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Class XII: Vistas – The Enemy

Introduction: The story highlights how a Japanese doctor saves the life of an American prisoner of war and rises above narrow national prejudices. He risks his honour, career, position and life by sheltering a war prisoner of the enemy camp and saving his life. The author has beautifully portrayed the conflict in the doctor's mind as a private individual and as a citizen with a sense of national loyalty.

Setting: The story takes place on a coastal town of Japan in the year 1941 when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. A war was going on between America and Japan. Japanese were hostile to the Americans and ready to kill any American found in their soil.

Theme: 'The Enemy' gives the message that humanism transcends all man made prejudices and barriers. Dr. Sadao upholds the ethics of medical profession in treating an enemy. The story is a great lesson of peace, love, sympathy, fellow feeling and humanism.

Characters 1. Dr. Sadao Hoki: A Japanese doctor trained by Americans.

2. Sadao's father: much concerned about his son's education, a true patriot.

3. Hana: Wife of Dr. Sadao, met in America, became friends and got married in Japan.

4. Tom: An American prisoner of war, a soldier of U.S. Navy.

5. The old General: a sick Japanese army General, needed an operation, trusted only Dr. Sadao.

6. An officer: A messenger of the General.

 7. Gardener: an old gardener in the house of Dr. Sadao.

8. Yimi: Hana's maid servant.

9. The cook: an old cook in the house of Dr. Sadao

Short question (for discussion)

Q1. What did Dr. Sadao and his wife see when they stood out looking at the sea? Q2. In what condition was the American sailor when Dr. Sadao found him?

Q3. What was the chief concern of Sadao's father and what did he do for it?

Q4. Why was Sadao not sent to the battle field ?

Q5. Who was Hana and where did Sadao meet her?

Q6. How did foreign students feel at Professor Harley's house?

 Q7. How did Sadao and Hana get married?

Q8. Why do you think Dr. Sadao's father was a very traditional and conventional man?

Q9. What did Sadao notice about the white wounded man? How did he stop its bleeding?

 Q10. What did Sadao and his wife want to do with the white man after he had stopped his bleeding? Why?

 Q11. Why did Yumi defy the orders of Hana?

 Q12. How did the gardener react about the wounded American soldier?

Q13. Why did servants leave Sadao's house?

Q14. How did Hana help Dr. Sadao while he operated upon the enemy soldier?

Q15. At what point of time does Sadao decide to get the enemy out of his house?

Q16. Why did the messenger come to Dr. Sadao? What did Hana think about it? Q17. In what context does Hana remember the cruel nature of General Takima?

Q18. Why did the General spare the American soldier?

Q19. How did the old General thought to help Sadao in getting rid of the white man?

Q20. What instructions were given by Dr. Sadao to the American before he left for the sea?

Q21. What message does 'The Enemy' give?

Long Answer Type Questions (to be done in notebook)

Q1. There are moments in life when we have to make hard choices between our roles as private individuals and as citizens with a sense of national loyalty. Discuss.

Q2. What was the General's plan to get rid of the American prisoner? Was it executed?

What traits of General's character are highlighted in the lesson? (All India 2014)

Q3. What conflicting ideas arise in Dr Sadao's mind after he has brought the wounded

American soldier home? How is the conflict resolved? (Compartment 2014)

Q3..Do you think Dr Sadao's final decision was the best possible one in the circumstances? Why/Why not? Explain with reference to the story, 'The Enemy'.(Delhi 2013)

Q4..What impression do you form about Dr Sadao as a man and as a surgeon on your reading the chapter The Enemy'? (All India2012)

Q5..Why did Sadao help the American soldier to escape? How did he do it?

Q6..Why did Sadao Hoki go to America? Narrate his experiences there. (All India 2012)