

English Core
Class 11
Topic: The Address

- **Short answer questions**

1. Describe the first visit of Mrs daughter to the house of Mrs Dorling.

Answer:

Mrs daughter found **Mrs Dorling's** house and rang the bell. **Mrs Dorling** opened the door but was not happy to see the visitor. She rudely said that people who had left did not return. She did not allow the visitor to come in and closed the door saying she could not do anything for her.

2. How did the narrator realise that she had come to the right address?

Answer:

The narrator knew that she had come to the right address because the woman who opened the door was wearing her mother's green cardigan.

3. Who was Mrs Dorling? Why did she visit Mrs S's house frequently?

Answer:

Mrs Dorling was merely an acquaintance of Mrs S. Mrs S belonged to a wealthy Jewish family and all her possessions were beautiful and of great value. The Second World War broke out and the Jews were persecuted everywhere. The Germans were in control. Jews had to leave their homes and possessions behind to save their lives. In this background Mrs Dorling revived her acquaintance with Mrs S and carried away suitcases and sackfuls of precious things saying she wanted 'to save' all the nice things.

4. Why did Mrs S ask her daughter to remember the address of Mrs Dorling?

Answer:

Mrs Dorling had taken the valuable possessions of Mrs S for safe keeping. Mrs S wanted her daughter to remember the address so that she could claim their belongings some day after the war.

5. What kind of a welcome did the narrator get from Mrs Dorling?

Answer:

Mrs Dorling was cold and indifferent and evidently displeased to see the author. In fact, she tried to prevent her from entering by blocking her entrance. Later, she said it was not convenient for her to talk to the narrator at that point of time and refused to meet her.

- **Broad question**

1. The Address' is a story of human predicament that follows war Comment.

Answer- The phenomenon of war brings lot of suffering for human beings. It brings with it death and destruction. It kills the feelings of love and sympathy. The story "**The Address**" is based on this theme. During the war, the narrator's mother leaves all her valuable things with an acquaintance. The mother dies and many years later the narrator returns to **Mrs Dorling** to take back all her belongings. But the woman shows no sympathy for her. On the contrary, she behaves in a very hard hearted manner. She does not allow the girl to enter the house. She turns out to be a lady bereft of all human emotions. Thus we find that war leaves the world desolate not only on the physical level but also on the emotional and spiritual level.