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Question Bank on *Animal Farm* – George Orwell

Essay Type/Long Answer Questions:

1. Discuss Orwell's *Animal Farm* as a fable.
2. Consider *Animal Farm* as a satire on the Stalinist era of Russian history
3. How does the novel deal with the idea that power corrupts the individuals?
4. Consider *Animal Farm* as an allegory?
5. How were the socialist ideas of Old Major and Snowball corrupted by Napoleon?
6. Although the novel is a commentary on the Russian Revolution, how are its themes still relevant today?
7. How does *Animal Farm* treat power and corruption?
8. Elaborate on 'All are equal but some are more equal.' Does the novel say that inequality is an unresolved part of every society?
9. "All animals are equal but some animals are more equal." Discuss.
10. How does Orwell depict the naivety of the working class and the shrewd manipulation of power by the ruling class?
11. Explain how the pigs used language to control the other farm animals?
12. Write an essay on language and manipulation in *Animal Farm*
13. How does *Animal Farm* symbolize human civilization in general?
14. Discuss Old Major's speech/dream and how he inspired the animals to rebel in the novel *Animal Farm*.
15. Closely examine Old Major's speech to the animals in Chapter 1 and discuss the ways in which he uses language to persuade his listeners.
16. Examine Squealer as the propagandist spokesman of Napoleon.
17. Describe the Battle of the Cowshed and the Battle of the Windmill.
18. "The banishing of Snowball is the turning point of the novel." Justify
19. Compare and contrast the songs Beasts of England and Comrade Napoleon.
20. Describe the June Rebellion that changed Manor Farm into *Animal Farm*.
21. Can the windmill be seen as a symbol of the spread of communism? Explain
22. Compare the lives of the animals when they live under Jones and under Napoleon. In what ways does Napoleon prove himself a similar tyrant?
23. Sketch the character of Old Major
24. Sketch the character of Napoleon
25. Sketch the character of Snowball
26. Discuss the character of Boxer.

Short Notes

1. What is the root cause for the problems faced by the animals according to Old Major?
2. According to Old Major, what is the cause of the problems of animals?
3. What vision does Old Major's speech give to the animal on the farm?
4. Mr. Jones and his ill-treatment of the animals on the farm.
5. What do the animals do after chasing Jones?
6. Write a note on the Seven Commandments in *Animal Farm* or Write a note on the key ideas of animalism.
7. What are the methods that Snowball used to educate the animals?
8. Write a note on the Sunday meeting or the weekly meetings in *Animal Farm*.
9. What changes have been made in the weekly meetings once Napoleon took control of the Animal Farm?
10. How do the pigs present themselves as superior beings?
11. How does Squealer highlight the importance of the pigs?
12. How is the windmill destroyed?
13. Why does Napoleon order that hens' eggs must be sold? How does Napoleon react when the hens rebel against his orders?
14. Write a note on the sale of the stack of lumber.
15. What happens to the pigs' appearance at the end of the novel?
16. Write a short note on the character of Mollie.
17. The tragic end of Boxer
18. Why does Orwell bring in human beings at the end of the novel?
19. Compare and contrast Mollie and Boxer
20. How do the pigs present themselves as superior beings?
21. What is the significance of the gun being placed at the foot of the flagpole?
22. How does Napoleon gradually turn out to be a dictator?
23. Write a note on the Battle of the Cowshed.
24. Write a note on the importance of the nine dogs in the novel.

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