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Настоящее учебно-методическое пособие предназначено для студентов младших курсов языковых факультетов. Материал пособия нацелен на обеспечение руководства как аудиторной, так и самостоятельной работой студентов. В пособии содержатся упражнения и задания, направленные на глубокое усвоение содержания произведения, развитие речевых навыков и расширение словарного запаса. Материалы пособия могут быть использованы для работы со студентами АО, НО, РАО, ТИО.

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Assignment 1 (chapters 1-2)

Task 1. Speak about the author of the novel.

Task 2. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- notwithstanding
- to slip into
- to brazen smth out
- to pull oneself together
- to get round smb
- to get smb out of smth
- to have a head screwed on one's shoulders

Task 3. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 4. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 5. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- She slipped into a kimono and...
- He stood by her side looking...
- There are not many advantages in being a government official, but...
- It'll look so funny if...
- He gave her that charming smile of his...
- He did not quite know what to say to this,...
- But he took her wrist on which...
- And if there is any trouble...

Task 6. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Kitty and Charlie were waiting for Walter in Kitty's bedroom.
- Charlie left his topee downstairs.
- Walter has to come home in the middle of the day on Mondays.
- Usually Walter didn't leave his laboratory till five.
- Kitty slipped on into verandah, looked into her husband's dressing-room and found Walter there.
- The boy rang up the laboratory and asked if Walter was there.
- Walter hadn't been in the laboratory since tiffin.
- Charlie thought that Walter wouldn't ignore the incident.
- Charlie was quite sure it was the amah.

- Charlie couldn't guarantee to get Kitty out of that incident.

Task 7. Describe the characters of the story. Give the full characteristics of each person:

- Kitty
- Charlie

Task 8. Answer the questions:

- Where do the events of the story take place?
- What characters do we come across in the very chapters?
- How can you describe them?
- What impressions have they made on you?
- How do you think, who tried the door?
- Were the two people frightened?

Task 9. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Kitty and Charlie really loved each other.
- If it was Walter, why didn't he kick up a row?
- Kitty was afraid of her husband.

Task 10. Retell the beginning of the story using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 2 (chapters 3-4)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- (not) to stir out
- to dwell on smb (smth)
- to bore smb to death
- to care for nothing but
- to put on airs
- to reconcile oneself to smth
- to treat smb like:

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- It gave her a little thrill as she looked at him...
- Of course it was stupid to behave what they have done...
- And she dressed like...
- After all there was no reason for her...
- Kitty, coming to Hong Kong on her marriage had found it...
- From a social stand point the man of science...
- She knew that now, but she...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Kitty's house stood on the expensive Peak. They could afford to live there.
- Kitty hated Hong Kong.
- Kitty liked to go into the filthy little house off the Victoria Road in which they were in the habit of meeting.
- Kitty liked Charlie's wife Dorothy, they were friends.
- Charlie didn't care for his wife, she bored him to death.

Task 6. Describe the characters of the story. Give the full characteristics of each person:

- Charlie

- Dorothy
- Walter

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- How old was Charlie?
- How did he look like?
- Did Kitty like the place they lived in?
- What did Charlie say to Kitty when they met first?
- How did Kitty treat Dorothy?
- Had Charlie ever allowed himself to speak about his wife with Kitty?
- How did Dorothy look like?
- What thoughts had Kitty coming to Hong Kong on her marriage?
- How did Charlie treat his wife according to Kitty's point of view/

Task 8. Translate into English using words and word combinations studied:

- В последнее время Мэри не могла думать ни о чем, кроме предстоящего отъезда.
- Перестань относиться ко мне, как к ребенку! Я уже взрослый.
- Мои старые книги мне до смерти наскучили. Я не хочу важничать, но мне нужно что-то более современное.

Task 9. Express your opinion to the point. Give your reasons:

- Charlie really loved Kitty.

Task 10. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 3 (chapters 5-6)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to hold one's tongue
- to take risks
- to sit tight
- to blame smb for smth
- to kick up a row
- to succeed in doing smth
- to be fond of smb / smth
- to submit to smb / smth

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- What did anything matter really but...
- She rang the bell and when the boy came...
- My advice to you is...
- If he thought she was asleep...
- She wanted to have nothing...
- Within three months of her marriage she knew that...
- The strange thing was that he...
- She didn't know why she kept it there for...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Chinese servants knew everything anyway and couldn't hold their tongues.
- Walter brought the book home after tiffin.
- Kitty cared very much for Walter and she thought it wouldn't be the best thing for him to know the truth.
- Kitty wanted to have nothing more to do with Walter.
- Within three months of her marriage Kitty knew that she had made a mistake, and it was only her fault.
- Kitty had a photograph of her mother in the room and one of her father downstairs on the grand piano.
- Kitty was very fond of her mother.

- Kitty's father was a strong man with bright eyes.
- Kitty's father couldn't look pleasant, he succeeded only in looking severe on a photo.
- Kitty's mother was a little, tired, kind woman.

Task 6. Describe the characters of the story. Give the full characteristics of each person:

- Mr. Garstin
- Mrs. Garstin

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- Who was there at the door (according to Kitty's point of view)?
- What conclusion did Kitty come to concerning the place of their meeting?
- What did she notice?
- Who brought the book?
- Whom did Kitty tell the news?
- Was she embarrassed to think whether it was her husband or not?
- Whom did Kitty blame for her unhappy marriage?
- Why did Kitty treat her mother like that?

Task 8. Translate into English using words and word combinations studied:

- - Думаешь она может поднять шум?
- Успокойся, в ее же интересах держать язык за зубами
- Джон достиг успеха в инженерии. Его семья им гордится, а коллеги восхищаются.
- Мэри винит брата за то, что так и не попрощалась с родителями.

Task 9. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Imagine that Walter knew the truth. What do you think about his behavior?
- Kitty wasn't very fond of her mother.
- Mrs. Garstin was the head of the family.

Task 10. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 4 (chapters 7-8)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to despise smb
- to flatter smb / oneself
- a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush
- to conceal smth
- to provide smb with board and lodging
- to take smth for granted
- to be at a loss
- to do smth in a panic
- to hesitate to do smth

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- On her side she set herself to...
- In twenty five Mrs. Garstin never...
- She flattered herself that...
- He was a stranger to them, but...
- Doris gave no sign of...
- Her beauty depended a good deal on...
- Kitty had been brought up with the...
- If she wanted to marry just to be married...
- Kitty reached the age of twenty five and...
- Kitty in a panic...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Mrs. Garstin was very kind, responsible and clever woman.
- Mr. Garstin had seemed a young man of promise and he had to go far.
- Mrs. Garstin flattered the solicitors who would send her husband briefs, made much of the promising politicians, was familiar with their wives.
- Mrs. Garstin invited guests to her house only because she liked them.
- Bernard Garstin thought that a bird in the hand was worth two in the bush and didn't want to apply for silk.
- Something changed in Mr. Garstin and both his daughters noticed that.

- Mr. Garstin was a little man who went out early in the morning and came home at night only in time to dress for dinner.
- Mrs. Garstin set her hopes only on her husband.
- Doris was a very pretty young woman so Mrs. Garstin hoped on her first of all.
- Kitty was amusing as well as beautiful, and very soon she had a dozen men in love with her.

