



INDIAN SCHOOL NIZWA - WORKSHEET

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SHORT QUESTIONS

1 **Why did Dr Sadao treat the American soldier even though, it was an unpatriotic act On his part?**

Ans. Dr Sadao treated the American prisoner of war because as a doctor, he was trained to save lives. He could not have let the injured soldier die even though he was his national enemy, as that would have been against his professional ethics.

2 **Why did the General not order immediate arrest of Dr Sadao who had sheltered a Whiteman?**

Ans. The General did not usually keep in good health and trusted no other surgeon but Dr Sadao in his time of need and could have needed his services anytime. This is why he did not order immediate arrest of the doctor for harbouring an enemy in his house.

3 **How does the writer indicate that Dr Sadao's father was a very traditional and conventional man?**

Ans. Sadao's education had been his father's chief concern, who even sent him to America at the age of twenty-two to study surgery and medicine. Sadao's father was a true patriot and took immense pride in Japanese culture and traditions. That is why Sadao married Hana only after confirming that she was a Japanese, as he did not want to upset his father. This suggests that Sadao's father was a very traditional and conventional man.

4 **How did Dr Sadao get rid of the enemy soldier? (Foreign 2009)**

Ans. Dr Sadao planned out everything beforehand. He put his boat on the shore with food and extra clothing. He asked the American prisoner of war to row to a little island near the coast and then wait for a Korean ship to pass. He also gave the American his flashlight complete with instructions on how to signal him in a time of distress.

5 **Why did the servants leave Dr Sadao's house?**

Ans. The servants left Dr Sadao's house because they did not approve of the white man staying in the surgeon's house. They thought that Sadao's stay in America during his education had erased all his sentiments for his country. Also, they did not want to be in trouble with the authorities if Sadao was arrested as a traitor.

LONG QUESTIONS

1 **What was the General's plan to get rid of the American prisoner? Was it executed? What traits of General's character are highlighted in the lesson?**

Ans. Dr Sadao informed the General about the presence of the American prisoner at his house. The General decided that his private assassins would take care of him and even take his body away Sadao agreed to the General's proposal. However, the General's assassins did not arrive for the next three days. Consequently the General's plan was not executed. Sadao spent three restless nights in waiting for the assassins; ultimately he helped the prisoner escape. When Sadao informed the General about the escape of the prisoner, the General replied that he was sick and thus forgot about the whole affair. He further wanted that Sadao must not inform anybody about this. This shows that the General was highly selfish. He had regard only for his own safety and pride. Also, he did not send Sadao to the battlefield as he needed his services himself. He



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considered himself more important than the lives of thousands of soldiers.

- 2 **What impression do you form about Dr Sadao as a man and as a surgeon on your reading the chapter The Enemy'?**

Ans. After going through the chapter, 'The Enemy', we come to the conclusion that Dr Sadao was an excellent surgeon and a human being per excellence. He appeared to be a man full of; compassion and a surgeon in the truest sense of the word. Although he had a bitter experience of Americans being prejudiced when he was a student in America, he did not let that bitterness overwhelm him and the doctor and fine human being in him prevailed. He knew that, if being found that he had harboured an American POW in his own house, he would be labelled a traitor. His conscience did not permit to let a human being die before his eyes and he took the risk of being called a traitor. It was not that he was a traitor. He promptly informed the General about the whole incident. It showed that he was not a coward. He was ready to face the consequences.

- 3 **Why did Sadao Hoki go to America? Narrate his experiences there.**

Ans. Sadao Hoki went to America to study surgery and medicine as it was the wish of his father. His experience of living in America was not very good but he was grateful to have some good professors who taught him so well. Also, he was grateful to the professor at whose home he had met Hana and immediately liked her. But he did not like the smell of their food, their small room and the wife of his professor, who was very talkative, although she tried hard to be kind. Initially, he had faced great difficulty in finding a place to live in America because he was a Japanese. He perceived that Americans were full of prejudice and for him it was a bitter experience to live with them.

- 4 **Dr Sadao was compelled by his duty as a doctor to help the enemy soldier. What made Hana, his wife, sympathetic to him in the face of open defiance from the domestic staff?**

Ans. As a doctor, it was Dr Sadao's moral responsibility to save Tom, the American prisoner of war, but Hana was under no such compulsion. In spite of this, she abided by her husband's ; decisions because she was a dutiful wife who pledged to support her husband even through the most difficult times. Secondly, Hana being a woman, was soft-hearted. She could not see a wounded person being left in the lurch. As a woman, she adorned the role of a life-giver and a preserver. She could not have been a destroyer. That is why she cleaned the prisoner when her maid was unwilling to do so. She also assisted her husband in the operation on the American, despite the fact that she could not stand the blood, and started vomiting when she saw it. She was thus a dutiful wife and life-giver.