

## A Letter to God Extra Questions and Answers Class 10 English First Flight

### Extract Based Questions [3 Marks each]

Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow.

#### Question 1.

The house- the only one in the entire valley- sat on the crest of a low hill. From this height one could see the river and the field of ripe corn dotted with the flowers that always promised a good harvest. The only thing the Earth needed was a downpour or at least a shower. Throughout the morning Lencho who knew his fields intimately had done nothing else but see the sky towards the North-East. "Now we're really going to get some water, woman.

" The woman who was preparing supper, replied, "Yes, God willing".

- (a) Where was Lencho's house located?
- (b) What was Lencho's wife preparing?
- (c) Find the word from the passage which means 'very closely'.
- (d) What does 'Crest' means?

#### Answer:

Lencho's house was located on the crest of a low hill.

- (b) Lencho's wife was preparing supper.
- (c) The word is 'Intimately'.
- (d) Crest means the top part of a hill.

#### Question 2.

It was during the meal that, just as Lencho had predicted, big drops of rain began to fall. In the North-East huge mountains of clouds could be seen approaching. The air was fresh and sweet. The man went out for no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body. **[CBSE 2012]**

- (a) What could be seen approaching in the North-East?
- (b) Why did Lencho go out?
- (c) Give an antonym of the word Big.
- (d) Which word in the passage is a synonym of 'forecast'.

#### Answer:

- (a) Huge mountains of clouds could be seen approaching in the North-East.
- (b) Lencho went out to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body.
- (c) The word is 'small'.
- (d) The word 'predict' is a synonym of forecast.

#### Question 3.

With a satisfied expression he regarded the field of ripe corn with its flowers, draped in a curtain of rain. But suddenly a strong wind began to blow and alongwith the rain very large hailstones began to fall. These truly did resemble new silver coins. The boys, exposing themselves to the rain, ran out to collect the frozen pearls.

- (a) What happened to the rain suddenly?
- (b) 'The frozen pearls' refers to which thing in the paragraph.
- (c) Find the similar meaning-of 'contented' in the paragraph.
- (d) Find from the passage a word which means 'to take after'.

**Answer:**

- (a) The rain suddenly changed into hailstones.
- (b) 'The frozen pearls' refers to hailstones.
- (c) The word is 'Satisfied'.
- (d) The word is 'Resemble'.

**Question 4.**

Not a leaf remained on the trees. The corn was totally destroyed. The flowers were gone from the plants. Lencho's soul was filled with sadness. When the storm had passed, he stood in the middle of the field and said to his sons. "A plague of locusts would have left more than this. The hail has left nothing.

- (a) Describe Lencho's feeling as shown in the passage.
- (b) What happened to the crop when the storm had passed?
- (c) Find the word that means the opposite of 'restored' as used in the passage.
- (d) What do you mean by 'hail' in the last line?

**Answer:**

- (a) Lencho was filled with sadness when the storm had passed.
- (b) The crop was completely destroyed when the storm had passed.
- (c) The word is 'destroyed'.
- (d) 'Hail' is balls of ice that falls from the sky in the form of rain.

**Question 5.**

"That's what they say: no one dies of hunger." All through the night, Lencho thought only of his one hope: the help of God, whose eyes, as he had been instructed, see everything, even what is deep in one's conscience. Lencho was an ox of a man, working like an animal in the fields, but still he knew how to write. **[CBSE 2014]**

- (a) What was Lencho's only hope?
- (b) How did Lencho work in the field?
- (c) Find the exact word of similar meaning 'moral sense' given in the passage.
- (d) Explain 'an ox of a man'.

**Answer:**

- (a) Lencho's only hope was the help of God.
- (b) Lencho worked as an 'ox' in the field.
- (c) The word is 'conscience'.
- (d) It means a man working hard like an ox or animal.

**Question 6.**

The postmaster- a fat, amiable fellow- also broke out laughing, but almost immediately

he turned serious and tapping the letter on his desk, commented. "What faith! I wish I had the faith of the man who wrote this letter. Starting up a correspondence with God!" So, in order not to shake the writer's faith in God, the postmaster came up with an idea: answer the letter. But when he opened it, it was evident that to answer it he needed something more than goodwill, ink and paper. But he stuck to his resolution: he asked for money from his employees, he himself gave part of his salary and several friends of his were obliged to give something 'for an act of charity'.

