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STD -6 (English Literature) (2021-22)

Home Assignments

Book recommended: New Aster Advanced-6

Answer the following questions neatly in English Literature copy

CHAPTER: 6- TOM HAS A TOOTHACHE

I. Answer the following questions in a sentence:

- a) **From which novel has the story “Tom Has a Toothache” been taken and who is its writer?**

Ans. The extract ‘Tom Has a Toothache’ has been taken from a novel called ‘The Adventures of Tom Sawyer’. The name of the writer is ‘Mark Twain’.

- b) **Why is Tom called the title character of the story?**

Ans. Tom Sawyer is called the title character of the story because his name is part of the title of the novel.

- c) **Why was Tom always miserable on Monday mornings?**

Ans. Tom was always miserable on Monday mornings because with Monday mornings began another week’s slow suffering in school which he didn’t like at all.

- d) **Why didn’t Tom tell Aunt Polly about his loose tooth?**

Ans. Tom didn’t tell Aunt Polly about his loose tooth as he knew that his aunt would pull it out and that would hurt.

II. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences:

- a) **How did Aunt Polly react when Tom told her about his sore toe?**

Ans. Aunt Polly sank down into a chair and laughed a little, then cried a little, then did both together. This restored her and she told Tom to shut up and not to speak nonsense.

- b) **How did Tom generally begin his Monday mornings?**

Ans. Tom generally began his Monday mornings with the wish that he had no intervening holiday as it made the going into captivity (going to school) again so much more disgusting.

c) What all things did Tom do to grab Sid's attention?

Ans. Tom groaned loud and fancied that he began to feel pain in the toe. He wanted to get the attention of Sid so he fetched a succession of admirable groans.

d) What made Tom accept that he was feigning illness?

Ans. Tom accepted that he was feigning illness when Aunt Polly was about to get a silk thread and a chunk of fire out of the kitchen in order to pull out his loose tooth.

III. Answer the following questions in detail:

a) What all ailments did Tom consider having to pretend to be sick?

Ans. Tom considered the ailments like severe pain in the stomach, a painful loose tooth and a sore toe to pretend that he was sick and was unable to go to school but when all his plans failed, he thought of feigning sickness by putting stress on the painful loose tooth.

b) Did Aunt Polly come to know about Tom's plan to skip school? What did she say?

Ans. Yes, Aunt Polly came to know about Tom's plan to skip school as he himself accepted it when Aunt Polly was about to get a silk thread and a chunk of fire out of the kitchen to pull his loose tooth out.

She said that she loved Tom and that Tom tried every way to break her heart. Then she told him to go to sleep.

c) How did Sid react when Tom woke him up and told him about his pain?

Ans. Sid yawned, stretched, then brought himself up on his elbow with a snort and began to stare at Tom but he got anxious when Tom kept on groaning loudly. He got so frightened that he flew downstairs to call Aunt Polly.

d) Write a brief character sketch of Tom Sawyer.

Ans. Tom is a mischievous young boy with an active imagination. He stays with his Aunt Polly and his half- brother Sid. He doesn't want to go to school and keeps on feigning illness. He pretends to be suffering from pain and starts

groaning loudly to make a fool of Aunt Polly and Sid. He is a liar but he accepts that he is fit and fine when Aunt Polly is about to get a silk thread and a chunk of fire from the kitchen to pull out his tooth. Though naughty Tom has a good heart and a strong moral conscience.

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