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SUBJECT: ENGLISH

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MOMENTS

CH-6: The Last Leaf

Theme: The Last Leaf highlights the power of hope, sacrifice, and human compassion. The story revolves around Johnsy, who loses the will to live after falling ill, believing she will die when the last ivy leaf falls. Her friend Sue and the elderly artist Behrman try to revive her spirits. Behrman ultimately paints a lifelike leaf on a wall during a stormy night, sacrificing his own life to save hers. The story shows how a single act of kindness can transform despair into hope. It emphasizes courage, emotional support, and the life-saving impact of genuine human empathy.

Q. Answer the following questions.

- Johnsy's belief in the falling leaves is irrational. Yet it strongly impacts her health. What does this reveal about the relationship between the mind and the body in the story?
- Behrman paints the last leaf knowing the risk to his own life. Evaluate whether his act should be seen as heroic, foolish, or both. Give reasons.
- How does the author use symbolism and irony together to build the emotional impact of the ending?
- Sue uses both emotional strength and practical action to help Johnsy. Analyse how her role challenges traditional ideas of helplessness in crises.
- The painted leaf survives the storm, but Behrman does not. What deeper message about art, immortality, and sacrifice does this contrast convey?

CH-7: A House is Not a Home

Theme: The story highlights the importance of love, support, and human connections in overcoming loss and rebuilding one's life. It contrasts a physical structure (house) with an emotional sanctuary (home), emphasizing how relationships and community provide a sense of belonging and security, especially during difficult times.

Q. Answer the following questions.

- How does the narrator's experience after the fire change his perspective on home and community?
- What role do the narrator's classmates play in helping him feel a sense of belonging?

- c. How does the narrator learn the difference between a house and a home by the end of the story?
- d. Discuss how the narrator's experiences with loss and support reflect the importance of human connections in building a sense of home.
- e. Analyse the emotional journey of the narrator in the story and how he learns to appreciate the value of relationships and kindness.

CH-8: The Beggar

Theme: The story emphasizes the transformative power of kindness and compassion. It showcases how genuine care and second chances can bring about positive change in a person's life. Through Lushkoff's journey, the narrative underscores the importance of empathy, hard work, and self-reform in overcoming personal struggles and achieving success.

Q. Answer the following questions.

- a. What does Lushkoff's transformation reveal about the power of compassion and guidance?
- b. How does Olga's role in the story impact Lushkoff's life and his eventual success?
- c. What message does the story convey about judging people based on appearances or first impressions?
- d. Examine the relationship between Lushkoff and Olga in "The Beggar." How does her silent, persistent care contribute to his transformation?
- e. How does "The Beggar" reflect the importance of empathy and second chances in bringing positive change to someone's life?