her birthday.</p>
(v)	<p>Mrs. Packletide was a good shot. Discuss.</p> <p>Answer.Mrs. Packletide was not a professional hunter. When she took her shot, it wounded and killed the goat. The tiger suffered a heart-failure and died. She missed her shot but was able to annoy LoonaBimberton.</p>
Q4	Short Answers (3 marks)
(i)	<p>Why did Mrs. Packletide give up big-game shooting?</p> <p>Answer:Mrs. Packletide gave up big-game shooting as she found it to be an affair where ‘incidental expenses’ were heavy. She had to pay a lot in the tiger-killing also as Miss Mebbin blackmailed her into paying for a weekend cottage. Apart from this, she had to pay the villagers also for helping her in the killing of animal.</p>
(ii)	<p>Do you think the tiger shooting organized by the villagers was a serious affair? Give f reasons for your answer.</p> <p>Answer:The tiger shooting organised by the villagers was a serious affair because Mrs. Packletide had offered a thousand rupees for the opportunity of shooting a tiger without taking much risk. A neighbouring village was chosen for the game killing. The idea of earning a thousand rupees had egged on the villagers. They had posted their children at the borders of the local jungle to head the tiger back to the village so that it may not go to some fresh hunting grounds.</p>

(iii)	<p>Why did Mrs. Packletide decide to give a party in honour of LoonaBimberton ? What did she plan to present Loona on her birthday?</p> <p>Answer: Mrs.Packletide’s only aim in life was to surpass LoonaBimberton, who was very popular for her adventurous and exciting deeds. By giving a party in her honour, Mrs. Packletide wanted to show her that she had done a more adventurous and exciting thing by shooting a tiger. She even wanted to gift a tiger-claw brooch to Loona on her birthday just to outshine her.</p>
(iv)	<p>What was Mrs.Packletide’s pleasure and intention? Why did she decide to kill a tiger?</p> <p>Answer: She loved showing off and to be mentioned in the magazines. She drew pleasure in making others feel inferior and low. So, she decided to kill a tiger in order to be in the limelight and also to make Loona feel small.</p>
(v)	<p>How did Louisa Mebbin manage to buy the pretty weekend cottage?</p> <p>Answer: Mrs. Packletide had killed the wrong animal and the tiger had died of heart attack. Only Louisa Mebbin knew this. Every newspaper and magazine reported the killing of the tiger and Mrs. Packletide did not deny it. Louisa found that enough reason to blackmail her and that is how she bought the cottage.</p>
Q5	Long Answers (5 marks)
(i)	<p>Mrs.Packletide’s desire became a constant trouble for her. Explain.</p> <p>Answer: Jealous of LoonaBimberton, Mrs. Packletide wished to embarrass her. She wanted to outshine her by proving that she was more adventurous than her rival LoonaBimberton who had been carried eleven miles in an aeroplane by an Algerian pilot. In her wish to procure a tiger skin, she chose to shoot an old tiger. However, having a poor aim she shot a goat rather than the tiger. Mrs. Packletide achieved what she desired to prove her superiority over LoonaBimberton and to be popular for her amazing feat. But this’ fulfilment came with a price. She had to buy an expensive cottage for Miss Mebbin who threatened to expose her secret. Thus, her heart’s desire became a constant trouble for her as Miss Mebbin could blackmail her further whenever she wanted anything from her.</p>
(ii)	<p>How does the writer create humour in this story?</p> <p>Answer:The story is full of humour. Mrs. Packletide arranges for the shooting. The funniest part is that a weak tiger is arranged and cheaper goats are left to lure him. Mrs. Packletide is not a good shooter but a platform is constructed in a tree</p>

