NCERT Solutions for Class 12 English Flamingo Chapter 1

Question 1.
What was Franz expected to be prepared with, for school that day?
Answer:
M Hamel, who was Franz's French teacher, had wanted the students to be prepared for a lesson on participles, in grammar.

Question 2.
What did Franz notice that was unusual about the school that day?
Answer:
Franz noticed that the school was unusually quiet. Usually, there was a great commotion of the opening and closing of desks, of lessons repeated in unison, and the teacher's huge ruler rapping on the table. But on that particular day school was as quiet as on a Sunday morning.

Question 3.
What had been put up on the bulletin-board?
Answer:
The bulletin board displayed the news that an order had come from Berlin to teach only German in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine. The teaching of the French language was discouraged and had to be discontinued. The French districts of Alsace and Lorraine had been taken over by the Prussians and the ban on French language came about as a result.

Question 4.
What changes did the order from Berlin cause in school that day?
Answer:
The day the order came from Berlin, an uncanny silence hung about in the air in school. The students got new copies with "France. Alsace" written on them, and received their last lesson in French. These copies looked like little flags floating every where in the school room. This was in contrast to the usual scene when the school would be buzzing with activity. That day, everyone was working very quietly. The only sound that was heard was of the scratching of pens on paper.

Question 5.
How did Franz's feelings about M Hamel and the school change?
Answer:
Franz felt sorry for not learning his French lessons when he realized that he was to receive his last lesson in French that day. His books, that had seemed such a bother a while back, seemed precious to him and he felt he could not give them up. He had

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disliked his teacher, M Hamel, previously, but he felt sad on that day at the thought of his leaving.

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