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Class X

### ASSIGNMENT AND NOTES - ENGLISH

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## ASSIGNMENTS

**Q1. What did Lencho hope for?**

A. Lencho hoped for a rain shower for his crop field.

**Q2. Why did Lencho say the raindrops were like 'new coins'?**

A. After the rain shower, everything was going as per Lencho's plan and he had immense confidence that his harvest would yield substantial profits. Thus, he referred to the droplets as "new coins, the larger ones being equivalent to ten pesos and smaller ones, five pesos.

**Q3. How did the rain change? What happened to Lencho's fields?**

A. Soon after the rainfall had begun, the wind became strong leading to a hailstorm. As a result of which, Lencho's crop fields got withered, the trees had shed their leaves and the flowers had fallen.

**Q4. What were Lencho's feelings when the hail stopped?**

A. Lencho was extremely disheartened and his soul was filled with immense sadness.

**Q5. Who or what did Lencho have faith in? What did he do?**

A. Lencho had unwavering faith in God. Thus, he decided to write a letter to God conveying his grievances and asking for 100 pesos for survival and rejuvenation of crops.

**Q6. Who read the letter?**

A. A postman who was also an employee of the post office read the letter.

**Q7. What did the postmaster do then?**

A. The postmaster was amazed at Lencho's unshakeable faith in the deity and thus, to retain it, he decided to collect money for him from his friends and colleagues.

**Q8. Was Lencho surprised to find a letter for him with money in it?**

A. Lencho was not at all surprised on seeing the letter because this is what he was expecting. Instead, he was angry when he found that the amount was less than what he had asked for.

**Q9. What made him angry?**

A. Lencho was displeased when he found that the money was less than what he had asked for.

**Q10. Who does Lencho have complete faith in? Which sentences in the story tell you this?**

A. Lencho has immense faith in God. These lines are evident to this fact: "*Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence - but he became angry when he counted the money. God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested.*"

**Q11. Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter 'God'?**

A. The postmaster did not want to shake the writer's faith in the almighty, and thus, out of virtuous intentions, decided to collect money for "an act of charity". He also signed the

letter in the name of God to conceal his identity as he wanted Lencho to think it was actually a reply from God.

**Q12. Did Lencho try to find out who had sent the money to him? Why/Why not?**

A. No, Lencho did not try to find out the sender because he was very optimistic about the existence of almighty and that, his letter is actually received and replied to, by God. It was his unshakeable faith that made him not question the identity of the sender.

**Q13. Who does Lencho think has taken the rest of the money? What is the irony in the situation? (Remember that the irony of a situation is an unexpected aspect of it. An ironic situation is strange or amusing because it is the opposite of what is expected.)**

A. Lencho thought that it is the postmaster or the employees of the post-office who had stolen his remaining amount, as is evident from his second letter to God where he requests the deity not to send money by mail next time. The irony here is that, it was actually the postmaster and the employees who had collected the money out of their clean intent to keep Lencho's faith intact, but are the ones who ended up getting blamed for stealing the missing amount.

**Q 14. Are there people like Lencho in the real world? What kind of a person would you say he is? You may select appropriate words from the box to answer the question.**

**Greedy, naive, stupid, ungrateful,  
Selfish, comical, unquestioning**

A. No, it is hard to find people like Lencho in reality. Lencho is naive and unquestioning because of his lack of judgement about the actual physical existence of God. He did not question receiving an actual reply from the almighty. Also, he is ungrateful in some manner because on seeing 70 pesos, he is not happy but instead, complained about the missing 30 pesos.

**Q15. There are two kinds of conflict in the story: between humans and nature, and between humans themselves. How are these conflicts illustrated?**

A. The story "A Letter to God" depicts two types of conflicts; one between man and nature and the other among men themselves. In the beginning of the story, the farmer hopes for a rain shower for the benefit of his corn field. On actually receiving rain, he becomes overjoyed and starts thinking about all the profit that would come in. Not much later, his joy is turned into sorrow when the wind becomes strong leading to a hailstorm. This depicts the disagreement between man and nature wherein humans want the nature to act according to their aspirations. The second divergence arises when Lencho starts doubting the honesty of the post-office employees who actually helped him with the money anonymously. This is the conflict among men themselves, wherein, we are ready to trust in the idea of God's existence but we are not ready to trust each other.

**B. VOCABULARY**

Crest: Top of a hill

Dotted: Full Of

Downpour: Heavy Rain

Intimately: Closely Regarded- Consider Or Think Of In A Specified Way

Draped- Adorn, Cover, Or Wrap (Someone Or Something)

Hailstones- A Pellet Of Hail

Resemble- Have A Similar Appearance To Or Qualities In Common With (Someone Or Something); Look Or Seem Like.

Exposing- make (something) visible by uncovering it.; reveal conscience- an inner sense of right and wrong.

ox of a man- hardworking

daybreak- The time in the morning when daylight first appears

# NOTES

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Chapter 1(A Letter To God)

Notes

*Summary in bullet points:*

- Lencho, a hardworking and religious minded farmer is the main character of the story.
- Lencho is the owner of corn fields. He and his family including his wife and sons are anxiously waiting for the rain for the crops.
- Suddenly it rains and he is so happy that he compared the raindrops to ten cent and five cent pieces.
- But, sadly for an hour hail ran on the cornfields, destroying all the crops.
- Lencho was sad and thought that they would be left hungry that year.
- Lencho had extraordinary faith on God, so he wrote a letter seeking help from God. He asked for a hundred pesos .
- The postman laughed to see the envelope and showed it to the postmaster.
- The postmaster, a fat and amiable man, was impressed by Lencho's faith and decides to help.
- The post office employees contributed and put seventy pesos in an envelope addressed to Lencho.
- Next morning Lencho collected the envelope and was angry to find only seventy pesos .
- Lencho wrote another letter to God, accusing the post office employees as a "bunch of crooks" and asking for the rest of money.

## A Letter to God Summary

The story, "A Letter to God" by G.L. Fuentes depicts unwavering faith of a farmer in God. It begins with a farmer, named Lencho expecting for a rain shower to nourish his field of corn. He is confident that his harvest is going to yield him huge profits just like it does every year. To his utmost excitement, rainfall did happen but sooner, it turned into a hailstorm destroying his entire crop field. The damage posed a threat to the family's survival as their entire livelihood was dependent on the year's produce. Although disheartened, the family had robust belief in the almighty. Lencho, despite having worked day and night at the field, knew how to write and thus, decided to write a letter to God explaining his situation and asking for help. He went to town to post his letter addressed " God".