Task 6. Find the new information about the characters of the story. Make the portraits of:

- Mr. Garstin
- Mrs. Garstin
- Kitty
- Doris

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- What kind of woman was Mrs. Garstin?
- Did she differentiate the people to make friends with?
- How did Mrs. Garstin's daughters treat their father?
- Did they love him?
- What was her life like? Was it monotonous or full of different changes and events?
- Was Mrs. Garstin a communicative person?
- How can you describe Kitty and Doris in a few words? (appearance)
- With what knowledge had Kitty been brought up?
- What was the reason of Kitty's being unmarried at the age of twenty five, to Mrs. Garstin's opinion?

Task 8. Translate into English using words and word combinations studied:

- Дети воспринимают как должное родительскую любовь и заботу.
- Сначала Джон находился в полной растерянности, затем в панике начал собирать свои вещи.
- Марк сомневался, стоит ли ему ехать. Ведь синица в руке лучше, чем журавль в небе.

Task 9. Express your opinion to the points:

- Relationships in Kitty's family.
- Mr. Garstin had a miserable life.
- Doris and Kitty. Mrs. Garstin's hopes.
- Kitty married Walter Fane in a panic.

Task 10. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 5 (chapters 9-10)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to know smb from Adam
- to be taken aback
- to occur to smb
- to be in love with smb
- to be bored to death
- to show no sign of smth
- to be at ease with smb
- to come to the conclusion
- to make the match

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- “It didn’t occur to you to ask somebody or other...?”
- She didn’t know why he came to dances...
- He was evidently...
- He was a doctor, he had a job at...
- She made a practice to appear interested in...
- On the following Sunday...
- He was not exactly shy with her but...
- Kitty came to the conclusion...
- Then came the announcement of...
- That season the only person who had proposed her was...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Kitty met Walter Fane at a restaurant.
- Kitty remembered Walter’s name from their first meeting.
- Walter Fane never talked of her and very little of himself, but when he talked it was not stupidly.
- Walter Fane had got some sort of job in the West.
- The life in Hong Kong didn’t sound quite jolly. There were not clubs, tennis, racing, polo and golf.
- Kitty’s father was as a rule bored to death by the young people whom for her sake he had been forced to entertain.

- Walter Fane was absolutely Kitty's type.
- Kitty was sure that Walter didn't love her and after his returning to China he would not think of her again.
- Kitty's sister Doris was already twenty-five and she couldn't make a suitable marriage.
- That season Kitty had a lot of men who had proposed to her.

Task 6. Describe the characters of the story. Find the new characteristics of each person:

- Kitty
- Walter

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- Did she know Mr. Fane much?
- Did Kitty like to please people?
- What did Walter Fane come to dances for?
- What was Mr. Fane's occupation?
- Where was his job?
- What was the life in China like in Kitty's opinion?
- Did Kitty's father like to talk with her young men?
- Did Walter irritate Kitty?
- What had happened by the end of the season?

Task 8. Translate into English using words and word combinations studied:

- Джон был застигнут врасплох, но не подал виду.
- Все знали, что Майкл любил Анну, а его жена наскучила ему до смерти.
- Я пришел к заключению, что не стоит подавать вида, что мне это нравится.

Task 9. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Kitty had never taken much notice of Walter.
- Walter wasn't Kitty's type at all.
- Mr. Garstin liked Walter Fane. Why?
- Walter was in love with Kitty.

Task 10. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 6 (chapters 11-12)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to take a turn with smb
- to speak with one's tongue in the cheek
- to knock smb down with a feather
- to have an opportunity to do smth
- to be conscious of smth
- to get used to smb/smth
- to feel at home
- "it's raining cats and dogs"
- to be self-conscious

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- She looked at quickly and she saw..
- "I want to ask you if..."
- "Didn't you know I was...?"
- I have never thought of you...
- Did he mean to keep her there...
- She didn't know why she hesitated...
- He was constantly giving her...
- If it was raining and she said...
- He didn't speak because...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Kitty's family always spent their summer holidays abroad.
- One afternoon Kitty met Walter Fane in their house when she returned from Harrod's.
- It was very difficult for Walter to say things he meant than the things he didn't.
- Walter asked Kitty to marry him in a manner which was abrupt and yet strangely tragic.
- Walter's proposal was the greatest Kitty ever had.
- Walter wanted to marry Kitty at once and to go to China for their honeymoon.

- Kitty knew Walter very little and after they had been married for nearly two years she knew him but little more.
- Walter wasn't very polite and treated Kitty as most men treat their wives.
- When there was a party and everyone started singing, Walter always brought himself to join it.
- Kitty was lively: she was willing to chatter all day long and laughed easily.

Task 6. Describe the characters of the story. Give the full characteristics of each person:

- Kitty
- Walter

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- What did Walter offer Kitty when they met in the Brompton Road?
- What kind of creature was Walter for Kitty?
- What did Walter say to Kitty?
- What was Kitty's reaction?
- How do you think, was Walter serious?
- Did she give the answer at once?
- What touched Kitty?
- What did Walter discover about Kitty?
- What did Kitty say when it was raining?

Task 8. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Kitty didn't expect Walter's proposal.
- Kitty didn't like Walter at all.
- Walter and Kitty were rather different people.

Task 9. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 7 (chapters 13-14)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to have the desire to do smth
- to have the wit to do smth
- to leave smb indifferent
- to feel at ease
- to interfere with
- to put on airs
- to conceal smth
- to make an impression on smb

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- He seemed to have no desire to...
- It bored him to...
- He didn't know how...
- She wondered why he had ever...
- Though Kitty had met his wife at various tea-parties...
- Though he hadn't said anything amusing...
- He was well-dressed...
- He couldn't but know that she...
- When she shook hands with him on leaving...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Kitty realized that to be the government bacteriologist was a great fry.
- Walter seemed to have no desire to discuss his job with Kitty.
- Walter was fond of reading and he read books which seemed to Kitty very interesting and amazing.
- Everybody seemed to think Walter Fane wasn't clever, it was only the façade to conceal a profound weakness.
- Walter didn't leave Kitty indifferent, he bored her to death.
- Kitty was introduced to Charles Townsend only when with her husband she went to dine at his house.

- Townsend's party wasn't large. Kitty and Walter were the only guests.
- Walter liked Charles Townsend very much because he was a great Bridge player of the first class.
- Charlie was probably the most popular man in the Colony.
- After the party Kitty understood, that she had made an impression on Charlie.

Task 6. Find new information about the characters:

- Walter
- Charlie

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- Did Walter like to talk about himself?
- What did he prefer to do?
- Did Kitty share his interests?
- Who was Charles Townsend?
- How did Kitty treat him?
- What sort of man was Charles Townsend?
- Did Kitty appreciate Walter's moderation?
- Did she like Mr. Townsend's company?
- How did Charles look like?
- What was the attitude of Charles to Kitty to her opinion?

Task 8. Translate into English using words and word combinations studied:

- Я чувствую себя не в своей тарелке, когда кто-нибудь вмешивается со своими советами.
- У Джона абсолютно не было желания продолжать этот разговор.
- Мэри хотелось произвести впечатление на гостей.

Task 9. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Charlie really was the most popular man in the Colony.
- Walter only left Kitty indifferent.
- Kitty understood quickly that Charlie was the man of her dream.

