

English

Class: 12th

Subject: English (Novel) Goodbye Mr. Chips)

Novel 8: Katherine's Death

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❖ Important Short Questions:

Q1. What tragic event happened to Chips on April 1st, 1898?

Ans: On April 1st, 1898, Chips's wife Katherine and his newly born child died on the same day.

Q2. Why did the Spring day of 1898 remain unforgettable for Chips?

Ans: It was the day when Chips lost both his wife and child, turning his life into a painful nightmare.

Q3. How did Chips feel while walking through Brookfield village after the tragedy?

Ans: He felt shocked, confused, and broken, as if he were living in a horrifying dream.

Q4. Whom did Chips meet in the village lane, and what did the boy ask?

Ans: Chips met young Faulkner, who asked permission to take the afternoon off, miss chapel, and go to the station.

Q5. What bitter thought came to Chips' mind while talking to Faulkner?

Ans: He felt like saying that his wife and child were dead and that he wished he were dead too.

Q6. Why did Chips avoid talking to people or receiving condolences?

Ans: He wanted to face his grief alone and adjust to the tragedy before meeting others.

Q7. How did Chips behave while teaching his class after the tragedy?

Ans: He taught the class mechanically, gave them grammar to learn, and sat silently in a trance.

Q8. What strange incident occurred regarding the letters Chips received?

Ans: He received many letters addressed to him, but all contained blank sheets of paper.

Q9. Why did Chips not react to the blank letters immediately?

Ans: His grief was so deep that the incident seemed insignificant compared to his loss.

Q10. What was the real reason behind the blank letters?

Ans: The blank letters were an April Fool's joke played by the boys.