

Q # 2... Read the passage and answer the questions that follow: (20 Marks)

"Elegant economy!" How naturally one fold back into the phraseology of Cranford! There economy was always "elegant", and money-spending always "Vulgar and Ostentatious;" a sort of sour grapeism which made up very peaceful and satisfied I shall never forget the dismay felt when certain Captain Brown came to live at Cranford, and openly spoke of his being poor — not in a whisper to an intimate friend, the doors and windows being previously closed, but in the public street! in a loud military voice! alleging his poverty as a reason for not taking a particular house. The ladies of Cranford were already moving over the invasion of their territories by a man and a gentleman. He was a half-pay captain, and had obtained some situation on a neighbouring rail-road, which had been vehemently petitioned against by the little town; and if in addition to his masculine gender, and his connection with the obnoxious railroad, he was so brazen as to talk of his being poor — why, then indeed, he must be sent to Coventry. Death was as true and as common as poverty; yet people never spoke about that loud on the streets. It was a word not to be mentioned to ears polite. We had tacitly agreed to ignore that any with whom we associated on terms of visiting equality could ever be prevented by poverty from doing anything they wished. If we walked to or from a party, it was because the weather was so fine, or the air so refreshing, not because sedan chairs were expensive. If we wore prints instead of summer silks, it was because we preferred a washing material; and so on, till we blinded ourselves to the vulgar fact that we were, all of us, people of very moderate means.

- (a) Give in thirty of your own words what we learn from this passage of Captain Brown. (4 marks)
- (b) Why did the ladies of Cranford dislike the Captain. (2 marks)
- (c) What reasons were given by the ladies of Cranford for "not doing anything that they wished"? (2 marks)
- (d) "Ears Polite". How do you justify this construction? (2 marks)
- (e) What is the meaning and implication of the phrases? (2 marks each)
 - (1) Sour-grapeism
 - (2) The invasion of their territories
 - (3) Sent to Coventry
 - (4) Tacitly agreed
 - (5) Elegant economy

This one is quite simple and easy. THANKS ALMIGHTY.

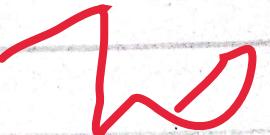
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(b) ladies of Cranford did not like the Captain because, their **fossillosses** are invaded by this man. They also did not like him because he always talked about his poverty as an excuse of not doing anything.

Repeat question statement at the start of the answer.

(c) ladies of Cranford gave seasons for not doing that they wished some of them are; that their success was associated with the man who excused poverty every time for not doing anything.

(d) "Fass Potle", This is the phrase that ~~is~~ means anything which is pleasant to hear. It is phrase which is constructed with two nouns.



(c)

(2) The invasion of their tessifosse, it means that some one else's place was captured by others

(3) Sent to coventry means any place where any person is ignored by his friends and ~~he~~ is implicated for captain, ~~for~~ whom ladies of canford want to send him ~~for~~ to "coventry".

3) Sour-grapeism means when someone pretends that they do not want something because they ~~could~~ not get it. It is used here for explaining the nature of Captain.

4) Tacitly agreed means that when someone silently agreed with someone without saying it loud, and here it is used in context, of when ~~✓~~ ladies of Cranford agreed to captain her ~~urd~~ poorly as an excuse of not doing anything.

5) Elegant Economy means that something which is beautiful and ~~the~~ elegant and also only used when it is necessary. Here it is implicated in sense of describing the nature of Cranford.