



Provincial Department of Education- Sabaragamuwa- Week School

**Subject: Appreciation of English
Literary texts**

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Grade -10

Revision-Drama

The Bear

Read the extracts and answer the questions.

i) “.....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)

ii) “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)

Answer the questions.

1. “The drama ‘The Bear’ by Anton Chekov is a light comedy.” Explain with examples.
(15 marks)
2. The writer sarcastically discusses the human weaknesses while showing the inconsistency of human mind in the drama ‘*The Bear*’. Do you agree?
(15 marks)
3. Define the character of Smirnov in the play “The Bear”, according to your views. Discuss it with a detailed reference.
(15 marks)