Task 10. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 8 (chapters 15-16)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to keep smb at a distance
- to be angry with smb
- to adore smb
- to look tired and drawn
- now and then
- to take pains to do smth
- to congratulate smb on smth
- to wish that smb were/did smth

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- Who would have thought that...
- He said that she looked like a...
- Don't you think you were very silly...
- But there is all the difference between a girl...
- He never ate...
- She liked the care he took...
- No one would think he was...
- Oh, how she wished she were...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Kitty knew Charlie was in love with her and didn't try to keep him at a distance.
- Now Kitty knew what love was, she had never been in love before.
- When Charlie became Kitty's lover the situation between her and Walter seemed to be the same.
- Kitty had hesitated some time before the final step, because her upbringing intimidated her.
- Kitty's happiness wasn't sometimes good for her, she began to lose her first freshness.
- All Kitty's women friends supposed she was going to have a baby.
- Kitty saw Charlie a good deal here and there and he couldn't speak to her in a formal way he used with everyone.

- Charlie had a very good figure and he didn't take any pains to keep it.
- No one could believe Charlie was forty, he looked much older.
- Charlie was clever, good-humored, and there wasn't a thing he couldn't do.

Task 6. Find the new features of the characters:

- Charlie
- Kitty

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- How did Charlie treat Kitty?
- How did she look like?
- Did she love him?
- Did Kitty change her attitude to Walter after their meeting with Charlie?
- Where did they meet?
- Was Mr. Townsend an egoistic person?
- Was there anything he could be proud of?
- What interests had Charlie?
- What did Kitty dream about?

Task 8. Translate into English using words and word combinations studied:

- Джулия обожала своих детей и никогда на них не сердилась.
- Время от времени мне приходилось прикладывать усилия в общении с ним.
- Анна старалась держать его на расстоянии, и даже с днем рождения поздравила по телефону.

Task 9. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- When Kitty knew what love was, she felt a sudden sympathy for the love that Walter bored her.
- Kitty was really happy with Charlie.
- Kitty was a perfect fool to waste so much time.
- Kitty worshipped Charlie.

Task 10. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 9 (chapters 17-18)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to prevent smb from doing smth
- to be absorbed in smth
- to do smb the justice
- to be no good pretending
- not to care two pins for smb
- a wet blanket
- to pester smb into smth
- by an effort
- to speak from a long way off
- to be fed up

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- She knew exactly what his relations...
- It was a habit that held them together...
- They had made a mistake...
- She hoped honestly that the two years..
- Once more she repeated what...
- She was very sorry,
- She was holding an open book as though...
- It was dreadful that she...
- She looked at him now and saw...
- It gave Kitty the impression that he...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Kitty and Charlie couldn't be always together because of the tires which bound them.
- It was easier for Charlie to leave Dorothy than for Kitty, because Walter loved her.
- There was a great love between Charlie and his wife, he couldn't divorce her.
- Kitty and Charlie didn't know the worst that Walter could do, and they were afraid of it.

- Kitty wanted to be kind and firm with Walter, because there was no need for them to quarrel.
- In Kitty's opinion it wasn't too simple to manage Dorothy to divorce Charlie.
- Kitty repeated several times what she would say to Walter and decided to make a scene.
- Kitty tried to find any good features in Walter but in vain.
- Kitty was thankful to Walter for their life together.
- Walter knew everything and made a scene at home.

Task 6. Say a few words about:

- Kitty's dreams of the future.
- The situation within two families.
- Kitty's thoughts about Walter and their life.
- Walter's behavior.

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- Was it certain that Walter knew the truth?
- What relations had Charlie with his wife to Kitty's mind?
- Kitty thought that her husband would appreciate her honesty, didn't she?
- Was Kitty right thinking of her husband's reaction?
- What thought had Kitty about Walter before their talk?
- Was she frightened to talk with Walter?
- Did she notice anything unusual in their conversation?
- Was it difficult to them to begin their conversation?
- What happened at the end of the eighteenth chapter?

Task 8. Translate into English using words and word combinations studied:

- Отец пытался предостеречь Майкла от совершения ошибки.
- Я сыт по горло твоими отговорками.
- Нужно отдать ему должное, он с головой в своей работе.

Task 9. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- It was very simple to change their lives.
- There was no love between Charlie and his wife.
- Kitty began to hate Walter.
- Walter didn't want to divorce Kitty.

Task 10. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 10 (chapters 19-20)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to wash dirty linen in public
- to insist on
- on the contrary
- the way smb does smth
- to hold one's tongue
- to wash dirty linen in public
- to come down to brass tacks
- to kick up a row
- to put oneself in smb's shoes

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- As soon as she could next morning she...
- "I can manage to see you..."
- "For the first time since we married..."
- "Walter doesn't give me the impression of a fellow..."
- Perhaps she didn't know him very well but...
- "Has it occurred to you that..."
- You know, this sort of thing is...
- Now that all danger was past...
- He drew her more closely to him and now...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Kitty asked Charlie to see her and he agreed at once.
- It was a trace of irritation in Charlie's voice when Kitty asked about their meeting.
- When Kitty reached the curio shop Mr. Townsend was already there waiting her.
- Kitty looked rather washed out that morning because she didn't sleep much.
- Charlie couldn't understand Kitty's being so suspicious, because Walter didn't say anything.
- It wasn't strange for Kitty that Walter didn't kiss her good night, it was his usual impoliteness.

- The only problem for Charlie was that they had looked a pair of damned fools at the moment Walter came at noon.
- Charlie was ready to bet Kitty anything she liked that Walter was going to pretend he knew nothing.
- Kitty believed that it was a material advantage that made Walter to pretend he knew nothing.
- Kitty wished Walter to insist on a divorce.

Task 6. Find the new features of the characters of the story, new facts about them:

- Charlie
- Kitty

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- What did she do next morning as soon as she could?
- What did Charlie say at first?
- What did Charlie suggest?
- What was the subject of their discussion?
- How did Charlie react?
- What did Charlie try to assure Kitty of?
- Walter was madly in love with Kitty, wasn't he?
- Did Charlie manage to calm Kitty down?
- Did Kitty wish to divorce?

Task 8. Translate into English using words and word combinations studied:

- Мне нравится, как она относится к детям.
- Я не буду настаивать на том, чтобы ты молчал. Можешь рассказать всю правду.
- Поставь себя на его место. Разве ты не поднял бы шум?

Task 9. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Charlie loved Kitty and always was ready to help.
- Kitty noticed some changes in Townsend's behavior but didn't pay attention.
- Charles Townsend was too self-confident and laughed at Walter Fane.
- Walter knew everything.
- Walter didn't know anything.
- Walter had to hold his tongue in order not to lose his material status.

Task 10. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied. Think it over carefully and try to answer the question: what was the reason for Walter to keep silent if he knew the truth?

Assignment 11 (chapters 21-22)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- now and then
- to look washed out
- to know which side one's bread is buttered
- first and foremost
- to do smth for one's sake
- to be frightened out of one's wits
- to ask for trouble
- to go all to pieces
- to provide smb with board and lodging
- to have pluck for smth

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- "The doctor says that I must get out of..."
- Charlie was right when he said...
- "Will you come into the next room..."
- "How did you manage..."
- His eyes were still fixed on her...
- She couldn't bear the thought that he...
- Though his face remained impassive...
- "But surely it's no place..."
- It would be madness...
- "You could be of the greatest use..."

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- During the way to dinner party Walter spoke all the time and looked quite happy.
- As usual when they were dining out Walter gave Kitty a smiling glance now and then.
- Some neighbours noticed that Walter looked rather washed out.
- Walter was too shy to make a scandal, he never made a speech if he could help it.
- Charlie was popular in the Colony but he couldn't be very useful for Walter.
- It was unusual for Kitty to see Walter at home that hour.
- The conversation between them was still and friendly.

