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SUMMARY

- Dr. Sadao, a Japanese surgeon finds a wounded American soldier on the beach near his house.
- He is unable to throw him back though he was his enemy, he was a doctor and his first duty was to save a life.
- Hana, his wife, though initially reluctant because it was dangerous for all including the children to keep the enemy in the house, joins her husband in operating and nursing the enemy soldier back to health, even though the servants desert the house.
- Hana assists Dr. Sadao in operating the soldier in spite of her physical discomfort and hesitation.
- Though it was war time and all hands were needed at the front, the General did not send Sadao with the troops as he is an expert surgeon and the General needed him.
- Sadao tells him about the enemy soldier but he does not take any action as he is self-absorbed and forgets his promise that he would send his private assassins to kill the enemy and remove his body.
- Taking advantage of the general’s self-absorption Sadao decides to save the soldier’s life. After the soldier is out of danger Dr. Sadao helps him to escape from his house to safety.

I Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each: 2

(1) Will Dr. Sadao be arrested on the charge of harbouring an enemy? 2

Dr. Sadao, on humanitarian as well as professional grounds, tended a wounded POW which was officially a serious crime. However, he did not get punished for this offence as it was never revealed to anyone, except his wife, timid servants, and a General who was too self-obsessed with his own treatment that he would never let the dr. leave him.

(2) How did the servants react to the doctor’s decision? 2

The servants felt uncomfortable about the presence of American prisoner of war in their house. They felt that they could not stay any longer in Sadao’s house if he continued to hide the soldier inside the house. Being superstitious, they were fearful about the wrath of the nature who they thought had wanted to kill him. They even tried to put an emotional pressure on their masters to send the American out of the house.

(3) How would you explain the reluctance of the soldier to leave the shelter of the doctor’s home even when he knew he couldn’t stay there without risk to the doctor and himself? 2

When the American war prisoner came to consciousness and realized that he was saved by a Japanese family, he feared that he will be soon handed over to the army. However, as he noticed the amount of concern and care given to him by the family, he understood that he was in safe hands. He knew that although he was a threat to the doctor's family, his own life might be saved there. Burdened with gratitude towards the family, he ultimately decides to comply with what the doctor planned for him - the escape.

- (4) Why did Yumi defy the orders of Hana? 2

Hana asked the maid servant Yumi to wash the wounded dirty man with warm water. Finding a white man she became stubborn as she had never washed a white man. So she was determined not to wash him. Hana cried at her sternly but Yumi had a fierce look of resistance on her round face. Then Hana decided to do it with her own hands and asked her to return.

- (5) Do you think the doctor's final solution to the problem was the best possible one in the circumstances? 2

The doctor tried his best to save the injured soldier as a part of his duty. But the ultimate question was what to do next. It cannot be said that he betrayed his country as he had told the truth to the General. However when he noticed that the soldier was to be killed not for the benefit of the country but only to save the doctor's life, he decided to help him flee. In such a situation, the doctor's final solution to the problem was the best possible one.

II Answer the following questions in 120-150 words.

1. What did Dr Sadao do to get rid of the man? 6

With the injured American's health gradually improving, Dr. Sadao and Hana were in a fix as to what should be done with him. Their loyal servants had left them and keeping him in their house could pose a threat to their lives. As Hana's impatience and distress grew, Dr Sadao revealed the matter to the General who decided to send assassins to kill the young American in his sleep. Keen on getting rid of the escaped war prisoner, Dr Sadao agreed. However, the matter could not be resolved because the assassins never came. Dr Sadao then planned another way to get rid of him which was overpowered with sympathy and a distant gratitude towards the people he had been linked to in America. He decided to save his patient one more time. He secretly sent him to an isolated island with food, bottled water, clothes, blanket and his own flashlight on a boat from where he could board a Korean ship to freedom and safety.

2. There are moments in life when we have to make hard choices between our roles as private individuals and as citizens with a sense of national loyalty. Elucidate. 6

3. To choose between professional loyalty and patriotism was a dilemma for Dr. Sadao. How did he succeed in betraying neither? **Board 2017** 6