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The Lottery Ticket

By Anton P. Chekhov

A. Comprehension: Read the short story and answer the question that follows.

Ivan Dmitritch, a middle-class man who lived with his family on an income of twelve hundred dollars a year and was very well satisfied with his lot, sat down on the sofa after supper and began reading the newspaper. "I forgot to look at the newspaper today," his wife said to him as she cleared the table. "Look and see whether the list of drawings is there." "Yes, it is," said Ivan "but hasn't your ticket expired?" "No, I bought it on Tuesday." "What is the number?" "Series 9,499, number 26."

Ivan had no faith in lottery luck but now, as he had nothing else to do, he passed his finger downwards along the column of numbers. His eye was caught by the figure 9,499! Unable to believe his eyes, he hurriedly dropped the paper on his knees without looking to see the number of the ticket. "Masha, 9,499 is there!" he said in a hollow voice. His wife looked at his astonished and panic-stricken face, and realized that he was not joking. "9,499?" she asked, turning pale and dropping the folded tablecloth on the table. "Yes, yes... it really is there!" "And the number of the ticket?" "Wait a little. We have plenty of time to be disappointed. It's on the second line from the top, so the prize is seventy-five thousand dollars."

The husband and wife began laughing and staring at one another in silence. "And if we have won," he said "why, it will be a new life, it will be a transformation! The ticket is yours, but if it were mine I should, first of all, of course, spend twenty-five thousand on real property in the shape of an estate; ten thousand on immediate expenses, new furnishing... travelling... paying debts, and so on... The other forty thousand I would put in the bank and get interest on it." "Yes, it would be nice to buy an estate," said his wife, also dreaming, and from her face it was evident that she was enchanted by her thoughts.

Ivan Dmitritch stopped and looked at his wife. "I should go abroad, you know, Masha," he said. And he began thinking how nice it would be in late autumn to go abroad somewhere to the South of France... to Italy... to India! "I should certainly go abroad too," his wife said. "But look at the number of the ticket!" "Wait, wait!" He walked about the room and went on thinking. It occurred to him: what if his wife really did go abroad? It is pleasant to travel alone. Ivan imagined his wife in the train with a multitude of parcels, baskets, and bags; enjoying herself, enjoying life without him. "The lottery ticket is hers, not mine, he thought, with a glance at his wife. Besides, what is the use of her going abroad? What does she want there?"

"Well, now look!" He glanced quickly, at the fourth page on the newspaper and read out shockingly: "Series 9,499, number 46! Not 26!" Hope disappeared at once, and it began immediately to seem to Ivan and his wife that their rooms were dark and small and low-pitched.

"What the devil's the meaning of it?" said Ivan Dmitritch, beginning to be ill-humored. I thought we had won! Yet life is more unfair than we sometimes think it is, and money had never bought happiness."

Question: What lesson is the author trying to teach the readers with this story? Use examples from the text to support your answer. Write no more than 10 lines. (20 pts.)

B. Grammar Exercises. (30 pts. In total)

1. **Put the verbs in brackets in the past simple, and /or past continuous. (10pts.1pt.each)**
   One day I **(jog)** on the pavement, and suddenly I **(see)** a dog running fast towards my direction. It **(head)** straight at me when I **(hop)** onto the street to avoid bumping into it. It **(keep)** running and **(bite)** me in my thigh. I **(cry out)** in pain and **(fall)** to the ground. I **(not know)** what to do as the dog **(be)** still standing next to me.

2. **Rewrite the following questions in the past tenses. (10 pts.2pts.each)**

   a) What/you /do/when/I/call/you/yesterday?
   b) How much/your/new computer/cost?
   c) Who/run/ in the park/when/it/start/raining?
   d) Where/dad/save/the photos/on the computer?
   e) What/book/you/read/after dinner/yesterday?

3. **Put the verbs in brackets in the past perfect simple, and/or the past perfect continuous. (10 pts.2each)**
   a) Sam (repair) his computer all night, that's why he (has) a headache yesterday.
   b) I (miss) my plane because, I (go) to a wrong departure lounge.
   c) My mother (be) hospitalized after she (take) too many pills.
   d) Her fridge (be) empty, as she (not buy) any food.
   e) The manager (try) to get Jill on the phone all morning, but she (not respond).

I believe in you! You can definitely do it!

SE03 English Answer Key

2023-2024

Class 8AB

A. Comprehension (20pts.)

The author's story of the lottery ticket carries with it a very valuable lesson as in it money is the dominant factor. Ivan started fantasizing about how to spend the 75000 dollars and what kind of life he was dreaming of living with the money of his wife's lottery ticket, without even asking her permission on the matter. For example, "first of all, of course, spend twenty-five thousand on real property in the shape of an estate; ten thousand on immediate expenses, new furnishing... travelling... paying debts. The other forty thousand I would put in the bank and get interest on it." Masha was also dreaming of buying an estate, and travelling, "Yes, it would be nice to buy an estate," "I should certainly go abroad too," said his wife. The lesson is that humans are constantly in pursuit of money, and once they have it in abundance, it won't bring them happiness. We can see that the couple were about to disagree on spending the money.

B. **Grammar Exercises (30 pts. In total)**

1. **(10 pts. 1 each)**

Was jogging – saw- was heading- hopped -- kept – bit – cried – fell – didn't know –was.

2. **(10 pts. 2 each)**

a) What were you doing when I called you yesterday?
b) How much did your new computer cost?
c) Who was running in the park when it started raining?
d) Where did dad save the photos on the computer?
e) What book were you reading after dinner yesterday?

3. **(10 pts. 2 each)**

a) Had been repairing – had.
b) Missed – had gone.
c) Was – had taken/ had been taking.
d) Was – hadn't bought.
e) Had been trying – didn't respond.