- (a) What kind of a person the postmaster was?
- (b) How did the postmaster help Lencho?
- (c) Find the exact word in similar meaning 'without delay' given in the passage.
- (d) Determination is synonymous with .....

**Answer:**

- (a) The postmaster was a fat, amiable and helpful fellow.
- (b) The postmaster helped Lencho by collecting money from his employees and friends.
- (c) The word is 'Immediately'.
- (d) Determination is synonym with Resolution.

**Question 7.**

The following Sunday, Lencho came a bit earlier than usual to ask if there was a letter for him. It was the postman himself who handed the letter to him while the postmaster, experiencing the contentment of a man who has performed a good deed, looked on from his office.

Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence, but he became angry when he counted the money. God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested.

- (a) Why did Lencho come earlier to the post office?
- (b) Why was Lencho angry when he counted money?
- (c) Find the word which means the opposite of permitted from the passage.
- (d) Which word in the passage gives the meaning 'that one will be successful one day'.

**Answer:**

- (a) Lencho came earlier to the post office to know if there was a letter for him.
- (b) Lencho was angry when he counted money as it was not the full amount that he had demanded from God.
- (c) The word is 'denied'.
- (d) The word is 'confidence'.

**Question 8.**

When he finished, he went to the window to buy a stamp which he licked and then affixed to the envelope with a blow of his fist. The moment the letter fell into the mailbox the postmaster went to open it. It said: "God: Of the money that I asked for, only seventy pesos reached me. Send me the rest, since I need it very much. But don't send it to me through the mail because the post office employees are a 'bunch of crooks'. Lencho."

**[CBSE 2016]**

- (a) What did Lencho do with the stamp?
- (b) What did the postmaster do when the letter fell into the mailbox and why?
- (c) Find out the word which has the similar meaning as 'attached' used in the passage.
- (d) Which word in the passage denotes a dishonest person?

**Answer:**

- (a) Lencho licked and affixed the stamp to the envelope with a blow of his fist.
- (b) The postmaster immediately opened the letter to know Lencho's feeling for the money he had received.
- (c) The word is 'affixed'.
- (d) The word is 'crook'.

**Short Answer Type Questions [2 Marks each]**

**Question 1.**

Who was Lencho? What were his main problems? [CBSE 2015]

**Answer:**

Lencho was a hardworking farmer, who lived on the crest of a low hill. Due to the hailstorm his crops were destroyed, so he needed money to sow his field again and support his family. These were the main problems of Lencho.

**Question 2.**

Give a brief description of the view from Lencho's house?

**Answer:**

Lencho's house was situated on the crest of a low hill and it was the only one in the valley. One could easily see the river and the field of ripe corn from here.

**Question 3.**

What did Lencho compare the raindrops to and why? [CBSE 2011]

**Answer:**

Lencho compared the raindrops to new coins because the crop needed the rain badly and it was the sign of good harvest. Good harvest meant prosperity for Lencho as he needed the money to fulfil his basic needs.

**Question 4.**

Why did Lencho write a letter to God?

**Answer:**

When Lencho's crops were completely destroyed by the hailstorm, he wrote a letter to God because he was the only hope in his despair. Lencho asked him to send hundred pesos to sow his field again and support his family.

**Question 5.**

Why and how did the postmaster help Lencho?

**Answer:**

The postmaster was determined to help Lencho. He did not want Lencho's faith in God

to be shaken so he asked his employees and friends to help Lencho. He also contributed a part of his salary for this act of charity.

**Question 6.**

How much money did Lencho need? How much did he get?

**Answer:**

Lencho got seventy pesos. He was angry at the difference as he needed hundred pesos to sow the crops again and to support his family till the next harvest.

**Question 7.**

Why did Lencho not want the money to be sent through mail? CBSE 2016

**Answer:**

Lencho wrote in his second letter that he received only seventy pesos but he needed a hundred pesos.

He requested God not to send rest of the money by post since the post office employees were a bunch of crooks and would steal the money.

**Question 8.**

Do you think that Lencho was right to call the post office employees a bunch of crooks?

Why or why not?

**Answer:**

Lencho called the post office employees a bunch of crooks as he did not get full money that he had demanded. He could not believe that God had sent him any less money so he doubted these people. But he was not right to call them a bunch of crooks.

