



ENGLISH

1. LETTER TO GOD

Name: _____

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Class: X ____

Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow:

1. The house- the only one in the entire valley- sat on the crest of a low hill. From this height one could see the river and the field of ripe corn dotted with the flowers that always promised a good harvest. The only thing the Earth needed was a downpour or at least a shower. Throughout the morning Lencho who knew his fields intimately had done nothing else but see the sky towards the North-East. "Now we're really going to get some water, woman."
"The woman who was preparing supper, replied, "Yes, God willing".
(a) Where was Lencho's house located?
(b) What was Lencho's wife preparing?
(c) Find the word from the passage which means 'very closely'.
(d) What does 'Crest' means?
2. Not a leaf remained on the trees. The corn was totally destroyed. The flowers were gone from the plants. Lencho's soul was filled with sadness. When the storm had passed, he stood in the middle of the field and said to his sons. "A plague of locusts would have left more than this. The hail has left nothing.
(a) Describe Lencho's feeling as shown in the passage.
(b) What happened to the crop when the storm had passed?
(c) Find the word that means the opposite of 'restored' as used in the passage.
(d) What do you mean by 'hail' in the last line?
3. The following Sunday, Lencho came a bit earlier than usual to ask if there was a letter for him. It was the postman himself who handed the letter to him while the postmaster, experiencing the contentment of a man who has performed a good deed, looked on from his office. Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence, but he became angry when he counted the money. God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested.
(a) Why did Lencho come earlier to the post office?
(b) Why was Lencho angry when he counted money?
(c) Find the word which means the opposite of 'permitted' from the passage.
(d) Which word in the passage gives the meaning 'that one will be successful one day'.

Short Answer Type Questions

4. Who was Lencho? What were his main problems?
5. What did Lencho compare the raindrops to and why?
6. Why did Lencho not want the money to be sent through mail?
7. Do you think that Lencho was right to call the post office employees a bunch of crooks? Why or why not?

Long Answer Type Questions:

8. Give a character-sketch of Lencho.
9. "Humanity still exists", this is what we get to know after reading 'A letter to God' in which firm faith in God of a poor farmer and helpfulness of the post office employees are aptly depicted thought. Write a paragraph on the values in it, in about 80-100 words.



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