

# O P JINDAL SCHOOL SAVITRI NAGAR

Worksheet : 20 (18/6 2020)

Class: XI

Subject: English

Q1. You are the secretary of the literary club of your school. (J.A.V School, Gandhinagar, Baroda). Your school is organizing a declamation contest on the topic 'How to stay healthy?'. Draft a notice inviting the students to participate in the competition in about 50-60 words. Sign yourself as Jeet/Jyothi.

Q2. You want to surprise your family by taking them abroad during holidays. Write a letter to the Manager of 'Tour the World' 112 Majestic Complex, Mount Road, Chennai – 600 002 asking details of places, hotels, cost, food, places of visit etc. You are Vivek/Viveka living in 3H, West Wind Apartments, Usman Road, Tnagar, Chennai – 600 017. Write the letter in about 120-150 words.

## 2. THE ADDRESS

By – Marga Minco

### About the Author:

**Marga Minco** is the pseudonym of **Sara Menco** (born 31 March 1920) is a Dutch journalist and writer. Her surname was actually Menco, but an official switched the vowel by mistake.

### Biography

Born in Ginneken to an Orthodox Jewish family, Minco worked at the Breda Courant in 1938. In May 1940, by order of German-sympathising commissioners, she was fired even before the Germans issued their anti-Jewish measures proclamation.

At the beginning of World War II, she resided in Breda, Amersfoort and Amsterdam. Minco had a mild form of tuberculosis and ended up in hospitals in Utrecht and Amersfoort. In the autumn of 1942 she returned to Amsterdam and her parents, who were forced by the German occupiers to live into the city's Jewish Quarter.

Later during the war, her parents, brother and sister were taken away and she became the only survivor, as she had escaped arrest and spent the rest of the war hiding. Minco also received a new name: Marga Faes, of which the first name persisted. Minco married to the poet and translator Bert Feet (who died 1992) whom she had met in 1938 and hid with during the war. After the war, they worked at a number of newspapers and magazines. They have two daughters, one of whom is writer Jessica Feet.

### Work

In 1957 published her first book, *The bitter herb* (Het bittere kruid), which the nameless character is going through war experiences reminiscent of the author's. The title of her second book was *An empty house*.

### Awards

- 1957 - Novell contest of the Post Office and Addresses the Advertising mutators NV for *The address*
- 1958 - Vijverberg Prize for *The bitter herb*
- 1999 - Annie Romein Prize for her entire oeuvre

### The Address- Introduction:

The story is about the human predicament that follows the pre-War and Post-War period. Mrs. S who was a Jew was a rich lady. Whereas, Mrs. Dorling was a non-Jew. The girl, daughter of Mrs. S, had lost her house and her mother during the war and now she had decided to come back to take her possessions from Mrs. Dorling, an acquaintance whose address was given by

her mother years ago. When she reached the house, the woman treated her with a cold reception and didn't let her into the house. She decided to go back anyway and then she met her daughter who let her in and told her to wait inside. When she saw all the possessions in front of her, she couldn't connect with them and decided to leave the house.

### **The Address - Summary:**

The Address begins with a victim of war going back to her native place. It is about a daughter who returns to her home in Holland. She goes there to search for her mother's belongings after the war. When she reaches her native place, she does not receive a warm welcome. She follows the address she has on her. It is House Number 46 in Marconi Street. A woman opens the door and refuses to recognize the girl on the door. The author notices the woman wearing her mother's green knitted sweater. Thus, she became even surer that she was in the right place. However, the woman did not deny not knowing her mother.

Despite the author's resistance, the woman did not entertain her and close the door on her. The author was going back when she starts thinking about the bygone days. She got the address from her mother years ago. After returning to her home post-war, she notices a lot of things missing from the place. Thus, her mother gives her an address of Mrs Dorling. She learns that Mrs. Dorling is an old acquaintance of her mother. Thus, her mother handed over all their valuable possessions to Mrs. Dorling to keep them safe. Thus, after many years, the author thinks of going back to take them possessions. Thus, after being told to go away by Mrs. Dorling on her visit, she goes back once again. On her second visit, fifteen-year-old answers the door.

We learn that the mother was not at home. The author told her about her wish to meet her mother. The girl takes her in the house. To the author's surprise, she notices the room full of things her mother possessed. The room was not similar but the things were all very familiar. She started to feel so uncomfortable; she now had no desire to possess her mother's belongings. Thus, she leaves the home and thought of forgetting the address and the thought of ever getting those things back.

### **Conclusion of "The Address"**

To sum up, The Address Summary, we learn the intricate emotions of humans like trust, hope and betrayal as well as the ill-effects of war.

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