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Class: VI Subject: English Topic: Ch- 12 Prose - Geography Lesson

C. RTC -

1.a) The city on ground looked 'haphazard, unplanned, and without style.'

b) Yes, the poet's perception changed as the jet changed position.

c) The tone of the speaker is that of wonder, amazement, and realisation.

2. a) The lines suggest man's dependence on nature because it says that cities have grown around rivers.

b) The speaker was six miles above the ground on the jet.

c) There were settlements in the valley because there is more vegetation available and they are also closer to the plains and other cities.

D. Answer these questions briefly -

1. According to the poet, the development of the city in a haphazard manner was inevitable as cities grew according to the necessities such as water. So he sees the logic in the haphazard form of the city.

2. The 'logic of geography' follows the laws of nature and logic while the 'logic of humankind' is something the poet says he does not understand. An example of the 'logic of geography' is that land and water attracted man. An example of the 'logic of humankind' is people's hatred, building walls across cities, or killing each other.

3. The word 'lesson' in the title means a teaching in the sense of a concept being covered, as well as a moral lesson being conveyed. It is a lesson for both the poet and the reader. The poet realises through the experience of flying on the jet and writing the poem on truths about geography and humanity, and so does the reader.

4. Yes, perhaps the phrase 'found causes to hate' in the last stanza means that the poet suggests that hate doesn't come naturally, but that human beings have to come up with causes to create hatred because it benefits those in power.