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## **NOTES**

**Class - VII**

**Subject - English**

**Topic – The charge of a light brigade**

A. 1. 'Dismayed' means to lose courage or be overcome by terror or sadness.

2. The commanding officer had made a stupid mistake by ordering them to charge the well-prepared Russian army. Their leader had blundered in giving the order to the soldiers.

3. The soldiers suffered because of the blunder.

B. 1. The soldiers charge at their opponents despite knowing that it was a blunder because they were trained not to talk back or question the order of their commanders.

2. Cannon to right of them, Cannon to left of them, Cannon in front of them Volley'd and thunder'd;

3. The two phrases that the poet uses to describe the danger which the cavalymen were riding into are 'Into the jaws of Death' and 'Into the mouth of Hell'.

4. Plunged in the battery-smoke Right thro' the line they broke; Cossack and Russian Reel'd from the sabre stroke

5. These lines mean that the six hundred soldiers who went for the battle sacrificed their lives on the battlefield. Not all of the six hundred who rode into battle returned from it.

6. The poet appeals his readers to honour and glorify the soldiers and the sacrifice that they made for their country. He asks the readers to never let their glory fade.