### **Long Answer (Value Based) Type Questions**

**Question 1.**

Who was Lencho and what circumstances forced him to write a letter to God?

**Answer:**

Lencho was a hardworking farmer who lived with his family on a crest of a low hill. He was very caring and God loving man. Though, he was a farmer he could read and write. Lencho eagerly waited for the rainfall in order to get good harvest and he became happy when it came. But the pleasing rain changed into hailstorm and destroyed his crop.

He became sad and was worried about his family as they might remain hungry that year. His last hope was the help from God as he had complete faith in him. Hence, he wrote a letter to God asking him to send hundred pesos to survive and to reharvest.

**Question 2.**

Give a character-sketch of Lencho.

**Answer:**

Lencho was a simple man and a hardworking farmer. He worked as an ox in his field. Lencho's entire crops were badly destroyed by the hailstorm. So, he became very sad as he was worried about his family. He was an optimistic person. Although his only

source of living was taken away, he didn't lose hope. He had his last hope in God. He was confident that God would help him in his distress. Lencho was an innocent atheist who didn't know that there was no such living person as God who could send him money. He had blind faith in God and sought solution of his problem from God only.

**Question 3.**

Sketch the character of the postmaster in the story 'A Letter to God'.

(or)

How do you like the character of the postmaster in the story 'A Letter to God?' Give reason for your answer.

**Answer:**

The postmaster was a fat and friendly fellow. He was a sensible human being. He first laughed looking at the letter which had a strange address. But soon he became serious. He was surprised at the faith that Lencho had in God. He wanted his faith not to be shaken.

The postmaster himself gave a part of his salary and also requested his employees and a few friends to contribute for charity. He felt happy and satisfied when Lencho received the money. This shows that he was a kind and empathetic person as well. He loved to help others.

**Question 4.**

How did the postmaster and post office employees help Lencho? How did he react to their help?

**Answer:**

The Postmaster and post office employees were very generous as they contributed for the act of charity. First they laughed when they saw Lencho's letter to God, but soon they were impressed by his faith in God. They decided to send some money to Lencho so that his faith in God does not get shaken. They collected seventy pesos and sent it to Lencho.

When Lencho got the envelope and opened it to count money, he became angry. He again wrote a letter to God demanding the remaining thirty pesos. He thought that post office employees had taken away the remaining money and called them a bunch of crooks, which was not justified at all as they were the people who had helped him. But it shows his innocence and firm faith in God.

**Question 5.**

How did the hailstones affect Lencho's field? What was Lencho's only hope?

**Answer:**

Lencho, a hardworking farmer, worked like an ox for a good harvest, depended completely on his fields to take care of his family. He expected a good harvest that year. He needed a downpour for the crops to ripe, but the rain followed by hailstorm completely destroyed the crops.

It made him sad. He was worried for his family as he loved them so much. But Lencho had firm faith in God and believed that nobody died of hunger. So, he decided to seek

help from God. He wrote a letter to God and asked him for a hundred pesos to survive and to sow new crop.

**Question 6.**

“Humanity still exists”, this is what we get to know after reading ‘A letter to God’ in which firm faith in God of a poor farmer and helpfulness of the post office employees are aptly depicted thought. Write a paragraph on the values in it, in about 80-100 words. Give the paragraph a suitable title. **[CBSE 2012]**

**Answer:**

Existence of Humanity

After reading ‘A letter to God’, our faith in humanity stirs for strong. We learn from the story that there still are people who help others without any self interest. The postmaster and the post office employees lay an example for everyone of us to be kind. Though they all laughed at his letter, they were really moved by the grip of faith Lencho had in God. The way they all decided to help the stranger in his hard times restores our faith in the existence of humanity and motivates us to be a noble and kind person.

**Question 7.**

Describe Lencho’s qualities in light of his faith in God. Do you have faith in God like Lencho? Was Lencho’s reaction towards post office employees right? **[CBSE 2015]**

**Answer:**

Lencho was a poor farmer who totally depended on the harvest to survive and fulfil basic needs of his family. Once his crops were destroyed due to heavy rainfall and hailstones and he was afraid to think how his family would survive. He believed that God would help him in this plight. He had firm faith in God, he believed that God would not let him be hungry.

