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5. Answer briefly any *two* of the following : 3×2=6

(a) Reproduce in your own words the argument between Natalia and Lomov over the claim of superiority of their respective dogs.

(b) Describe in your own words the initial reaction of Tschubukov at the arrival of Lomov to his home.

(c) Give Lomov's reasons for wanting to marry Natalia.

6. (a) Answer any *one* of the following : 14

(i) "In Anton Chekov's *A Marriage Proposal*, sense of economics overshadows the emotional basis of human relationship." Discuss.

(ii) The acrimonious altercation between Lomov and Natalia comes to an end the moment the topic of marriage proposal comes up. Do you think the three characters really loved each other, or did they stitch a relationship of convenience? Substantiate your answer with reasonable arguments.

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(iii) Write an illustrative note on *A Marriage Proposal* as a farce.

(b) Answer any *one* of the following : 7

(i) Compare and contrast the characters of Lomov and Natalia.

(ii) Present a character sketch of Tschubukov.