- Kitty thought that Walter wanted to go to Mei-tan-fu to kill himself.
- Walter wanted to go to Mei-tan-fu alone, Kitty was too delicate to go with him.
- Kitty agreed to accompany Walter to Mei-tan-fu.

Task 6. Say a few words about:

- Kitty's thinking about Charlie's words.
- Mei-tan-fu.
- Walter's desire to take Kitty with him.

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- Who knocked at Kitty's door?
- What was the subject of their conversation?
- What feelings Kitty towards Walter?
- Who came next day when she was lying?
- What did he come for?
- What was her reaction?
- She was shocked, wasn't she?
- How did Walter behave?

Task 8. Translate into English using words and word combinations studied:

- Майкл выглядел абсолютно измотанным в последнее время.
- Прежде всего, ты должен рассказать все для ее же блага.
- При виде незнакомца Мэри до ужаса испугалась.

Task 9. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Walter knew which side his bread was buttered.
- Walter wanted to go to Mei-tan-fu to kill himself.
- Walter wanted Kitty to go to Mei-tan-fu to die.
- When suggested to go to Mei-tan-fu Walter was merely trying to frighten Kitty.

Task 10. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 12 (chapters 23-24)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- on smb's account
- to keep one's temper in check
- if the worst comes to the worst
- to make up one's mind
- to be accustomed to
- to receive smth as a favour
- a good way out
- to burst into laughter
- to get into a mess
- it's no good doing smth

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- "I'm afraid you've thought me..."
- He watched her without concern...
- Dorothy Townsend is perfectly willing to divorce him...
- We have been lovers for a year...
- I knew that your aims and ideas...
- Her self-control was inhuman and...
- There was a moment's silence...
- The thing to do now is...
- If the worst comes to the worst...
- Charlie was saying things which...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- During the conversation Walter was gay and friendly.
- Kitty decided not to weep in order to collect herself.
- Kitty couldn't do much by crying.
- Kitty had been accustomed to hear only bad things from Walter.
- Charlie was sure to marry Kitty the very moment they are both free.
- Walter knew the real reason Kitty married him.
- Walter's words affected Kitty so much that she became more vindictive than a lioness robbed of her cubs.

- Charlie was too glad to see Kitty at his office in working hours.
- Kitty said to Charlie all the truth about their conversation with Walter.
- Charlie suggested to influence Walter through the Governor.

Task 6. Give the characteristics of these people:

- Charlie from Walter's point of view.
- Kitty from Walter's point of view.
- Walter from Kitty's point of view.

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- What condition had Walter?
- Was Kitty sure that Charlie would accept that condition?
- What was she proud of?
- Walter knew the first reason Kitty married him, didn't he?
- Did she change her attitude to him during their talk?
- Why didn't he consent to let her divorce him?
- What did Kitty do after Walter's leaving?
- What was Charlie's first reaction to the news?
- Charlie behaved like a gentleman, didn't he?
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Task 8. Translate into English using words and word combinations studied:

- Если ты решил все исправить, ты должен держать себя в руках.
- Не стоит вмешиваться в наши дела.
- В самом худшем случае всегда есть выход.

Task 9. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Walter wasn't a fool as Kitty had thought about him.
- Kitty wasn't quite sure that Charlie Townsend was ready to marry her the moment they are free.
- Kitty saw the real face of her lover.

Task 10. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 13 (chapters 25-26)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to make a clean breast of smth
- to have an idea of
- to be keen on smth
- to have a leg to stand on
- to make head or tail out of smth
- to get the wind up about smth
- a Hobson's choice
- to be frightened out of one's wits
- to put smb in the wrong
- to give a sigh of relief

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- "I'm not sure if the best plan wouldn't be..."
- "Don't you think it would have been better...?"
- "I don't want to hurt your feelings, but ..."
- "And what's to happen to me if...?"
- It was dreadful that she should love him so devotedly and..."
- "Why don't you go to him and throw..."
- "I may be very stupid, but..."
- "Well, I think if he wants you to go, under the circumstances..."
- "You are beginning to dislike me..."

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Charlie didn't love his wife but he didn't want to divorce her.
- It was the material status only that connected Charlie and Dorothy Townsend for years.
- Charlie was deeply in love with Kitty but in spite of this he didn't want to spend the rest of his life with her.
- Charlie suggested Kitty to follow her husband to Mei-tan-fu, because that was the only reasonable thing to do.

- Charlie considered Mei-tan-fu to be a health resort and Walter's actions seemed to him very generous.
- Charlie was ready to sacrifice everything to save Kitty's skin.
- Kitty understood that going to Mei-tan-fu was a unique experience.
- Kitty understood that Walter knew Charlie better than she.
- Nobody could understand Walter's behavior and the reason of his actions.
- Kitty meant everything for Charlie and after her leaving he only wanted her to come back.

Task 6. Say a few words about:

- Charlie's real face
- Kitty's hopes

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- Did Charlie really love his wife?
- Did he love Kitty?
- What was Charlie's suggestion?
- Why did Walter give her such conditions?
- What was Kitty's decision?
- Did she come to such conclusion with her own desire?
- What would you do in her shoes?
- Who is to blame?

Task 8. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Charlie only wanted to get rid of Kitty.
- Walter knew from the very beginning that Charlie would let Kitty down.
- Charlie would sacrifice everything to save his own skin.

Task 9. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 14 (chapters 27-29)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

-
- to leave smb to his fate
- to be taken unawares
- to give way to smth
- the prick of a spear
- to reach the destination
- to get on
- to have an inkling of smth
- to occur to smb

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- His indifference was like...
- Her pain was so great that she could have screamed at the top of her voice:
- If Walter was taking her to Mei-tan-fu as a punishment...
- He talked to her as though...
- He was weak if he loved her..."
- Was it possible that his love...
- She knew what love was now and...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Kitty's answer put Walter in the wrong, he didn't expect it.
- Kitty was brave and indifferent what surprised herself.
- Walter wanted his wife to be ready at once.
- Kitty and Walter followed their destination by train.
- All through the way Kitty couldn't think of anything but coming death.
- Kitty tried not to cry at night because Walter might hear it.
- Kitty and Charlie were only lovers and never good friends.
- Sometimes Walter spoke to his wife at meal-times but very formal.
- Kitty couldn't understand Walter's mind.

- Kitty was sure that Walter would forgive her anytime.

Task 6. Speak about:

- Kitty's thoughts about Charlie and her further life
- The relations between Kitty and Walter in Mei-tan-fu

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- What did Kitty say to Walter when she came home?
- What did he answer?
- What thoughts had Kitty on their reaching the destination?
- What feelings had she being there?
- What conclusion did she come to about Charlie?
- She thought that Walter would forgive her sooner or later, didn't she?
- Was she doubting whether Walter had fallen out of love?

Task 8. Translate into English using words and word combinations studied:

- Когда, наконец, они добрались до пункта назначения, Анна дала волю чувствам.
- У Майкла появилась замечательная идея.
- Это сообщение застигло Элен врасплох.

Task 9. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Kitty had nothing to live for any more.
- Walter wanted to punish his wife.
- Kitty understood Walter's feelings through her own experience.

Task 10. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 15 (chapters 30-32)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to attract smb's attention
- to put smth into words
- to grow pale
- to take precautions
- to boast of
- to make an effort to do smth
- to be aware of smth
- to lose one's head

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- It gave her the sensation that someone hidden...
- They walked for a few minutes longer and...
- In that dim light she could see only that...
- The manner of speaking and his easy chuckle had suggested to her...
- He spoke lightly and there was in his voice a sort of...
- His baldness had deceived her into thinking...
- Kitty felt herself flush, but...
- He was quite steady on his feet....

