Mrs. Packletide's Tiger Previous Year Questions (with model answers)

Q1. Humour plays a major role in the chapter, 'Mrs. Packletide's Tiger'. Prove this statement with the instances of humour. [CBSE 2024]

Ans. The various instances of humour in the story create laughter. When the old tiger is addressed as "venerable herd-robber", when the cunning Miss Mebbin is referred to have "adopted a protective elder sister attitude", the readers are amused. Also, Mrs. Packletide's gunshot killed the wrong animal and the old tiger died of senile decay creates amusement.

Q2. Show that Miss Mebbin is greedy and Mrs Packletide is jealous. [CBSE 2020]

Ans. Miss Mebbin was greddy as she always wanted money. She knew about Mrs Packletide's secret of how the tiger was killed. She blackmailed her and asked her to buy a cottage for her to stay in or else she would tell the secret to everyone. She asked for a huge amount of money for keeping the secret and this depicts that she was greedy.

Mrs Packletide was a jealous woman who wanted to outshine Loona Bimberton and several reasons proved her to be jealous. Firstly, when Loona told her about a personally procured skin of the tiger, she also wanted the same. She planned to hunt a tiger. She invited Loona for lunch to give her tiger claw brooch. She was so jealous that she did all this just to make her envious of Loona, belittle her achievement, and get popularity.

Q3. Miss Mebbin was a clever opportunist. Substantiate with reference to 'Mrs. Packletide's Tiger.' [CBSE 2019]

Ans. Miss Mebbin was a brilliant opportunist, Mrs. Packletide's secret of shooting the tiger and how she had arranged for it by paying a large quantity of money was well known to her. Mrs. Packletide had missed her target and the old tiger had died of a heart attack, this was also known to her. Mrs. Packletide was bullied into buying the weekend cottage for Louisa Mebbin, or else she would tell Loona Bimberton that Mrs. Packletide had shot a goat, not a tiger.

Q4. Why does the author say that Louisa Mebbin had a "protective elder sister" attitude towards money? [CBSE 2018]

Ans. Miss Mebbin was a paid companion of Mrs. Packletide. She was moneyminded and saved each and every penny given to her as tips in the same Moscow hotel. She blackmailed Mrs. Packletide and forced her to buy a cottage for herself. Looking at all these acts of hers, the author says that Miss. Mebbin had a "protective elder sister" attitude towards money.

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