**The Enemy**

**1. Who was Hana? What did she notice coming out of the mist?**

**Ans:** Hana was the wife Dr. Sadao Hoki. She noticed something black coming out of the mist. It was a wounded man. He staggered a few steps. Then he fell on his face and lay there.

**2. Write a character-sketch of Dr. Sadao Hoki as depicted in “The Enemy”.**

**Ans:** Dr. Sadao Hoki was a famous surgeon. He was highly influenced by his father. His education was his father's only concern. For this reason he had been sent to America at the age of twenty-two to study surgery and medicine. He met Hana in America at a professor's house and married her when he became sure that she was Japanese. This shows Sadao's love for Japan and the tradition of his people.

Dr. Sadao was first a doctor and then anything else. He was a wonderful surgeon. Even the old general knew his worth and kept him in Japan. Dr. Sadao's heart overflowed with human kindness that is why he saved the wounded man even he belonged to the enemy party.

**Important Question Answers**

**1. What was the chief concern of Sadao's father?  
Ans:** Sadao's education was his father's chief concern. For this reason, he at the age of twenty-two was sent to America to study surgery and medicine.

**2. How did Sadao and Hana come to know that the man was an American, a prisoner of war and an enemy?  
Ans:** Sadao and Hana came nearer when they found the man. They found some stains of blood on the sand. The man was wounded. He turned the man's head and they saw his face. He was a white man. Japan was at war with America at that time. They read the faint writing on the cap: "U.S. Navy". The man was a prisoner of war. He was an escaped enemy soldier.

**3. Why did the servants leave Dr Sadao's house?  
Ans:** Japan was at the war with America when the incidents in the story take place. Dr Sadao was nursing a wounded American, a prisoner of war. The servants did not like Dr Sadao's generosity. They considered Dr Sadao's work an act of treachery. Hence, their patriotic feelings made them leave Dr Sadao's house.

**4. How did the General react when Sadao informed him about the prisoner of war?  
Ans:** The behaviour of the General was quite surprising. His personal considerations overweight all other considerations. He did not order the immediate arrest of the enemy. Nor did he take any action against Dr Sadao who had given shelter to an American soldier. He only offered to send two private assassins to get him killed secretly. But he never sent those men.

**5. Who was Dr Sadao? Where was his house?  
Ans:** Dr Sadao was a famous and established Japanese doctor. He had gone to America to learn medicine and surgery. Dr Sadao's house was built on a spot on the Japanese Coast.

**6. Was Dr Sadao arrested on the charge of harbouring an enemy?  
Ans:**Japan was at war with America. Giving shelter to a sailor of the U.S. Navy is anti-national work. Dr Sadao can be arrested. He could be punished on the charge of harbouring an enemy. But it did not happen. His servants did not disclose the matter to the police. The old General knew everything but he slept over the matter.

**7. Did Hana help the wounded man and wash him herself?  
Ans:** Hana certainly had initial hesitations. The man was a prisoner of war. He was a wounded sailor of the U.S. Navy. Hana was reluctant to help the wounded man. First, the man was her enemy. America was at war with Japan. Secondly, she thought that by giving shelter to such a man they could be arrested. But her essential humanity and obedience to her husband compelled her to save Toms life.

**8. What did Dr Sadao and his wife do with the man?  
Ans:**After being operated on, the young man woke up weak and terrified. Hana assured him that he need not be afraid. She served him herself as none of the servants would enter the room. Sadao instructed him to take more rest.

**9. What conflict did Dr Sadao and his wife Hana face before the doctor operated on the wounded American soldier?  
Ans:** Dr Sadao and his wife Hana remained in a state of conflict for quite a long time. They couldn't throw a wounded man again into the sea. If they gave shelter to him in their house, they could be arrested. Handing him over to the police would have meant throwing him into the jaws of death. They were in a state of intense conflict. Ultimately, the duty of a doctor overpowered all other petty considerations, The servants revolted at the 1dea of serving a white man. Hana herself washed the wound. Dr Sadao had decided to operate on Tom.

Hana obeyed her husband without a word. Hana was to give the anaesthetic if the patient needed it. The doctor made a clean and precise incision. The bullet was out. At last, Dr Sadao declared: "This man will live in spite of all".

**10. Why and how did Dr Sadao help the prisoner of war to escape? Do you find him guilty of harbouring an enemy?  
Ans:** Dr Sadao had given a new lease of life to the American prisoner of war. He didn't want to throw him into the jaws of death again. He asked the young soldier to take his private boat at night. He should row in the cover of darkness to a little deserted island nearby. The young American could live there until he saw a Korean fishing boat pass by. Food, bottled water and two quilts were put inside the boat. If the food ran out, he could signal two flashes. He was not to signal in darkness because he could be šeen. The young American came down into the darkness of the garden and escaped. The prisoner had gone quite safe.

No, Dr Sadao can't be found guilty of harbouring an enemy. No doubt countries at war are considered natural enemies. But we shouldn't forget that Sadao was a  
doctor. And for a doctor saving a dying man is the foremost priority. It doesn't matter if the dying man is an enemy.