Now-a-days faith in God like Lencho is almost impossible and unseen. People are very much aware that nobody is willing to help others without any self interest. Lencho’s reaction towards post office employees was not right or justified but it was just because of his innocence as he could not believe that God had done such a mistake. It were only the post office employees who had stolen money according to him.

**Other Questions And Answers**

**Question 1.**

Describe the character of Lencho in the light of his faith and attitude towards God and man.

**Answer:**

Lencho was a hardworking farmer who had immense faith in God. He had such an immense faith in the existence and helpfulness of God that he started communicating with him. He wrote a letter to God requesting him to send him one hundred pesos. When he received seventy pesos, he was not surprised at all. He even doubted the integrity of the post office employees who, he thought, had stolen his thirty pesos. He

was a poor judge of human nature. His attitude towards man was negative. He could not think of a help from man.

Question 2.

Lencho called the post office employees 'a bunch of crooks'. What does it show about his attitude towards men? Was he not A person of humility, appreciation and gratefulness? Elaborate.

Answer:

Lencho called the post office employees a bunch of crooks as he thought that they had stolen his money sent by God. He was not correct in his assessment of the employees. It shows that he had a negative attitude towards mankind. He was not a fair judge of man's nature.

It seems he was too naive to have the sense of humility, appreciation and gratefulness. He hurt the feelings of the post office employees unintentionally. He was a simple man who had immense faith in God but could not think of any help from men. His anger and attitude towards them shows that he did not have any faith in men. He did not credit the post office employees for their help out of ignorance but he should not have called them a bunch of crooks.

Question 3.

What kind of people were the post office employees? What do you like about the gesture of the postmaster?

Answer:

The post office employees were very generous, kind and helpful people. When they received the letter for God from Lencho, they were impressed with his faith in God although initially they made fun of it. They did not want to hurt his feelings and shake his faith in god. They decided to help him by sending him money.

It was a noble gesture on their part. All of them contributed by giving a share of their salaries. It shows their kindness and generosity. They could have told Lencho the truth about God but their sensitivity stopped them from doing so. They did not want to hurt his feelings. They had sympathy and compassion for Lencho. The postmaster's generosity, his sensitivity, initiative and his noble gesture make him a good human being in the eyes of the readers.

### **SHORT SUMMARY (2)**

1. **Lencho a Farmer:** Lencho was a farmer. His house was the only one in the entire valley. It was on the top of a hill. His fields needed a good harvest. He was looking towards the sky hoping for rain. During the meal, big drops of rain began to fall. He went out to feel the rain on his body.

2. **Raindrops Like Coins:** Lencho was satisfied. The drops of rain were like coins. The big drops were ten cent pieces and the little ones were worth five each. Suddenly, a strong wind began to blow. Lencho was worried.
3. **Raining of Huge Hailstones:** Along with the rain came very large hailstones. They truly did resemble silver coins. The house, the fields and the hill-side were covered with the white hails. Not a leaf remained on the trees. The corn was totally destroyed. So were the flowers. Lencho was sorrowful. They would have no corn that year.
4. **Single Hope – Help from God:** Lencho thought that there was only one hope. It was the help from God. The following Sunday, he wrote a letter to God. He wrote that if he did not help, his whole family would die. He needed a hundred pesos in order to sow his field again and to live until the new crop came. He wrote 'To God' on the envelope, placed a stamp on it and dropped it into the mailbox.
5. **Strange Address:** One of the postmen who read the address laughed heartily and took it to the postmaster. The postmaster was quite a friendly and pleasant man. He too broke out laughing. But soon he became serious. He realised that the sender of the letter had great faith in God. He didn't want to shake the writer's faith in God. He decided to answer the letter.
6. **Help from the Postmaster:** The generous postmaster collected money from his employees. He himself gave a part of his salary. He put seventy pesos, all the money he could collect, in an envelope and sent it to Lencho by mail.
7. **Lencho's Anger Against Post Office Employees:** Lencho had a firm and unshaken faith in God. He did expect help from God. When he received the money, he was not surprised. But his happiness was just for some moments. When he counted the money, he became very angry. He believed that God could never deceive him. Immediately, he wrote a second letter to God and posted it. The postmaster opened the letter eagerly. Lencho wrote that he received seventy pesos that had been sent by God. He requested God to send him the rest of the money. He asked God not to send the money through the mail. The post-office employees were 'a bunch of crooks'.

