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Further practice on the drama “The Bear”

Despite the exaggerated behavior the play demands, the characters in the drama reveal following traits. Write a character analysis on them including the following points.

Popova

- i. She is very emotional
- ii. Has a strong determination
- iii. Bold and courageous

Smirnov

- I. He is rude and ill-mannered.
- II. Irritable
- III. Chauvinistic
- IV. He highlights his male superiority over women.
- V. Manipulative

Luka

- i. Loyal

Discuss the suitability of the following themes to the drama “ The Bear”

i. Money

The effect of money on human behavior.

ii. Infidelity

Popova reveals about her late husband’s relationship with other women.

iii. Emancipation of women

Popova’s behavior suggests the extent of action a woman is capable of. Smirnov is taken aback by Popova’s boldness.

iv. Inconsistency of human behavior

Popova’s and Smirnov’s attitudes towards each other change rapidly.

v. Condition of the woman in Russian society

Literary Techniques

Discuss how successfully the following literary techniques are used in the drama “The bear”

i. Humor

Absurd behavior and dialogues create humor

ii. Metaphor

Popova says “You’re a boor! A coarse bear!”

iii. Incongruity and contrast

Violence and love are juxtaposed at the end of the play.

iv. Suspense

The arguments between Popova and Smirnov bring about tense situation