

Case Study on My Elder Brother

Munshi Premchand

Munshi Premchand, born as Dhanpat Rai, was a prominent Indian writer who is celebrated as one of the greatest authors in Hindi-Urdu literature. His literary works often addressed social issues and portrayed the struggles and lives of ordinary people.

1. What was the birth name of the renowned Hindi-Urdu writer Premchand?

- a) Munshi Dhanpat Rai
- b) Harivansh Rai Bachchan
- c) Prem Shankar Sharma
- d) Ramdhari Singh Dinkar

2. In which literary language did Premchand primarily write his works?

- a) Hindi-Urdu
- b) Bengali
- c) Tamil
- d) English

3. Premchand's early works were written under the pen name "Nawab Rai." What inspired him to change it to "Premchand"?

- a) His admiration for the Mughal emperor Akbar
- b) A desire to express love and compassion through his writings
- c) A tribute to his father's name, Prem Shankar
- d) Influence from his mentor, Munshi Premchand

4. Which of Premchand's novels, first published in 1910, is often considered his magnum opus and a classic of Indian literature?

- a) Godan (The Gift of a Cow)
- b) Gaban (The Embezzlement)

- c) *Nirmala* (*Nirmala*)
- d) *Sevasadan* (*The House of Service*)

5. What genre of literature did Premchand mainly focus on in his writings?

- a) Science Fiction
- b) Fantasy
- c) Romance
- d) Social Realism

6. Which of Premchand's famous short stories depicts the plight of a poor, debt-ridden farmer named Halku?

- a) "Bade Bhai Sahab"
- b) "Idgah"
- c) "Poos Ki Raat"
- d) "Shatranj Ke Khilari" (*The Chess Players*)

7. Premchand was appointed as a Deputy Inspector of Schools in which princely state, which influenced some of his works based on the struggles of the common people?

- a) Bhopal
- b) Lucknow
- c) Varanasi
- d) Hyderabad

8. Which prominent social issue was highlighted in Premchand's novel "Nirmala"?

- a) Caste discrimination
- b) Dowry system
- c) Child marriage
- d) Illiteracy

9. In his short story "Idgah," what did the young protagonist, Hamid, buy with his three pennies on the occasion of Eid?

- a) A toy
- b) A sweetmeat
- c) A new pair of shoes
- d) A gift for his grandmother

10. What year did Premchand pass away, leaving behind a rich legacy of literature?

- a) 1936
- b) 1956
- c) 1947
- d) 1984