### **Main Points of the Story**

1. Lencho was a farmer.
2. His house was the only house in the valley and on the top of a hill.
3. Lencho's fields needed rain for a good harvest.
4. He looked expectantly at the sky and it did rain at last.
5. The drops of rain were like the coins for him.
6. But his happiness was short lived as very large hailstones began to fall after the rain.
7. The hailstones destroyed all the leaves on the trees, plants and flowers.
8. There would be no crop that year.
9. There was a single hope: help from God.
10. On the following Sunday, he wrote a letter to God.
11. He needed a hundred pesos to sow his fields again and to live until the new crop came.
12. He wrote 'To God' on the envelope and put the letter into the mailbox.

13. The postman laughed heartily and took it to the postmaster.
14. The postmaster laughed too but soon he became serious.
15. He decided to reply to the letter and help Lencho.
16. He collected seventy pesos only from his employees and himself contributed a part of his salary.
17. He put the money in an envelope and posted it to Lencho.
18. Lencho had an unbroken faith in God and he was not surprised when he received the money.
19. His happiness was turned into anger as there were thirty pesos short of the money.
20. Lencho could never believe that God could ever deceive him.
21. So, he wrote another letter to God reminding Him that he received only 70 pesos sent by Him.
22. He asked God not to send the rest of 30 pesos through the mail as the post office employees were a 'bunch of crooks'.

**Answer the following questions in 30-40 words:**

**1. What were Lencho's feelings when he found the letter with money in it? What did he do after opening the letter?**

**Ans.** Lencho was not at all surprised to see the money in the letter as he was fully confident about it. He knew that God will send money to him. On opening the letter he found seventy pesos instead of a hundred. So, he wrote another letter to God to send rest of the amount but now not through the mail as the post office employees were crooks.

**2. Whom did Lencho write a letter? What did he ask for?**

**Ans.** When Lencho's annual crop was completely destroyed due to heavy rains and hailstorm and there was no one to help him during the crisis. At that time Lencho wrote a letter to God.

He wrote the letter requesting Him to send 100 pesos so that he could sow his fields again till the next crop.

**3. Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter 'God'?**

**Ans.** The postmaster was a kind, generous, helpful and God fearing man. When he received the letter written to God asking for 100 pesos, he felt sympathetic towards Lencho. Hence, he decided to help Lencho. He gave a part of his salary and asked the

other employees to help. He signed the letter 'God' in order to preserve the man's faith in God.

**4. How far would you agree that one's positivity can bring in a spark of brightness even in adverse circumstances'?**

**Ans.** It is absolutely true that optimism can bring about a spark of brightness even in adverse situations. It was Lencho's innocent optimism that eventually led to his getting seventy pesos. In fact, it was his positivity despite the hailstorm that he even wrote a letter to God in the first place. His hope finally triumphed.

**5. Was Lencho surprised to find a letter with money in it? Why/Why not?**

**Ans.** Lencho was not at all surprised to receive the envelope with the money in it because he had utter faith in God. His unshakeable faith gave him firm confidence.

**6. What impression do you form the postmaster after reading the story 'A Letter to God'?**

**Ans.** The postmaster was a kind, generous, helpful, amiable and God-fearing man. He was generous, as he helped Lencho with 70 pesos. He also wrote a reply to Lencho's letter in order to maintain his faith in God.

**7. Why was Lencho angry? What did he do?**

**Ans.** Lencho had deep faith in God and hence wrote a letter to God asking for 100 pesos. But when he received 70 pesos instead of 100, he was angry. He wrote another letter to God asking him to send the rest of the money, but not through the post-office as they were a 'bunch of crooks'.

**8. Lencho calls the raindrops 'new coins'. Why does he call them so?**

**Ans.** Lencho hoped to get good crops because of raindrops. He thought he would earn good money so he called them new coins. But raindrops soon turned into hailstones which destroyed all his crops and ruined his hopes.

**9. Why were Lencho and his family in distress? Whom did he ask for help?**

**Ans.** Lencho's crops were completely destroyed by the hailstones. He feared that he and his family would go hungry. He had no one to help but he had full faith in God whose eyes see everything. He wrote a letter to God asking for a hundred pesos to sow the crop and live until the next harvest.