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Kitty had arrived at Mei-tan-fu in the middle of the night.
- They were going to live at the expensive two-storied cottage at Mei-tan-fu.
- Waddington was their servant.
- Kitty and Walter ordered dinner to their house and invited Waddington to join them.
- Watson was the missionary who lived at Mei-tan-fu before they came but died not long ago from cholera.
- It turned out that Waddington knew Charles Townsend quite well.
- Walter looked at his guest with amusement and showed great interest in topics of which he knew everything.

- Waddington drank too much but was quite steady on his feet.
- Their bungalow stood in one of the tortuous streets of the great city.
- In the house of that dead missionary Kitty, Walter and Waddington felt themselves like old friends.

Task 6. Speak about:

- Waddington
- Bungalow where Kitty and Walter were going to live.
- The situation in the great city.

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- How is that place described?
- Where did they have to live?
- What was that place like?
- Who met Walter and Kitty?
- What impression did he make on Kitty?
- Was Kitty frightened?
- What made Kitty feel flush?

Task 8. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Mei-tan-fu was a very dangerous place for Kitty.
- Kitty and Walter were strangers to each other.

Task 9. Give the literary translation of the extract beginning with: "SUDDENLY her bearers, long silent, began to speak...." And ending with: "....She had arrived."

Task 10. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 16 (chapters 33-35)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to torture smb
- like peas in a pod
- to rise out of nothing
- to make out no pattern
- to recover from disease
- to be panic - stricken
- to be out of the question
- to be seized with smth
- to bring the conversation round to smb / smth

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- But suddenly from that white cloud...
- It was very hot and for the most part...
- The people died so fast that...
- She turned over in her mind crazy plans of...
- She wanted to go to Charlie...
- The first time she was alone with Waddington...
- He has the gift of making every one he meets...
- She has a good sound head and her advice...
- He has his little flirtations, but...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Kitty's first night was rather calm and full of sweet dreams.
- Walter went to work early in the morning and was back very late.
- Kitty felt herself quite alone and tried to stir from the bungalow every day.
- People in Mei-tan-fu died so fast that it was hardly possible to bury all of them.
- Kitty was ready to escape.
- She didn't want to see Charlie; she only wanted to go to her mother.
- It was Waddington who brought the conversation round to Charles Townsend the first time he and Kitty were alone.

- Waddington was sure that Charles Townsend always wore a mask of charm and intelligence.
- Waddington liked Charlie's wife Dorothy very much.
- Dorothy didn't know anything about Charlie's flirtations; she was very serious with her husband.

Task 6. Speak about:

- Kitty's dream.
- Kitty's first days at Mei-tan-fu.
- Kitty's thoughts of escape.

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- What dreams had Kitty that night?
- Did she miss Charlie?
- What can you say about the life and people living there?
- Did she want to leave that place? What stopped her?
- What were Kitty and Mr. Waddington talking about?
- Was she interested in their conversation?
- Did Kitty learn anything new about Charlie?
- How did Waddington treat Mrs. Townsend?

Task 8. Translate into English using words and word combinations studied:

- Эти мысли поедали ее изнутри.
- Натали была охвачена паникой, появившейся внезапно из неоткуда.
- О том, чтобы остаться здесь не может быть и речи.

Task 9. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Kitty wished she had let Walter to divorce her.
- Kitty couldn't bear her life at Mei-tan-fu.
- Waddington didn't think much of Charles Townsend.

Task 10. Give the literary translation of the extract beginning with: "HER night was tortured with strange dreams..." And ending with: "...they bore a coffin."

Task 11. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 17 (chapters 36-38)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to get smb out of one's mind
- to comfort smb
- to be full of fads and oddities
- to be as mad as March hares
- to catch a glimpse of
- to commit suicide
- to take a risk
- to give a startled cry
- to look one's best
- to induce smb to do smth

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- Oh, if she could only...
- She did not know why it seemed to her...
- Though she gave a careless laugh...
- When he left her he was generally drunk...
- At the foot of the wall that surrounded the compound...
- How can you talk and laugh and drink whiskey...
- The only reason I have for looking unhappy...
- I don't think for a moment that...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- It wasn't pleasant for Kitty to hear Waddington say such things about Charlie's affairs.
- Kitty thought Charlie was intelligent, and kind, and clever notwithstanding Waddington's words about him.
- Kitty couldn't imagine her life at Mei-tan-fu without Waddington.
- Waddington couldn't speak Chinese at all.
- Waddington read a lot that's why he knew many stories from the Chinese novels and Chinese history.
- Waddington thought that alcohol kept cholera out, so he drank a lot.

- Every day Kitty ate fresh salad, so did Walter.
- Kitty wasn't a little frightened to see dead beggar in the street during their walk with Waddington, she knew about cholera.
- Waddington couldn't understand the real reason of Kitty's being at Mei-tan-fu.
- Waddington was sure Walter loved Kitty but he didn't know much about her feelings.

Task 6. Describe:

- Charlie from Waddington's point of view.
- Waddington from Kitty's point of view.
- Walter from Waddington's point of view.

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- Was it bitter for Kitty to hear what he had said?
- She wished to despise Charlie, didn't she?
- Was Waddington a clever man?
- Did Kitty like Mr. Waddington's company?
- What did Waddington think mad about Walter and Kitty?
- What was the reason of Kitty's giving a startled cry?
- What did Waddington think about the relations between Kitty and Walter?
- What did they notice at the compound?

Task 8. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Notwithstanding all the facts happen with her Kitty loved Charlie.
- Waddington seemed quite curious about the relations in Fane's family.
- Waddington took Kitty for a walk in order to show her all the horror of cholera.

Task 9. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 18 (chapters 39-41)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- every now and then
- to be at ease
- to make sacrifices
- to throw a glance at smb
- to make an acquaintance of smb
- to come to the rescue
- to accept obedience
- to hold smb at a distance

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- A few days Waddington, sitting with Kitty...
- You must be prepared to find that they have...
- They live in the very middle of the city, in the poorest district...
- She had an idea that the religious were always grave.....
- "It's a great pleasure to me to make an acquaintance...."
- We must make allowances for Mr. Waddington because...
- To be obeyed was natural to her, but...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- The Mother Superior was a nurse at a hospital.
- The Mother Superior wanted to show Kitty the convent.
- Ten years ago the Mother Superior came to Mei-tan-fu with eight nuns and all of them are alive.
- Kitty agreed to follow Waddington and to see the convent.
- Passing through the streets Kitty noticed that crowds of Chinese people stared at her with great interest.
- Sister St Joseph was the first to meet Kitty and Waddington at the doors of the convent.
- The Mother Superior spoke good English.
- The conversation with the Mother Superior wasn't common; it was very serious and urgent.

- The Mother Superior was a woman of thirty with a common face.
- There was something in the Mother Superior that made people hold her at a distance.

Task 6. Describe:

- The Mother Superior.
- The convent.
- The relationships between the Mother Superior and Waddington.

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- Who was the Mother Superior?
- What for did Kitty want to see the convent?
- What did Kitty notice passing through the streets?
- Did Waddington do any good for the convent?
- What was it?
- Was Kitty impressed?

