

- Q.1** What was the narrator's greatest fear as he moved towards the school?
- Q.2** What was more tempting to Franz rather than going to school?
- Q.3** What was the news which was put up on the bulletin board?
- Q.4** What was so unusual about the school on that day?
- Q.5** Why were the villagers seated on the back benches?
- Q.6** Franz didn't learn French whom did M. Hamel blame?
- Q.7** What did M. Hamel say about French language?
- Q.8** What happened when the church clock struck 12?

SOLUTION

(ENGLISH)

THE LAST LESSON

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CLASS – 12th

TOPIC – THE LAST LESSON

- Sol.1** Franz had started late for school and thus was afraid of being scolded. His fear gripped him further for he was also unprepared. He had not learnt his lesson regarding the rules of participles and thus dreaded the teacher's anger.
- Sol.2** The weather was pleasant, warm and bright. The chirruping birds were inviting him, the soldiers drilling in the field were also outdoors and Franz was not prepared with participles.
- Sol.3** For the last two years all bad news - the lost battles, the orders of the commanding officer was displayed on the notice board. That day, the news that only German would be taught in school of Alsace and Lorraine was displayed on the notice-board which made the crowd gather there to read the news.
- Sol.4** Usually there would be a great bustle of opening and closing of the desk, lesson repeated loudly and the teacher's ruler rapping on the table but that day was very calm and quiet like Sunday morning. The back benches which were usually empty were occupied by the village people and M. Hamel wore his special dress and was pacing up and down with a ruler under his arm.
- Sol.5** All the village elders were seated on the back benches as a tribute to the teacher who had put in 40 years of sincere service. It was also their way of expressing regret for not learning their mother tongue when they had the chance. They were also expressing their patriotism and solidarity with France
- Sol.6** M. Hamel didn't blame Franz for not learning but his parents who were not anxious to have him learn. Instead they wanted him to work on a farm or at the mill to earn money. Even M. Hamel was also to be blamed for sending him to water the flowers instead of learning and when he wanted to go fishing he declared holiday.
- Sol.7** He said that it is the most beautiful language in the world- the clearest, the most logical. He requested them to guard it so that they can be united and fight back for their freedom.
- Sol.8** The moment the church clock struck 12 the Prussian army came to take over and M. Hamel stood up, wanted to tell something but his voice was choked. He gathered his strength and wrote on the black board as large as he could "Vive La France" and dismissed the school.