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The Bear (Anton Chekhov translated by Julius West)

Part 3

- Refresh your knowledge on the play *The Bear*.
- Use the below links and watch the play.

✚ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIP92VoRyho>

✚ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5TgxmG5mlU>

Read the extracts and answer the questions.

1. “You may have buried yourself alive, but you haven’t forgotten to powder your face”.

- a) From where have these lines been taken? Who wrote them?
 - b) Who is the speaker? Who is referred to as ‘you’? What has happened to ‘you’ to bury him/her alive?
 - c) What is the speaker’s tone here? Give your views about the speaker’s attitudes towards ‘you’.
- (5 marks)**

2. “Sir in my solitude I have grown unaccustomed to the masculine voice, and I can’t stand shouting. I must ask you not to disturb my peace.”

- a) In which work do these lines appear? Who is the writer?
- b) Who is referred to as ‘I’? Whom does the speaker speak?

c) What sort of message is conveyed through this extract regarding 'I'? (5 marks)

3. ".....I shall jolly well stay here until she pays ! Brr..... How angry I am today, how angry I am! All my inside quivering with anger,"

a) From which text are these lines taken? Who wrote them?

b) Who speaks these words? To whom are they spoken?

(c) What qualities of the speaker are reflected in these lines? (5 marks)

Answer the questions below.

1. What human weaknesses are highlighted with a note of sarcasm in the play *'The Bear'*?

(Content -7, Organization-4, Language-4= 15 marks)

2. "The drama *'The Bear'* by Anton Chekov is a light comedy." Explain with examples.

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