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Class : X

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Chapter- The Rime of the

Ancient Mariner

Answer the following questions

Q1. Describe the Ancient Mariner. How did he stop the wedding guest?

Ans: The ancient mariner looked like a mad person with a long beard. He stopped the wedding guest with his skinny hands and mesmerizing eyes. There was something about him which forced the guest to stay and listen to his story.

Q2. What kind of weather did the sailors enjoy at the beginning of their journey? How has it been expressed in the poem?

Ans: On the day the ship left, all the people of the village cheered it. The weather was fine and there was a good breeze blowing. The sun came up and was shining bright. Everything seemed all right. The weather was pleasant. As the day progressed, the sun became hot.

Q3. How does the mariner express the fact that the ship was completely surrounded by icebergs?

Ans: The ship got caught in a bad storm which pushed the ship in southwest direction. There was mist and snow as the ship entered that region. It was very cold and there was ice all around. The ship could not move because of ice.

Q4. How do we know that albatross was not afraid of humans? Why did the sailors hail it in God's name?

Ans: The albatross came every day to the deck of the ship when the Mariners called out. It came to eat the food offered by Mariners. The albatross came to the ship every morning at 9:00 AM, the time of the morning church service. The sailors therefore hailed it in God's name.

Q5. Analyze the behaviour of the sailors in the light of the 2 parts of the poem ancient mariner that you have read.

Ans: The Mariners in the home are fickle minded people. They keep on changing their minds throughout the poem. All the shipmates of the ancient mariner condemned his action of killing the albatross initially they said that he had done a devilish thing and it would bring them misfortune. They said that he had killed the bird of good omen that had caused the favorable wind to blow. They declared the mariner a wretched being for having killed the albatross. As the ship reached a bit towards the north, the sun shone appropriately. It was neither dim nor too bright. The ship's crew was cheery to see the sun once again and now it gave an opposing verdict. The crew said that the sailor had killed the bird who had brought fog and mist with it. They said that he was right in

killing such a bird which had which had engulfed them with the depressing fog and mist. Later, they hung the albatross around the neck of the ancient mariner in order to remind him of the ghastly deed he had committed by killing the innocent bird. This shows that the crew was fickle minded and changed its opinion according to the changing circumstances.

Q6. Do you think the title The Rhymer of the Ancient Mariner is an apt one? Discuss.

Ans: The title The Rhymer of the Ancient Mariner is an apt one because the poem revolves around the mariner only. The poem talks about the experiences, deeds, and misdeeds of the old mariner at sea. The poem talks about the strong feeling of guilt which he had after killing the albatross and how the mariner repented for his ill- deed for years. He killed the albatross, the bird of good woman without any fault of his. In order to overcome his feeling of pain and guilt, he would stop the strangers to share his woeful story with them and reduce the burden of his sin. He was so overwhelmed by his feeling of guilt that he just like lunatics would catch hold of anyone and hold them with his glittering eyes and share his story.