	<p>and she sits there with a rifle a thumb- nail pack of patience cards. The funniest part is as soon as the tiger caught sight of the goat it lay flat on the earth, seemingly less from a desire to take advantage of and attack its prey.</p> <p>The rifle is shot with a loud bang and the great beast springs to one side and then rolls over dead. Miss Mebbin makes fun of Mrs. Packletide by bringing out the fact that the wrong animal had been killed. The bullet had hit the goat but the tiger had a heart failure because of the loud noise of the rifle. The villagers shouted happily for they were only anxious for their thousand rupees and gladly connived at the fiction that she had shot the tiger. Mrs. Packletide faced the cameras happily and her pictured feme reached the pages of Texas Weekly Snapshot.</p>
(iii)	<p>Do you think the writer is trying to make fun of the main characters in the story i.e. Mrs. Packletide, Miss Mebbin and LoonaBimberton ? Pick out instances from the story that point to this fact.</p> <p>Answer:This story is full of humour. The writer has tried to make fun of the society through the characters of the three women in the story. The competitive and jealous nature of Mrs. Packletide motivated her to game killing because her friend LoonaBimberton had procured a tiger-skin and procured press photographs. Mrs. Packletide had even offered a thousand rupees for this game without taking any risk and faced the cameras happily showing that she had killed that beast but the fact was the tiger had died of heart failure due to the loud sound of the rifle.</p> <p>Miss Mebbin was hired by Mrs. Packletide to accompany her to the game, she had a protective attitude towards money and was greedy. She even made fun of Mrs. Packletide by saying “If it is an old tiger you ought to get it cheaper”. Louisa Mebbin had blackmailed Mrs. Packletide into buying her a pretty cottage for not letting out the secret that the wrong animal had been killed. The writer makes fun of Mebbin that she had named her cottage as “Les Fauves”.</p> <p>LoonaBimberton has been presented as a shrewd person with a spiteful nature. She had boasted about the tiger-skin but had refused to look at the illustrated paper for weeks for it contained the pictures of Mrs. Packletide with her hunted tiger. Her emotions seemed to be repressed as she wrote the letter of thanks for the gift of a tiger claw-brooch. The writer has tried to make fun of three women who tried in their own way to get popularity.</p>

(iv)	<p>A person who is vain is full of self-importance and can only think of himself / herself and can go to great lengths to prove his / her superiority. Do you think Mrs. Packletide is vain? Give reasons in support of your answer.</p> <p>Answer:Mrs. Packletide is a vain. It was not because of her pleasure that she should shoot a tiger nor the lust came upon her. But her friend LoonaBimberton boasted about getting a tiger skin and facing the cameras had made Mrs. Packletide envious of her friend. The urge to face the camera herself forced her to offer a thousand rupees for the chance of shooting a tiger without much effort. She was competitive in nature which made her arrange for the shoot. She had already arranged a lunch in honour of LoonaBimberton and even planned to give her a tiger claw-brooch. She wanted to show her superiority by herself shooting a tiger so that she should also face the camera. She tried to go to any lengths to prove this. She arranged for a paid companion to accompany her for the shooting. All possible efforts were made to make it a success. Even though the wrong animal was killed she faced the camera boldly with the dead tiger to prove her courage.</p>
(v)	<p>Sometimes writers highlight certain negative aspects in society or human beings by making fun of it. This is called satire. In your groups discuss whether you would classify this story as a satire. Give reasons to support your answer.</p> <p>Answer:The writer has used satire in the story. He has made fun of the characters in the story to bring out the satire. Mrs. Packletide is a shrewd and competitive person, she becomes jealous of her friend when she comes to know that LoonaBimberton has got a tiger-skin and faced the press and procured photographs. She too out of her pride arranges to shoot a tiger. She goes to the length of offering money to the villagers. An old tiger is lured by cheaper goats. The writer uses satire to make fun of the society that would do anything in order to become famous as portrayed by Mrs. Packletide. The other side of the greedy society is reflected by Miss Mebbin. She is a greedy lady who blackmails Mrs. Packletide to buy her a cottage so that she would not give away the secret of the wrong animal being killed. The villagers represent another group of the society who are also greedy for money. For them money mattered more than the animal that was shot, whether it was the goat or a tiger.</p>