



English

Class: 12th

Subject: English (Novel) Goodbye Mr. Chips)

Novel 1: Chips Life After Retirement

Author: James Hilton

❖ **Important Short Questions:**

1. Who is the writer of the novel "Goodbye Mr. Chips"?

Ans: James Hilton is the writer of the novel "Goodbye Mr. Chips."

2. What do you know about James Hilton?

Ans: James Hilton (1890–1954) was a novelist and journalist. He wrote several well-known novels, and some were staged. "Goodbye Mr. Chips" is one of his famous works.

3. In how many days was this novel written?

Ans: This novel was written in just four days.

4. What type of novel is "Goodbye Mr. Chips"?

Ans: It is a biographical novel. It deals with the life of Mr. Chips and inspires dedication to work and gaining popularity.

5. Can it be rightly said "a little book can be a good book"?

Ans: Yes. "Goodbye Mr. Chips" became very popular, was dramatized and filmed. It proves that even a small book can be great.

6. How many chapters has the novel been divided into?

Ans: The novel has 18 chapters.

7. Who is the hero of the novel?

Ans: Mr. Chips, a school teacher.

8. When was Mr. Chips born?

Ans: He was born in 1848.

9. What do you know about his parentage?

Ans: The author gives no information about Mr. Chips' parents.

10. Who was Mr. Wetherby?

Ans: Mr. Wetherby was the headmaster of Brookfield when Mr. Chips joined. He was kind and supportive.

11. What is the significance of the title "Goodbye Mr. Chips"?

Ans: The words were first spoken to Mr. Chips by Katherine before her marriage and later repeated by a boy. Chips never forgot them.

12. How did hours seem to pass when Mr. Chips was old?

Ans: He felt sleepy and the hours passed slowly, like lazy cattle.

13. How did Chips measure his time at Mrs. Wickett's house?

Ans: Like an old sea-captain, he followed signals of the past, reading books, meeting visitors, serving tea, or remaining lost in memories.

14. How could Chips live according to the Brookfield timetable?

Ans: His house was across the school road. He followed the school bell for meals, prep, and lights out.

15. Why did Chips keep Brookfield time more than Greenwich?

Ans: His past and memories were mostly linked to Brookfield.

16. What did Chips do after the last bell at school?

Ans: He wound the clock, guarded the fire, turned off the gas, and read a detective novel before sleeping.

17. Why did Chips and Mrs. Wickett keep Brookfield time?

Ans: It comforted Chips because he was deeply attached to Brookfield.

18. How did he spend his retired life?

Ans: He arranged time with school bells, drank tea, watched games, and read novels and detective stories.

19. What was the quality of Chips' voice?

Ans: High-pitched, jerky, but lively and brisk, showing good health.

20. How much did Chips read before sleeping?

Ans: Hardly a page; sleep came swiftly and peacefully, enhancing his dreams.

21. What was the name of his doctor?

Ans: Dr. Merivale, who said Chips was fitter than him and would die a natural death.

22. Why did Merivale say Chips would die a natural death?

Ans: He had no disease, only old age.

23. What advice did Merivale give to Mrs. Wickett about Chips?

Ans: Take special care of him. His chest could strain his heart; old age was his only fatal disease.

24. How was Chips brought to the Great Exhibition?

Ans: As a toddling child.

25. How was the day when Chips came for Brookfield interview?

Ans: A sunny July day, the air full of flower scents, and cricket being played on the ground.

26. Where did Chips teach before Brookfield?

Ans: At Melbury Public School.

27. How long did he teach at Melbury?

Ans: One year.

28. Why did he leave Melbury?

Ans: He could not control the class; the boys insulted him, so he disliked it.

29. When did Mr. Chips join Brookfield?

Ans: In 1870, at the age of 21.

30. Who was the headmaster when Chips joined Brookfield?

Ans: Mr. Wetherby, fatherly and courteous, advised strict classroom discipline.

31. What kind of person was Mr. Wetherby?

Ans: Fatherly, courteous, with vivid eyes, and kind to Chips.

32. What advice did Wetherby give regarding discipline?

Ans: Take a strict attitude from the beginning and devote himself to Brookfield.

33. How did Wetherby inspire Chips?

Ans: Encouraged him that Brookfield would reward his dedication.

34. How did boys look on Chips' first day?

Ans: Individually decent but collectively like unruly barbarians ready to pounce.

35. What was the traditional sport of teasing new masters?

Ans: Teasing new teachers was exciting and traditional; Chips feared his first class.

36. What was the atmosphere in the hall on first class day?

Ans: Sudden hush, clock ticking, smell of ink and varnish, red rays through stained-glass windows.

37. What happened in Chips' first class?

Ans: A boy dropped the desk lid; Chips punished him; the class became orderly.

38. Who was Colley?

Ans: The boy who dropped the desk lid; later, his son and grandson became Chips' pupils.

39. How did Chips treat Colley?

Ans: Ordered him to write 100 lines; established his authority; first round won.

40. What interesting story was attached to Colley?

Ans: Chips joked about Colley's grandson, saying his father and grandfather were fools, but he was the biggest fool of all.

Note:

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