

WORKSHEET – SA I (2011-2012)

STD IX

ENGLISH

Topic: VILLA FOR SALE

Q1) Answer the following in 30 to 40 words.

- a. Why did Juliette wait until night for putting up the 'For Sale' sign?
- b. What kind of part did the maid get and why?
- c. How did the maid express her concern for Juliette?
- d. 'It's just an idea you've had stuck in your head '. What 'idea' is being referred to?
- e. Why wasn't Gaston interested in buying the villa?
- f. How did Juliette describe her villa?
- g. 'Please don't joke' who said it and why?
- h. What did Mrs. Al Smith ask and tell the maid?
- i. Mrs. Al Smith made many statements which indicated that she was a clever and observant woman, but appearances are deceptive. Justify.

Q2) Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow.

- 1) "But the sign has been hanging on the gate for over a month now and I am beginning to be afraid that the day I bought it was when I was the real fool".
 - a) Why is Juliette disappointed?
 - b) Why does she call herself a fool?
 - c) What was mentioned on the sign board?
- 2) "But your parents would take possession of it, every year from the beginning of spring until the end of September".
 - a) What does Gaston mean by 'take possession'?
 - b) What does the speaker fear more?
 - c) Whom does 'your' refer to?

- 3) "While you were upstairs, I have been thinking a lot about your Papa and Mamma".
- Who says the following sentence and to whom?
 - What is the discrepancy between what Gaston said earlier and what he says now?
 - What does the above statement reveal about Gaston's character?
- 4) "As I was saying, the garden is not very large, but you see, it is surrounded by other gardens..."
- Who is giving the explanation and to whom?
 - What does the speaker reply to this justification?
- 5) "I want to knock it down and build a bungalow here".
- Who spoke the above lines and to whom?
 - Why does the speaker intend to knock it down?
 - Who is the speaker by profession?

Q3) Answer the following questions in about 150 words.

- 1) Imagine you are Gaston. Write a letter to your friend telling him how reluctant you were to buy the villa, but how you managed to make a perfect within seconds.
- 2) Mrs. Al Smith told Gaston "You ought to learn how to do business", Gaston replied, "We are learning now. We are practicing". Who is the smarter of two and why?
- 3) Imagine you are Mrs. Al Smith; you come to know that the villa you purchased was not Gaston's. You are livid and upset at your own careless and callous attitude. Express your feelings.
- 4) As Juliette express your feelings on selling your villa to Gaston. Do you think what Gaston did was wrong? Give reasons for answer and write your views about him.

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