**10. "Now we're really going to get some water woman." Is Lencho sure that it is going to rain? Give a reason for your answer.**

**Ans.** Yes. Lencho is sure that it is going to rain. He needs rain for his crops. He has been gazing at the sky since morning. He has perhaps seen some signs of coming rain. True to his prediction. It soon starts raining.

**11. What are the raindrops compared to and why?**

**Ans.** It starts raining. Lencho is very happy. He compares the big drops of rain to ten-cent pieces and the little ones to five-cent pieces. Lencho needs rain for a good harvest. If he has good crops, he will get money. That is why he compares the raindrops to coins.

**12. Did the letter reach God? Why did the postmaster send a reply to Lencho?**

**Ans.** No, the letter did not reach God. The postman saw the letter addressed to God. He took the letter to the postmaster. The postmaster did not want to shake Lencho's faith in God. So he sent a reply to Lencho. He sent seventy pesos to him

**13. Why was Lencho angry when he received the letter?**

**Ans.** Lencho had asked God to send him a hundred pesos. But when he opened the envelope he found only seventy pesos in it. He thought that the post-office employees had taken the rest of the money. So he became angry when he received the letter.

**14. Lencho describes the post office employees as "a bunch of crooks."**

**(1) Were they a bunch of crooks?**

**(ii) How would you describe them?**

**Ans.** Lencho thought that the post office employees had cheated him. So he calls them "a bunch of crooks." But they were not crooks. They were kind persons. They wanted to help Lencho. So they collected seventy pesos and sent the money to Lencho by mail.

**15. Where was Lencho's house situated?**

**Ans.** Lencho was a farmer. His house was the only one in the valley. It was situated on the top of a low hill overlooking the valley. From this height, he could see the river. He could also see his fields of ripe corn dotted with flowers. The flowers always promised a good harvest.

**16. What did Lencho and the earth need immediately?**

**Ans.** The only thing the earth needed was rain. Lencho, being a farmer wished for heavy rain. At least, a shower was necessary. His fields needed water immediately otherwise the crop would be completely mined. So, he would constantly look at the sky towards the north-east.

17. **How did the rain come as predicted by Lencho and how did he receive it?**

**Ans.** Lencho's wife was preparing supper. The older boys were working in the field. It was during the meal, in the north-east huge mountains of clouds could be seen approaching. Then, as Lencho had predicted, big drops of rain began to fall. Lencho went out to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body. To him, the raindrops were like the new coins.

18. **Why were the raindrops like new coins for Lencho?**

**Ans.** Lencho had been impatiently waiting for the rain. The earth needed a downpour immediately. At least, a shower was necessary to save the crops. Fortunately for Lencho, in the north-east huge mountains of clouds could be seen approaching. Big drops of rain began to fall. Every drop was precious for the fields and the crops. The bigger drops were worth ten cent pieces and the little ones were fives.

19. **Why did Lencho's happiness change into deep concern?**

**Ans.** As Lencho had predicted the rain did come. At the meal time, it came in the form of big drops. Naturally, the rain gladdened his heart. He could see better prospects of a good crop. However, his happiness was short-lived. Suddenly, a strong wind began to blow. The rain turned into big hailstones. The falling of heavy ball of big hailstones for an hour completely destroyed everything— leaves, trees and the standing crops.

Naturally, such a heavy loss put Lencho into a deep concern.

20. **Describe the loss caused by the heavy fall of hailstones in general and to Lencho in particular.**

**Ans.** For an hour, the hailstones rained on the house, the garden, the hillside and the cornfield. Actually, the whole valley was covered with them. Leaves and flowers were destroyed. Lencho's fields were covered with a white layer. The corn was totally destroyed. The hail had left practically nothing. There was no chance of any corn that year for Lencho.

21. **In the hearts of all who lived in that solitary house ..., there was a single hope ....' What was that?**

**Ans.** The hail had practically left nothing. The cornfields were totally destroyed. Lencho and his family would have no corn that year. He could expect no help from human beings. In the hearts of all who lived in that solitary house, there was a single hope: help from God. Only God could save them from such a miserable situation.

