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- (b) Describe, in your own words, the intimacy between Sue and Johnsy. 10

2. Answer any one of the following : 10

- (a) Present a character-sketch of Nambi. What happened to him at the end of the story? 6+4=10

- (b) Describe how Nambi kept the villagers of Somal enthralled by his stories. How did he conclude his last story-telling session? 6+4=10

3. Answer any one of the following : 10

- (a) Give an account of the musical evening in which Vikram Seth took part. How did the event help the writer? 6+4=10

- (b) How do the Chinese people view the 'foreign friends'? How did they treat Vikram Seth? 5+5=10

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4. Answer any three of the following : $2 \times 3 = 6$

- (a) Who does Behrman look like in the beginning of the story, *The Last Leaf*?

- (b) How did Johnsy relate her life to the leaves of ivy vine?

- (c) Give a short description of the village of Somal.

- (d) How did Nambi get his food and clothing?

- (e) Who were 'Lita' and 'Laz'?

- (f) Why did the 'pipe' episode in the market arouse laughter among the Chinese crowd?

5. Give very short answers to any four of the following : $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (a) Name the short story collection of O. Henry in which *The Last Leaf* is included.