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Class: X

Subject: English

Topic: Poem – The Trees (First Flight)

Answer the following questions:

Q1. (i) Where are the trees in the poem? What do their roots, their leaves, and their twigs do?

(ii) What does the poet compare their branches?

Ans. (i) The trees in the poem are decorative and they are inside the house. They are in the pots and pans. Their roots try to free themselves from the cracks in the veranda door. Their leaves go toward the glass and small twigs become stiff.

(ii) The poet compares their branches to newly discharged patients.

Q2. The forest undergoes tremendous transformation overnight. Discuss with reference to the poem 'The Trees'.

Ans. Human civilization and progress have led to the cutting of trees on a large scale. Without trees, forests have become empty. There are no trees left for the birds and the insects. The poet is hopeful. The forest which remained empty all these nights will be full of trees.

Q3. The poet symbolizes women as of forests, not trees. What does this suggest?

Ans. The poet talks about trees symbolically. They refer to women who have been healed and are ready to move out of their houses to fulfill their primary purpose to renew the forest of mankind. Man's atrocious attempt to exploit, subdue, tame and control nature have led to disastrous results like deforestation. As women have remained indoors, the forest has become empty. Just like trees, women are struggling to escape from the onslaughts of men to destroy it.

Q4. Departure is painful'. So is the departure of the trees for the poet. What will happen after their departure?

Ans. Just like the departure of someone close to us is painful, so is the departure of a tree. When they are planted as a sapling, they look nice and enhance the beauty of our surroundings. But as they grow and spread out their branches, they look wild and require more space for their growth. The roots create cracks in the floor and the leaves stretch out as if to move towards the glass, perhaps in need of sunlight. The soft twigs become strong and stiff. So, the trees need to be removed from the house. No more do the leaves cover the sky, but the trees breathe and they are welcomed by the wind. The moon resembles a broken mirror, reflecting off the leaves. The poet reveals that she will feel lonely after the trees' departure.



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