

NCERT Solutions:

Q1. What kind of a person is Mme Loisel? Why is she always unhappy?

Ans- Matilda had a romantic nature. She was lost in dreams. Matilda was unhappy because she had no dowry. She had no hope, no means of becoming known and loved by rich men. But she was born in a poor family.

Q2. What kind of a person is her husband?

Ans- Her husband is a very simple-hearted person. He is an ordinary person. He is a caring husband. He wants to see Mme Loisel happy.

Q3. What fresh problem now disturbs Mme Loisel?

Ans- The fresh problem is Mme Loisel doesn't have a pretty and proper dress for the party.

Q4. How is the problem solved?

Ans- The problem is solved when her husband gives her four hundred francs. It is to buy a pretty dress for the said party.

Q5. What do M. Loisel and Mme Loisel do next?

Ans- M. Loisel and Mme Loisel decide to borrow a diamond necklace. It is from her friend Mme Forestier.

Q6. How do they replace the necklace?

Ans- They borrow money. They shift to a cheap house. They save every soul possible. Mme Loisel does all her work herself. They buy a new real diamond necklace to replace the lost one which is fake.

Q7. What was the cause of Matilda's ruin?

Ans- The cause of Matilda's ruin was her dissatisfaction with whatever life offered her. She dreamt to be loved by rich men. She wanted to be known as she was pretty. But in reality she was from an ordinary family.

Short Answer Questions:-

Q1. Why was Matilda sad after the ball?

Ans- Matilda was sad after the ball because she had lost the necklace. It was not hers but a borrowed one.

Q2. Why did Matilda not like to visit her rich friend?

Ans- Matilda had an inferiority complex. Whenever she visited her rich friend she felt dejected and disappointed because of her poverty. She used to compare her lodgings to that of her friend's. She did not have an attractive dress and jewellery to adorn herself with. That is why she did not like to visit her rich friend.

Q3. Why is Matilda unhappy with her life?

Ans- Matilda is unhappy with her life because she ceaselessly felt herself born for all delicacies and luxuries. The shabby walls, the worn chairs in her house tortured and angered her.

Q4. What kind of a person is her husband?

Ans- Her husband is a very simple and kind hearted person. He is an ordinary clerk and a caring husband and wants his wife to be happy.

Q5. How do they replace the Necklace?

Ans- They decided to replace the necklace. They bought a new one for thirty – six thousand francs. Mr. Loisel had eighteen thousand francs which his father left him. He borrowed the rest at a very high rate of interest.

Q6. What did Mme Forestier tell Matilda about the reality of her Necklace?

Ans- After having lost the borrowed necklace, Matilda replaced it with a diamond necklace bought for thirty-six thousand francs. But Mme Forestier told her that her necklace was false, costing about 500 francs.

Long Answer questions :-

Q1. What were the reasons which caused a great suffering to Matilda?

Ans- Matilda was a very pretty young woman

but she was dreamy and over ambitious. This led to her ruin. She was born in a poor family. But she dreamed of being loved and known by the rich. One day, her husband brought home an invitation card. They had been invited to a minister's party. She felt overjoyed but she lost the borrowed diamond necklace. They decided to replace it. But they had to spend a lot on it. It took them ten years to repay the borrowed money. These ten years were very painful for them. They led a horrible life of want. They had to save every soul. But the borrowed diamond necklace turned out to be artificial.

Q2. What kind of life did Matilda and her husband live after the loss of the diamond necklace?

Ans- Matilda decided to replace the lost diamond necklace. It cost them 36,000 francs. They were poor. It proved to be a great burden for them. Mr. Loisel borrowed it from usurer at a high rate of interest. They sent away the maid. They moved to cheap rooms. She washed the dishes herself. She clothed like a very ordinary woman. She went to the grocer's, the butcher's and the last soul. The husband worked evenings and nights. It took them ten years to repay the borrowed money. Matilda looked very old now. The life of want had brought this physical change into her.

Comprehension Questions:-

Read the following passage and answer the question that follow:

She was one of those pretty, young ladies, born as if through an error of destiny, into a family of clerks. She had no dowry, no hopes, no means of becoming known, loved, and married by a man either rich or distinguished: and she allowed herself to marry a petty clerk in the office of the Board of education. She was simple, but she was unhappy.

Q1. From which lesson this passage has been taken?

Ans- The Necklace.

Q2. Who has written 'The Necklace'?

Ans- Guy De Maupassant.

Q3. Whom did she marry?

Ans- She married a clerk.

Q4. About whom the author is talking?

Ans- Matilda.

Q5. Find the word from the passage which means 'well known'.

Ans- Distinguished.

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Q1. How much was the necklace actually worth?

- a. Forty thousand francs
- b. Thirty six thousand francs
- c. Five hundred francs
- d. None of the above

Q2. Did her friend recognize her years later?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. They did not bump into each other
- d. None of the above

Q3. What did they do to repay?

- a. Sent away the maid
- b. Change their lodgings
- c. Husband working the evenings and nights too
- d. All of these

Q4. What excuses do they make for the necklace?

- a. Stopped answering the friend's calls
- b. Wrote to her that the jewel needs repair
- c. Distracted her from the necklace
- d. None of the above

Q5. Why did she utter a cry?

- a. Seeing other ladies wrapping themselves in fur.
- b. Poverty
- c. The jewels were not to be seen when she reached home
- d. None of the above

Q6. How did she look on the day of the ball?

- a. Elegant
- b. Gracious
- c. Full of joy
- d. All of these

- Q7. What solution did her husband come up with?**
- a. Helping her find a dress
 - b. Telling her to wear natural flowers in the name of jewels
 - c. He didn't suggest anything
 - d. None of the above
- Q8. Did he agree to give her that money?**
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Maybe
 - d. None of the above
- Q9. What did his face look like upon hearing the amount her wife asked from him?**
- a. Pale
 - b. Fine
 - c. Unbothered
 - d. None of the above
- Q10. Why did she throw away the letter?**
- a. She had nothing to wear
 - b. She had no jewellery to carry
 - c. She had no bag to carry
 - d. Both a and b

Answer Key

- 1 (c). five hundred francs
- 2 (b). no
- 3 (d) all of these
- 4 (b) wrote to her that the jewel needs repair.
- 5 (c). the jewels were not to be seen when she reached home.
- 6 (d). all of these
- 7 (b). Telling her to wear natural flowers in the name of jewels
- 8. (a). yes
- 9 (a). pale
- 10 (d). both a and b