

English

Class: 12th

Subject: English (Novel) Goodbye Mr. Chips)

Novel 5: [A Day before Marriage](#)

Author: [James Hilton](#)

❖ **Important Short Questions:**

1. What did Chips wonder about while recollecting the past at Mrs. Wickett's?

Ans: He wondered which trivial action of his had caused so many momentous events in his life.

2. Which part of the Lake District did Chips vividly remember?

Ans: He remembered the hump of Great Gable and the mouse-grey depths of Wastwater under the Screes.

3. What sensory memories did Chips recall from the Lake District?

Ans: He recalled the washed air after rain and the ribbon of the pass to Sty Head.

4. How did Chips describe the time he spent with Katherine?

Ans: He described it as a period of dizzy happiness, with evening strolls, her cool voice, and gay laughter.

5. How did Chips feel about planning a future with Katherine?

Ans: He felt serious and slightly awed but believed her coming to Brookfield would be acceptable.

6. What was Katherine's opinion about school mastering?

Ans: She thought it was very different, important, and influential in shaping future generations.

7. What professions had Katherine feared Chips might be in?

Ans: She feared he might be a solicitor, stockbroker, dentist, or a man with a big cotton business.

8. How did Chips respond to Katherine's praise of his profession?

Ans: He said he had not thought of it like that often and that he did his best in his job.

9. Why did Chips feel self-deprecating in front of Katherine?

Ans: He felt his degree was mediocre, had occasional discipline issues, would never get promotion, and was ineligible to marry a young ambitious woman.

10. How did Katherine react to Chips' self-deprecation?

Ans: She laughed and reassured him, showing her affection and understanding.

11. What was Katherine's family background?

Ans: She had no parents and was to be married from her aunt's house in Ealing.

12. How did Katherine compare their farewell to a school experience?

Ans: She compared it to a new boy beginning his first term, feeling respectful but not scared.

13. What playful question did Katherine ask Chips before the wedding?

Ans: She asked whether she should call him "Sir" or "Mr. Chips," eventually choosing "Mr. Chips."

14. What impression did Katherine have of middle-aged men before meeting Chips?

Ans: She thought they were boring if they read “The Times” and disapproved of modern ideas.

15. How did Katherine’s opinion of Chips differ from her expectations?

Ans: She found him interesting, honest, gentle, and charming, contrary to her expectations.

16. Why did Katherine like Chips initially?

Ans: She liked his gentle manners, honesty, modesty, and old-fashioned but sincere opinions.

17. What was the significance of the farewell scene described in London?

Ans: It highlighted a vivid London atmosphere with clapping horses, flickering gas lamps, and newsboys, marking an important moment in their relationship.

18. How did Chips feel about his own accomplishments?

Ans: He felt modest and unsure about his achievements, fearing they were not enough for a young, ambitious wife.

19. How soon did Chips and Katherine get engaged?

Ans: They became engaged within a week of meeting after the Lake District incident.

20. When and where were Chips and Katherine married?

Ans: They were married in London a week before the beginning of the autumn term.

Note:

This chapter is designed to provide a solid foundation of knowledge, with the goal of deepening understanding and encouraging further exploration of the subject. The content has been carefully selected to support effective learning and inspire students to engage with the topic more deeply.

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