Task 8. Translate into English using words and word combinations studied:

- Почему ты идешь на такие жертвы ради этого негодяя?
- Мария всегда была готова прийти на помощь Джеку в трудную минуту.
- Маргарет старалась держать подчиненных на расстоянии.

Task 9. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- The reason the Mother Superior wanted to see Kitty in the convent.
- Kitty liked the Mother Superior.

Task 10. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 19 (chapters 42-44)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to be under the charge of
- to light up smth
- to be rid of smb
- to be short of smth
- to fall a victim to...
- to be screwed up into
- to have a glimpse of
- to have contempt for smb

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- We go on with it notwithstanding...
- They went to a second room in which younger girls...
- They were playing noisily and when the Mother Superior came...
- We are so short of beds that...
- Would you like to see...
- You don't know how kind and helpful...
- Kitty tried to set in order...
- She had only contempt for....

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Kitty didn't understand the incident which happened at her presence between Sister St Joseph and the Mother Superior.
- Chinese girls worked at elaborate embroideries in the convent in order to receive much money.
- Younger children didn't like the great lady and tried to hide themselves.
- When Kitty passed the infirmary she was told that Dr. Fane was also inside.
- Kitty found the chapel vulgar and bad but didn't say a word.
- Dr. Fane liked babies very much and could play for a long time with them.
- After visiting the convent Kitty couldn't set in order the feelings in her heart.

- Kitty wasn't a little proud to hear the Mother Superior thought so well of Walter.
- Kitty continued to hate Walter even after hearing such warm words about him in the convent.
- Kitty tried not to think of Charlie but in vain.

Task 6. Speak about:

- Life in the convent.
- Kitty's feelings after visiting the convent.
- The attitude of the people in Mei-tan-fu to Walter Fane.

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- How can you describe the convent?
- What can be said about the nuns?
- Did Kitty like the place?
- Was there in the something that frightened her?
- Did she learn anything about Walter?
- How did the Mother superior treat him?
- Did Kitty change her attitude towards her husband or not?

Task 8. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Kitty began to think of Walter in a different way after visiting the convent.
- Kitty couldn't forget Charlie.
- Kitty was the only who had been blind to Walter's merit.

Task 9. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 20 (chapters 45-47)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to be at one's ease
- a dark lining to the silver cloud
- to hold smth back
- to put smb out of one's mind
- to harbour malice in one's heart
- to be a worthless creature
- to be of any help
- to do smb an injustice
- to catch a glimpse of smth
- to worship smb

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- But after all it was the nuns...
- When she had looked at the four new-born babies...
- And now, throwing back her head wearily...
- He talked to her always quite casually,...
- "Did you really want me..."
- "I think that women had never quite understood..."
- "I have wondered if the nuns would..."
- She knew him so little that she could not be sure...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Sister St Joseph remained cheerful and happy even after spending ten years in the heart of epidemic.
- Waddington was the only one who was quite at his ease at the presence of the Mother Superior.
- Kitty suspected The Mother Superior and Sister St Joseph of holding something back.
- Kitty didn't feel herself worthless because people were interested in her.
- Kitty was proud of her husband and told him about it.
- Walter slept too long and spent all the nights at the laboratory.

- Even though Walter was good-looking as well as honest and reliable Kitty couldn't love him.
- Kitty was sure that Walter suggested going to Mei-tan-fu to kill her.
- Walter despised himself because he loved Kitty.
- It was easy for Walter to forgive Kitty, he couldn't forgive himself.

Task 6. Describe the new characters, add some more information about:

- Sister St Joseph.
- The Mother Superior.

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- What touched Kitty most deeply?
- Was there any "line" between the nuns and Kitty?
- She didn't think of herself that she was worthless, did she?
- What sort of talk was there between Kitty and Walter?
- What changes do we see in Kitty's position?
- What had suddenly become so clear to her?
- What took her breath away?

Task 8. Translate into English using words and word combinations studied:

- Обратной стороной медали было его неумение общаться с людьми.
- Несмотря на то, что она преклонялась перед мудростью Майкла, в душе она таила на него злобу.
- Сын старался хоть чем-то помочь отцу.

Task 9. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Kitty was nothing but a casual stranger for the Mother Superior and Sister St Joseph.
- Kitty was absolutely worthless.
- Kitty began to be proud of Walter.

Task 10. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 21 (chapters 48-49)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to keep smb waiting
- to peer into smth
- to give smb peace and comfort
- to make a nuisance of oneself
- to keep an eye on smb
- to be smb's business
- to make smb feel
- the flicker of a smile

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Kitty crossed the river the next day after visiting the Mother Superior.
- Kitty refused to give alms to the beggar.
- The Mother Superior came at once when Kitty asked for her.
- The eyes of the Mother Superior were swollen because one of the sisters died last night in the convent.
- The Mother Superior was too busy and asked Kitty to come another day.
- Kitty wanted to be of some help at the convent and she was ready even to scrub the floors.
- Kitty looked very pale that's why Sister St Joseph thought that perhaps she was going to have a baby.
- The Mother Superior hesitated a little before agreed to allow Kitty to do some work in the convent.
- Kitty began to love all those ugly little girls and tiny creatures.
- There was hardly any child Kitty didn't love in the convent.

Task 5. Describe:

- The great city on the other bank of the river.
- The accident in the convent.

- The conversation between the Mother Superior and Kitty.
- Children in the convent.

Task 6. Answer the questions:

- What did Kitty think about for a long time?
- Can you describe the streets of the city?
- Where did Kitty decide to go?
- What was the reason of her coming to the convent?
- What troubled the Mother Superior?
- What did Kitty ask the Mother Superior for?
- Did The Mother Superior accept her suggestion?
- Why did Kitty make such a decision? Give your reasons.

Task 7. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Kitty wanted to work at the convent only to be useful.
- Kitty began to change her views.
- Kitty's soul needed peace and she tried to find it in work.

Task 8. Give the literary translation of the extract beginning with: "At that hour the streets of the city...." And ending with: "....Kitty gave him a few cash."

Task 9. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 22 (chapters 50-52)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to be under no obligation
- to have one's own convictions
- to be in one's charge
- to pray for smb
- to be devoted to
- to make a vow
- to be in a good humour
- to love to distraction

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- "You must not think it necessary for you to come..."
- "Do you never wish to go..."
- It was almost impossible in that quiet room,...
- The Mother Superior had made the plans and..."
- The constant occupation distracted...
- It began to seem quite natural to live...
- And one day it occurred to her...
- Kitty blushed deeply and,...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- It was necessary for Kitty to visit chapel every day.
- The material well-being of the convent and of that big family was absolutely in the charge of the Mother Superior.
- Every day all the inhabitants of the convent prayed for Walter Fane.
- The Mother Superior belonged to a very rich and famous family in France.
- Sometimes Waddington helped the convent with money.
- Waddington lived with the Manchu woman who followed him everywhere.
- It wasn't a surprise for Kitty to know about Waddington's love.
- After some days in the convent Kitty felt herself better and stronger.
- Kitty couldn't help thinking of Charlie in spite of the fact she worked all day long.

- Children in the convent adored Kitty.

Task 6. Find new information about:

- Sister St Joseph
- The appearing of the convent.
- Waddington.

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- Did Kitty really want to visit the chapel every day?
- For whom did all the inhabitants pray for every day?
- What did Kitty learn about the Mother Superior's life?
- Did Kitty enjoy being at the convent?
- What did she notice after working for a week at the content?
- How did the children treat Kitty?