22. **Why did Lencho think of writing a letter to God? What did he write in the letter?**

**Ans.** The hailstones completely destroyed Lencho's cornfields. They would have no corn that year. Having lost all hopes, Lencho thought of writing a letter to God. He requested God to send him a hundred pesos to sow his fields again. He wrote that he needed money to live until the new crops came. If God didn't help, his family would face starvation.

23. **What was the address written and how was the letter sent to God?**

**Ans.** Lencho had an unshaken faith in God and His mercy. Therefore, he decided to write a letter to God for help. He wrote 'To God' on the envelope and put the letter inside. He went to the post office and placed a stamp on the letter. Finally, he dropped it into the mailbox.

24. **How did the postmaster react when a postman showed him the letter to God?**

**Ans.** When a postman received Lencho's letter, he laughed heartily and took that letter to the postmaster. The postmaster looked at the letter to God and laughed heartily too. However, he soon grew serious. He was impressed with the sender's faith in God who tried to correspond Him. "What a faith"! he could utter only such words.

25. **Why did the postmaster decide to answer Lencho's letter?**

**Ans.** After laughing at the very idea of a letter to God, the postmaster became serious soon. He was impressed with the unshaken faith of the sender in God. He wished he had the faith of the man who wrote that letter to God. So, in order not to shake the writer's faith in God, the postmaster decided to answer the letter.

26. **How did the postmaster answer Lencho's letter by sending him the money?**

**Ans.** The postmaster didn't want to shake the writer's faith in God and so decided to help him. It needed something more than goodwill. So he collected money from his employees and himself contributed a part of the salary. He could collect only seventy pesos. He put the money into the envelope and put a single word 'God' as signature and posted it to Lencho.

**27. Why did Lencho go a bit earlier than usual to the post office the following Sunday?**

**Ans.** Lencho had firm faith in God and His mercy. He did expect a reply from Him. So, on the following Sunday, he went to the post office a bit earlier than usual. The postman handed over the letter to Lencho. The postmaster was only contented to perform a good deed.

**28. Why did Lencho show no surprise on seeing the money?**

**Ans.** Lencho had a firm faith in God. He did expect help from Him. He didn't show any surprise when he received the sum of seventy pesos. He believed in the mercy of God and expected definite help from him. So, he showed no surprise when he received the money.

**29. Why was Lencho angry after he counted the money?**

**Ans.** Lencho had demanded a sum of a hundred pesos as an immediate help from God. He did hope in God's mercy and help. However, his happiness was short lived when he counted the money. The sum was short by 30 pesos. Lencho believed that God did send him a hundred pesos but the dishonest post office employees embezzled the money.

**30. Why did Lencho ask help from God? Did he receive it?**

**Ans.** Lencho had written a letter to God requesting him to send a sum of one hundred pesos. This money was necessary to sow his fields again and to live until the new crop came. The help did come in the form of 70 pesos. Actually, it was not God but the kind-hearted postmaster who had collected the money and sent to Lencho by post signing God.'

**31. What did Lencho write in his second letter to God? Why did he ask Him not to send the rest of the money by post mail?**

**Ans.** Lencho wrote to God that he received only 70 pesos out of the 100 that he had asked for. He asked God to send him the rest of the money as he needed it very much. He even asked God not to send the money through the postal mail. He said that the post office employees were dishonest and 'a bunch of crooks'.

**32. Lencho has great faith in God. Does he have the same kind of faith in man? Taking examples from the story describe his attitude towards God and man.**

**Ans.** Lencho's crop was totally destroyed. He had great faith in God. He wrote a letter to God asking for a hundred pesos as help. The postmaster and the employees collected seventy pesos and sent the money to him. Lencho thought that the employees had

stolen 30 pesos. He wrote another letter to God asking for 30 pesos more but not through the post office. He called the employees 'a bunch of crooks'. This highlights Lencho's attitude to God and man. He had full faith in God but doesn't have any faith in man.

33. **What is the ironical about the ending of the story?**

**Ans.** The end of the story is rather ironical. The postmaster was greatly impressed by Lencho's faith in God. He didn't want to shake his faith in God. He collected a sum of seventy pesos from his employees and contributed a part of his salary. However, his great act of charity was not recognised and appreciated by the man who received help. On the contrary, the helpers were ironically called 'a bunch of crooks'.