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Class : X

Subject : English

Topic: Drama- Julius Caesar

Answer the following questions

Q1. What is your impression about Julius Caesar's character?

Ans. Julius Caesar stands out as a brave and powerful man in the whole of Rome. He fought many wars. His conquests expanded his kingdom. His arrogance and overconfidence turn out to be his weaknesses. He loved flattery that is why Decius manages to take him to the senate on that fateful day.

Q2. Who says "Et tu Brute"? When are these words spoken? Why?

Ans. All the conspirators stand around Caesar, take out their daggers and stab him. First Casca, then others and last of all Brutus, whom Caesar loved dearly. When Caesar saw Brutus stabbing him he was shocked beyond words. At his treachery, the mighty Caesar falls and dies. His last words 'Et tu Brutus!' were uttered in total bewilderment. It was this treason that brought his end.

Q3. Why is Cassius not in favour of Antony addressing the Roman mob?

Ans. Cassius, one of the conspirators, was not in favour of Antony addressing the Romans. He feared that Antony, a loyal friend of Caesar and an excellent orator would sway the mob against the conspirators, and instigate them to rise in mutiny to avenge Caesar's death.

Q4. What does Antony say in his speech? Why is it more effective than that of Brutus?

Ans. After making peace with the conspirators and getting their permission, Antony speaks directly to the Roman mob. He pretends that he has not come to praise Caesar and speaks in favour of Brutus and the others. However, he does just the opposite. He starts narrating the conquests, glories and trophies that Caesar brought to Rome. He brought many captives, received ransoms and tributes. He wept for the poor and for their cause. In his will, he left his private garden and parks for their use. They were his heirs. Caesar was not at all ambitious as thrice he turned down the crown offered to him. He conclusively proved that Brutus and the other conspirators were liars and murderers. He succeeded in arousing the mob's sympathy for Caesar and directing their anger against the conspirators.



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Q5. Caesar's end was tragic. He did a lot for the people of Rome but still he was murdered by his friends. How did they justify his murder?

Ans. A number of powerful and influential people were jealous of Caesar's growing power and popularity. They all decided to finish him off. They had their personal grudges and jealousies. Being the scheming kind, they were not respected by the people. They hatched a plot to kill Caesar. To give credence to their act and to justify themselves, they poisoned the mind of Brutus, the noble and most trusted and respected man in Rome. They made him believe that Caesar was ambitious and in the interest of Rome, he should be finished. Brutus, who loved Rome more than anything else, agreed and joined the conspirators. Caesar was murdered by his own friends.



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