Task 8. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- The Mother Superior sacrificed her life and wellness in order to help people in China.
- Kitty was rid of Charlie now.
- Kitty began the new life.

Task 9. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 23 (chapters 53-55)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to be unworthy to do
- to advertise smth
- to throw everything to the winds
- to put up with smth
- to exaggerate smth
- flippant phrases
- to make a discovery
- to burst into tears
- to flash through one's mind

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- It seemed to Kitty that they were all, the human race,...
- "They are wonderful and so kind..."
- He said it in a tone of pride...
- I feel like one of those old sailors...
- I will come and fetch you one day...
- She went to the convent as usual and set...
- Superior was kneeling by her side,...
- You have only to see him with babies

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Waddington used to visit Kitty at the convent very often.
- One day Waddington suggested they should dine together and go to a Buddhist monastery in chairs.
- Waddington didn't feel like talking about his private affairs.
- Waddington had two children.
- Waddington didn't want Kitty to come and see his Manchu lady.
- Kitty was sure that her small disease was nothing but cholera itself.
- When Kitty became better she asked for Charles Townsend immediately.

- The fact that she was going to have a baby didn't surprise Kitty, she was waiting for it for a long time.
- Sister St Joseph wasn't quite sure that it wasn't cholera.
- The Mother Superior wasn't against when Kitty decided to continue her daily work.

Task 6. Speak about:

- Waddington's life with the Manchu girl.
- Kitty's desire to live further.
- Kitty's unforeseen discovery.

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- Did Kitty still meet Waddington very often?
- Was Waddington fond of talking about his private life?
- Did she think about her future?
- Did Waddington let Kitty come to their place?
- Why?
- What happened one day?
- What did Kitty discover?
- What do you think about it?

Task 8. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- The situation with the Manchu girl influenced Kitty.
- Kitty began to feel courage and desire to live further.
- Kitty was frightened with the fact she was going to have a baby.

Task 9. Give the literary translation of the extract beginning with: "They started early in order to...." And ending with: "....but evil spirits of darkness."

Task 10. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 24 (chapters 56-58)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to throw the past in smb's teeth
- to stare at
- to give up to
- to be anxious about smth
- for one's sake
- to condon the offence
- to look wary
- to make one's way
- to evoke smth

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- What she had learnt that morning...
- "I wasn't very well this morning and ...
- She was accustomed to his habit...
- He paused for an instant, as though he were undecided, and then, ...
- If she could only make him realize....
- Surely what troubled him most was the wound...
- Two or three days later Waddington fetched Kitty from the convent...
- She seemed more like an...
- She spoke a little, in a high voice, like...
- She was impressive as she sat, without embarrassment,...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Walter came home very late that evening.
- The Mother Superior told Walter that his wife was pregnant.
- Walter met the news with silence, he said nothing, he made no gesture, no movement on his face.
- Kitty was sure that the father of her child was Charles Townsend.
- Kitty had lied so much and it was so easy for her to lie again.
- Walter suggested Kitty to go to her mother and stay there.
- Kitty wanted to leave Mei-tan-fu as quick as possible because at her condition it was very dangerous to stay there.

- Waddington invited Kitty to have tea with his Manchu mistress.
- The Manchu was very gay and talkative.
- The Manchu presented Kitty a pair of very beautiful Manchu shoes.

Task 6. Speak about:

- The conversation between Kitty and Walter.
- Waddington's house.
- The Manchu woman.

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- Where did Kitty find herself?
- Did Walter take any interest in her condition?
- Did he know the truth?
- What was his reaction?
- Did Waddington keep his promise?
- With whom did Kitty get acquainted?
- How can you describe her?
- Was there anything peculiar about Waddington's mistress?

Task 8. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Kitty could no more lie to her husband.
- Walter still loved Kitty.
- Charles Townsend meant nothing for Kitty now.
- The Machu knew something that Kitty was looking for.

Task 9. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 25 (chapters 59-61)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to have spirit to do smth
- to give smb a peace of mind
- to think ill of smb
- to cause smth
- to tire oneself
- to bid farewell
- to be absorbed in smth
- to be a disgrace
- to make a pretence of doing smth

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- The mystery of birth blew through the convent like...
- Doctor Fane told me that he wished you...
- "It is not enough that a religious should be continually..."
- My two cousins were staying with us and...
- At that moment a little girl came up to the Mother...
- "It's wonderful to see the adoration..."
- Her thoughts floated upon the surface...
- Once or twice she had had the desire to tell the Mother...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Kitty continued to work at the convent.
- Nobody changed his attitude to Kitty in the convent notwithstanding the fact she was pregnant.
- The Mother Superior began to spend more time talking with Kitty.
- Kitty wanted Walter to forgive her for her own sake.
- The Mother Superior told Kitty the story of her appearing in Mei-tan-fu.
- The Mother Superior's cousins were against of her becoming a religious.
- Kitty hadn't any desire to excite so great a devotion among the orphans as the Mother Superior excited.

- Many times Kitty had a great desire to tell the Mother Superior about her unhappiness and its cause.
- Kitty's sister Doris died soon after she had born a child.
- Kitty thought about Charles Townsend all the evening.

Task 6. Describe:

- The attitude towards Kitty in the convent.
- The story how the Mother Superior became a religious.
- Kitty's thoughts about the future.

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- Did the nuns take any interest in Kitty now?
- Did Kitty like it or not?
- What did Walter offer to Kitty after such news?
- Did Kitty accept that?
- What did the Mother Superior tell Kitty about her life?
- Was the Mother glad to see the adoration of the orphans for Kitty?
- Did Kitty think about Charlie ?
- Did she regret the past events?

Task 8. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- The Mother Superior treated Kitty as though she was her own daughter.
- There was nothing in the world Kitty desired more than to gain Walter's forgiveness.
- Kitty was sure that Walter would be a good father for her child.

Task 9. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 26 (chapters 62-65)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to be awakened by smth
- to take pains to do smth
- to be tired out
- to stare at smb
- to be prepared for the worst
- to fuss
- to make the arrangements

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- The knocking went on, louder and louder,...
- She was not in the least frightened of him now,
- The sight of the soldiers suggested her...
- Kitty stared at him for a moment...
- Still preceded by the men with lanterns...
- She had sat at the window so often and so long...
- "I'll get the boy to..."
- Kitty and Waddington waited till the grave...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- A couple of unknown Chinese people came to Kitty's house at night.
- Waddington announced that something awful happened with the Mother Superior.
- Kitty and Waddington were ready in two minutes.
- Walter was taken ill the day before he knew about the child.
- Kitty wasn't sent for immediately because cholera was a terrible sight and Walter didn't want her to see it.
- The way to the city at night seemed to be too long.
- When Kitty and Waddington reached the gates at last Walter was already dead.
- When Kitty saw Walter his face showed awful pain and great desire to die the sooner the better.
- Walter was in no condition to speak, he could hardly open his eyes.

- Walter was buried the next day near the grave of the former missionary.

Task 6. Describe:

- The news Kitty received at night.
- Walter's death.
- The funerals.

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- What was she awakened by?
- What time was it?
- Did Kitty think it was Walter?
- Who was there?
- What did she get to know?
- Was the news bad or good?
- What happened?
- What did Kitty feel?
- Was she sorry?

Task 8. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Walter wasn't afraid of death.
- Walter didn't hear the last words Kitty told him.
- Kitty blamed herself in Walter's death..

