

ASSIGNMENT NO. 17

TOPIC : DEAR MARIA

- 1) Give a brief character sketch of Maria.
- 2) What qualities did Maria have that made her unfit to be a nun?
- 3) Which two nuns said positive things about Maria?
- 4) Name the captain. How did he run his home?
- 5) What did the children do to the many governesses, who came to teach them?
- 6) The nuns thought that Maria was very restless. What comparisons did they draw to show her restlessness?
- 7) Why was the captain horrified when he came back home? What made him change his attitude and opinion?
- 8) Why did Mother Abbess decide to send Maria away from the convent?
Where did she send her?
- 9) How did Maria win the trust of the children?
- 10) How did Maria prove to be a wonderful governess?
- 11) What lesson have you learnt from this story? How does it influence your opinion about life?