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Chapter – 4 From the diary of Anne Frank

Study Materials

From the diary of Anne Frank

2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

Paper has more patience than people.' I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out. I finally stayed where I was, brooding: Yes, the paper does have more patience, and since I'm not planning to let anyone else read this stiff-backed notebook grandly referred to as a 'diary' unless I should ever find a real friend, it probably won't make a bit of difference.

Word-Meaning: Depressed—fallen in spirit, not happy, Listless—without any power, Brooding—thinking over, Stiff – hard, Grandly—glorifying, Referred to—pointed, named, Probably – perhaps, Bit—a little,

Questions:

- (a) How has paper more patience than people?
- (b) What did she do when she was depressed?
- (c) Why does she want others not to read what she writes?

(d) Does she have a real friend now?

Passage 3

Let me put it more clearly since no one will believe that a thirteen-year-old girl is completely alone in the world. And I'm not. I have loving parents and a sixteen-year-old sister, and there are about thirty people I can call friends. I have a family, loving aunts and a good home. No, on the surface I seem to have everything, except my one true friend. All I think about when I'm with friends is having a good time. I can't bring self to talk about anything but ordinary everyday things. We don't seem to be able to get any closer., and that's the problem. Maybe it's my fault that we don "t confide in each other. In any case, that's just how things are, and unfortunately, they're not liable to change. This is why I've started the diary.

Word-Meaning: On the surface—outwardly Confide—to repose faith in, Unto natal Liable—likely

Questions:

- (a) Will anyone believe that a thirteen-year-old girl is completely alone in this world?
- (b) How many people can she call her friends?
- (c) Whom does she regard her true friend?
- (d) Why does she start writing the diary?