Task 9. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 27 (chapters 66-68)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to die of a broken heart
- not to care two straws
- to make fun of
- to be grateful for
- to emerge (the desire)
- to be trivial

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- They sauntered along the causeway till they came...
- "I can't say how deeply moved I've been..."
- I have an idea that the only thing which makes it possible...
- "Each member of the orchestra plays his own little instrument, ...
- The girl who opened the door seemed surprised...
- "I allowed you to come here after the death..."
- "I should have thought that sometimes it was hard..."

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Kitty spent a lifetime in Mei-tan-fu but it seemed only a few weeks.
- Waddington spoke of Tao that meant something for him when he didn't drink whiskies.
- Waddington didn't know the meaning of the words The dog it was that died.
- Walter Fane got infected during the course of experiments he was making on himself.
- Kitty continued her work at the convent.
- The Mother Superior didn't want Kitty to go back to Hong Kong because they needed her help in the convent.
- Kitty wanted to stay at the convent because she had nowhere else to go.
- The Mother Superior asked Kitty to post a little parcel for her.
- The parcel was a large veil decorated in a fine taste.
- To Kitty's surprise The Mother Superior didn't even kiss her good-bye.

Task 6. Speak about:

- The conversation between Kitty and Waddington.
- The conversation between Kitty and the Mother Superior.

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- What kind of feelings had Kitty?
- Did she decide to stay at the convent?
- What do the words “ The dog it was that died” mean?
- How did the Mother and Kitty part?
- Had Kitty any plans?
- Was the convent door closed behind her for the last time?

Task 8. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Walter died because of experiments on himself.
- The Mother Superior and Mr. Waddington wanted to get rid of Kitty the sooner the better.
- Nobody in the world interested if Kitty was alive or dead.

Task 9. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 28 (chapters 69-72)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to be dazed by smth
- to be a shock to smb
- to make pretences
- to be a relief to smb
- to do smb a favour
- to bear the idea of
- to feel humiliated
- to sympathize with

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- Waddington walked with Kitty up the hull and they turned aside...
- Perhaps it was nothing but a dream from which...
- And now it seemed to Kitty like a story that she was reading...
- But after all she didn't love him, she had never loved him...
- Kitty turned round and saw a face...
- Kitty was getting a little short of excuses; ...
- And now, sitting with Dorothy, ...
- For a moment she had a picture before her mind's eye...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Waddington accompanied Kitty for the last time to look at Walter's grave.
- The two day's journey made Kitty forget everything what happened to her at Mei-tan-fu.
- The only thing she could remember with distinctness was Waddington's face which had been so familiar to her.
- Kitty didn't love Walter and now she was very glad to get rid of him.
- Kitty made plans for her future life in Hong Kong.
- Kitty had an awful desire to see Charles Townsend once more.
- It was Dorothy Townsend who met Kitty at Hong Kong.

- Dorothy Townsend suggested Kitty to book a room at a hotel and to go away as quick as possible.
- Kitty agreed to come to the Townsends.
- Charles Townsend showed the great hospitality.

Task 6. Describe:

- Kitty's journey
- Unexpected meeting at Hong Kong
- The Townsend's house

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- Where did Waddington and Kitty go for the last time?
- Did Kitty manage to forget the horrors of her life?
- What conclusion did Kitty come to concerning Walter?
- Did she love him?
- Did Kitty want to leave Me-tan-fu?
- Did Kitty wish to see Charles Townsend?
- Whom did Kitty at first?
- Was Dorothy kind to Kitty?

Task 8. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Kitty felt freedom not only of Walter but also of her old love.
- Dorothy Townsend admired Kitty's courage.
- Charlie really was glad to see Kitty again.

Task 9. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 29 (chapters 73-76)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to be tactful
- to bother smb
- on account of
- to grieve for smb
- to fling at
- to beckon on smb
- to feel oneself free from smth
- to be a slave

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- Charlie, sitting at the head of his table...
- Dorothy with her faint air of superiority ...
- But when he came into the drawing room before luncheon...
- His Excellency's wife said that...
- Dorothy had had a letter from him, and he...
- But one afternoon when she was...
- She saw he was going to speak again and ...
- She hated him and ...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- After some time during the luncheon Kitty began to feel as if she was absent for no longer than a week-end.
- Kitty found out that Charlie was not exactly the same man she thought him to be.
- Charlie didn't want to help Kitty with the house and the furniture and advised a good lawyer.
- Kitty became very popular among the first ladies of the high society.
- Kitty and Charlie had many moments of being together in the house.
- Charlie wasn't very fond of his wife and didn't care about her uneasiness.
- Kitty could easily stand Charlie's charm.

- Dorothy Townsend didn't believe that Kitty was crying on account of Walter; she knew the truth.
- Kitty felt terribly sorry for herself.
- Kitty couldn't do anything with herself.

Task 6. Describe:

- Kitty's stay at the Townsends.
- Charlie's behavior.
- Kitty's weakness.

Task 7. Answer the questions:

- Did Kitty wish to stay at the Townsend's place?
- Were there any changes in Kitty's attitude to Charlie?
- Did his behaviour differ from that he had had before?
- Was Dorothy sorry for Kitty?
- Was Kitty sorry for herself?
- Was Kitty still angry with Charle?
- What conclusion did Kitty come to concerning Charlie's attitude towards his wife?
- Was she ashamed of herself?

Task 8. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Kitty hadn't any desire to communicate with Charlie.
- Walter's death meant nothing for Charles Townsend.
- Kitty couldn't get rid of Charlie.

Task 9. Retell the content of the chapters using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied.

Assignment 30 (chapters 77-80)

Task 1. Find in the text the following words and word combinations, translate them into Russian, find the synonyms, explain the meaning:

- to make one's way
- to make up one's mind
- at all costs
- to look at smb with perplexity
- to make enquiries
- odds and ends
- to assist in
- to disown smb
- an evil spirit
- to be a source of boredom

Task 2. Compose the sentences of your own using the words and word combinations suggested.

Task 3. Use the given words and word combinations in one situation.

Task 4. Continue the sentences according to the text:

- A ship was sailing in two days...
- Since her return to Hong Kong...
- Everything was in its place, ready for...
- Suddenly she heard a step behind her...
- It was only the animal in me...
- If the child was his...
- She was like a person who has been stricken...
- Mrs. Garstin had no intention of...

Task 5. Agree or disagree with the statement. Decide whether it is true or false. Correct the false ones. Give the full answer:

- Kitty decided to leave the Townsends as quick as possible.
- Every berth was booked and the chief agent couldn't do anything for her.
- Kitty hesitated whether to go to her family or not but she had no alternative.
- Dorothy Townsend accompanied Kitty to her own house and helped to pack her things.
- Charles Townsend was glad to know about Kitty's departure.
- Charles Townsend didn't think he was the father of Kitty's child.
- The distance from Hong Kong increased but Kitty couldn't forget her past life.
- Kitty's mother died before her daughter's returning back home.

- Kitty felt grief and sorrow about her mother's death.
- Kitty decided to stay in London and rent a room there.

Task 6. Express your opinion to the points. Give your reasons:

- Charles Townsend was sure to be the father of Kitty's child.
- Kitty's father felt a relief after his wife's death.
- Kitty knew that it was her mother who made her what she was now.

Task 7. Retell the end of the novel using the active vocabulary and words and word combinations studied. Express your own attitude to the story. Try to answer the questions:

- What is the meaning of the story?
- What did the author try to show?
- What are the main problems of the story?
- Did you like the story?
- What is your attitude towards the characters of the story?