#### The Proposal Previous Year Questions (with model answers)

## Q1. What argument do Lomov and Natalya give over the superiority of their dogs, Guess and Squeezer? [CBSE 2024]

Ans. Lomov and Natalya argue vehemently over their dogs, Guess and Squeezer. Lomov insists that Squeezer is superior, praising his pedigree and hunting abilities, while Natalya defends Guess, asserting his superiority in hunting and dismisses Squeezer's qualities. Their argument escalates into a larger conflict, reflecting their competitive nature and underlying tensions, symbolizing their complex relationship dynamics and the trivialities that can disrupt human connections.

## Q2. How did Chubukov react when Lomov asked for the hand of his daughter in marriage? [CBSE 2023]

**Ans.** Chubukov was first suspicious and thought that Lomov had come to ask for some money. But when he came to know the real reason he was overwhelmed with joy because he believed Lomov would be a profitable match for his daughter. So he embraced and kissed Lomov.

### Q3. Write a brief character sketch of Natalya. [CBSE 2022]

Ans. Natalya is a young girl of twenty-five years. She is Lomov.s neighbour. Natalya is too smart for her age. She has a cunning mind and uses her presence of mind to go with the flow of situations and turn things in her benefits. She is a good house keeper and is not bad looking. She is still unmarried. Her father calls her a lovesick cat. She is educated but doesn't seem so. Natalya is also very quarrelsome and abusive. She is ambitious too. When she learns Lomov had come

to propose to her, she backtracks on her stand and agrees to Lomov.s argument.

# Q4. The proposal of the marriage was forgotten amidst the arguments over petty things. Which right approach should have been followed by Lomov and Natalya? [CBSE 2020]

Ans. Lomov and Natalya behaved immaturely when they argued over petty things like ownership of Oxen Meadows and superiority of their respective dog. They overlooked the fact that they were there to enter into matrimony which was more important than the trivial issues. However, if they would have been sensible, they would have focused on the proposed marriage. They should have shown compassion and patience and focused on the positive outcome of the meeting.

## Q5. How did Chubukov react when Lomov asked for the hand of his daughter in marriage? [CBSE 2019]

Ans. Chubukov was happy when Lomov proposed to marry his daughter Natalya. He hugs and kisses Lomov. He adds that he had been waiting for that day since a long time. He goes to call Natalya to meet Lomov.

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