

# **ATOMIC ENERGY EDUCATION SOCIETY**

## **CLASS X**

### **SUBJECT : ENGLISH**

#### **Handout :- The Proposal**

#### **Module-1/2**

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#### **Introduction**

- The proposal is a one act play that begins with a man Lomov presenting a marriage proposal to his neighbour's daughter.
- Before he could actually convey it to the girl they enter into an argument about Oxen Meadows.
- Chubukov the lady's father also joins the heated discussions.
- After they end this they enter into another argument about their dogs and which one is better than other.
- In the midst of all this proposal get's forgotten until Lomav falls off due to his palpitations.
- Unforunately quareling stil continues.

## *Lomov meets Chubukov*

- The curtain rises and Lomov is seen entering his neighbour Chubukov's house fully dressed up in his evening attire.
- Chubukov is surprised to see him well dressed and asks him the occasion.
- Lomov reveals that he had come to make a request.
- Chubukov thinks he must have come for money which he doesn't want to give.
- On being revealed that Lomov had come to ask for Natalya's hand in marriage, Chubukov gets filled with excitement and leaves to call Natalya.
- Lomov is a 35 year old gentleman who suffers from palpitations gets upset very easily and doesn't sleep well.
- He thinks it is the best age for him to get married and he is happy that he has decided to marry Natalya.
- When Natalya arrives Lomov begins the conversation about how grateful and glad he is that both their families are on good terms since the very beginning.

- While continuing to talk about his land he somehow mentions about Oxen Meadows which earlier was disputed property but now his.
- Natalya couldn't believe a word he was saying because she believes that Oxen Meadows belong to her family.
- Both of them enter into a heated discussion and act childishly when Chubukov enters just to get the conversation more heated.
- They shouted and screamed while Lomov suffers from extreme pounding of the heart, a side pull and a numb foot.
- They throw Lomov out of the house.