**THE ENEMY / Pearl S. Buck Bridging Q and As from Bagrut Exams Collected by Ayelet Raz**

1. **Question** . "Goodness is about honesty, kindness, generosity and moral courage. More than anything else, it is about how we treat other people." — Dennis Prager Make a connection between the above quote and the story. Give information from the story to support your answer. OR:

**Answer**

THE ENEMY / Pearl S. Buck Like in the quote, in the story Sadao shows his goodness by acting kindly and being nice to Tom, his enemy. In addition, Sadao also shows moral courage. He decides to treat the American because it is the moral / right thing to do as a doctor. He has the courage to continue and help Tom become strong enough even though it is an act of treason. Supporting information: Sadao takes Tom to his home / cleans and operates on Tom / puts him to bed / makes him stronger / doesn't listen to the servants about their fear of having Tom in their home / doesn't let the help tell him what to do / helps Tom escape / gives Tom supplies and helps him escape / gives Tom his boat to help him escape / gives Tom Japanese clothes to wear to help him escape / Sadao doesn't stop the servants from leaving but would rather keep helping Tom recover.

2. **Question** THE ENEMY / Pearl S. Buck The Hippocratic Oath\* is an oath taken by new doctors. It requires a doctor to accept certain ethical standards. A few of the standards doctors must accept are: • I will respect all human life. • The health of my patient will be my first consideration. • I will not let a patient's nationality or race stop me from giving medical treatment. Make a connection between the above information and the story. Give information from the story to support your answer.

**Answer**

THE ENEMY / Pearl S. Buck Sadao took this oath when he became a doctor. When he first sees Tom washed up on the beach, he has a conflict about what to do. However, because he is a doctor he knows he has to try to save Tom's life. By taking care of Tom, his enemy, he is keeping the oath he took. He doesn't let his thoughts about race or nationality affect his duty as a doctor. Sadao understands that he is doing something dangerous and could be accused of treason, yet he doesn't stop treating Tom. This shows his respect for human life.

3. **Question** Summer 2017 bet

THE ENEMY / Pearl S. Buck "One’s true nature is revealed at times of great adversity and a great human spirit is one that endures struggles and conflicts and remains true to their deepest beliefs right to the end." – Adapted from Daisaku Ikeda Make a connection between the above quote and the story. Give information from the story to support your answer.

**Answer**

THE ENEMY/Pearl S. Buck “One’s true nature is revealed at times of great adversity and a great human spirit is one that endures struggles and conflicts and remains true to their deepest beliefs right to the end.” – Adapted from Daisaku Ikeda Make a connection between the above quote and the story. Give information from the story to support your answer. Throughout the story the main character, Sadao, a Japanese doctor has a conflict — whether or not to save the life of a wounded American soldier. He struggles with his belief that as a doctor it is his job to save lives but, as a patriotic Japanese, it is his responsibility to turn this man in to the authorities. As in the quote, Sadao struggles with this dilemma but remains true to his deepest belief, saving human life, and saves the enemy. Supporting information: He discusses with his wife whether to save Tom./ He operates on Tom./He took an oath to save lives./He tells the General about Tom./He doesn't object when the General says he'll send assassins./He doesn't want to become friendly with Tom./ He helps Tom escape./At the end, he wonders why he saved Tom

4. **Question** Summer 2018 bet

THE ENEMY / Pearl S. Buck "It is the enemy who can truly teach us to practice compassion and tolerance." — the Dalai Lama Make a connection between the above quote and the story. Give information from the story to support your answer.

**Answer**

THE ENEMY / Pearl S. Buck The quote above says that we can learn to practice compassion and tolerance from our enemies. In the story, "The Enemy", an American prisoner of war is washed up on the shore near a Japanese doctor's home. The doctor is then faced with a dilemma, what to do with this man, his enemy – to help him, to turn him over to the authorities or to leave him to die. Though Dr. Sadao knows that Tom is his enemy, he shows compassion when he looks after him as does his wife Hana, who even feeds Tom when he first wakes up from the operation. Both Dr. Sadao and Hana show tolerance towards Tom when they keep him in their home and allow him to recover from his injuries even though they know that this could be extremely dangerous for them. In the end Sadao even helps him escape.

**5.Question** Summer 2018

THE ENEMY / Pearl S. Buck "I don't want to live in the kind of world where we don't look out for each other. Not just the people that are close to us, but anybody who needs a helping hand. I can’t change the way anybody else thinks, or what they choose to do, but I can do my part." — Adapted from Charles de Lint Make a connection between the above quote and the story. Give information from the story to support your answer.

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