

A Letter To God

Class-10th English (New Syllabus)

Long Answer Type Questions

1. What was Lencho's pride and possession?

Answer = Lencho lived in the solitary house on the crest of a low hill in the valley . From here , he could survey and see the river and his pride , the field of ripe corn dotted with flowers always promised a good harvest . Lencho's family only wish was a downpour and Lencho , who knew his fields intimately , predicted rain , this prediction turned true when it started raining in the evening . He went out to feel the rain and surveyed with satisfaction, his crop draped in a curtain of rain . He regarded rain drops as a new silver coins .

2. Bring out Lencho's immense faith in God .

Answer = Lencho wanted some rain for his crop and the ripe crop stood proud in the field and promised good harvest . Rain came , as he predicted but turned to hail and ruined his crop . Lencho's heart was filled with sorrow . But he did not lose hope , he had firm belief in God . He wrote a letter to God , asking him to send 100 pesos so that he could sow his field again . The postmaster read the letter addressed to ' God ' and to maintain the man's faith in God ' he raised 70 pesos and sent them to Lencho .

Lencho could not believe that God could make such a mistake and wrote again asking God to send the rest of the money , but not through mail as he believed that the post - office employees were a bunch of crooks ' .

3. How did the hailstones affect Lencho's field ? What was Lencho's only hope ?

Answer = Being a small farmer , Lencho was completely dependent upon the crops of his field . Once a heavy downpour occurred and along with it hailstones also started falling . As a result the field turned white as if it had been covered with salt all over . This annual crop was completely destroyed . Even there

was not a single flower left on the plants . In the entire village there was no one to help him in his problem . Being a firm believer in God, he turned to the Almighty for the help , he wrote a letter to God requesting to send 100 pesos so that he might sow his fields again till the next crop comes . He had a belief that God would certainly help him with the money .

4. How did post - office employees help Lencho ? How did Lencho react to their help?

Answer = The postmaster needed something more than ink and paper to answer the letter, he needed 100 pesos . He gave up a part of his salary and asked all other employees to help . Even he asked his friends to contribute for a cause of the charity . Thus , he managed to collect 70 pesos . Lencho was not surprised to receive the letter . But he was angry to receive 70 pesos instead of 100. He did not doubt God . Such was his confidence he wrote another letter to God asking him to send the rest of the money . He also warned him not to send it through the post - office because these people were a bunch of crooks ' .

5. Sketch the character of the following :

(i) Lencho (ii) The Postmaster

Lencho : Character sketch

- I. **A Hardworking Farmer** - Lencho was a simple man and a hard-working farmer who worked as an ox in his field.
- II. **Loves Family** - Lencho's entire crop was badly destroyed by the hailstorm, so he became very sad because he was worried about his family .
- III. **Innocent Man** - Lencho ' did not know that there was no such living person as God who could send him money.
- IV. **An Optimistic Person** - Although his only source of living was taken away he didn't lose hope and maintained his belief in God as he was confident that God would help him in his distress.

Postmaster's Character Sketch

- I. **Sensible and Compassionate** : He understood depth of faith in God that is shown by Lencho .

- II. **Kind Hearted** : He himself gave up a part of his salary to arrange money asked by Lencho which shows his kindness.
- III. **Empathetic Person** : He felt happy and satisfied when Lencho received the money , as he loved to help others .

MCQs

1. Where was Lencho's house situated ?
 - A. bottom of the hill
 - B. top of a hill
 - C. top of a plateau
 - D. in a city
2. What was the only thing that the earth needed according to Lencho ?
 - A. a shower
 - B. a snowfall
 - C. strong winds
 - D. sunlight
3. Where did Lencho expect the downpour to come from ?
 - A. North
 - B. North - East
 - C. North - West
 - D. South - East
4. What did Lencho coin compare the large raindrops with ?
 - A. silver coins
 - B. pearls
 - C. diamonds
 - D. new coins
5. Which crop was growing on Lencho's fields ?
 - A. Corn
 - B. Barley
 - C. Rice

D. None of the above

6. What destroyed Lencho's fields?

A. heavy rainfall

B. hailstorm

C. land slide

D. flood

7. The field looked as if it were covered in

A. salt

B. locusts

C. sugar

D. ice

8. Lencho compared the quantum of damage with :

A. attack by rats

B. attack by crows

C. plague of locusts

D. None of the above

9. What was the only hope left in the hearts of Lencho's family ?

A. Compensation from government

B. help from Farmers's association

C. help from God

D. There was no hope left

10. How did Lencho decide to contact his last resort ?

A. by visiting them personally

B. through a letter

C. through e – mail

D. through fax

11. How much money did Lencho ask for ?

A. 100 Pesos

B. 1000 Pesos

- C. 10 Pesos
- D. 500 Pesos

12. What was the immediate reaction of the postman on seeing the letter ?

- A. laughed whole - heartedly
- B. cried
- C. felt sad about what happened
- D. felt empathetic

13. The postmaster was a fat , amiable man - what is the meaning of amiable ?

- A. rude
- B. helpful
- C. friendly
- D. enthusiastic

14. What else did the reply demand apart from good will , ink and paper ?

- A. lost crop
- B. money
- C. God's signature
- D. new seeds

15. What did Lencho think of the post - office employees?

- A. bunch of crooks
- B. rude
- C. unhelpful
- D. proud