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Class: IX

Subject: English

Topic: Song of the Rain (Poem)

Q1) Reference To Context :

*I. All can hear, but only
The sensitive can understand.
I am the sigh of the sea.*

a) Why do some people barely hear the rain?

Ans) Some people are contained in their Own thoughts. And they are also consumed by immediate problems around them.

b) What do the sensitive understand?

Ans) They learn to think deeply of things and also follow the sacrifices that the rain makes.

c) What frame of mind does the poet want to convey to the readers in these lines?

Ans) The poet wants to convey that only in moment of deep contemplation they can think about themselves.

d) Who does 'I' refer to?

Ans) 'I' refer to rain here.

*II. I quench the thirst of the one,;
I cure the ailment of the other*

a) Whose thirst does it quench?

Ans) The rain soaks into the ground and thus quenches its thirst for water.

b) Whose ailment does it cure?

Ans) The clouds are heavy with rain and thus the rain cures them by relieving them of the burden.

c) Why has the poet taken only the beneficial effects of rain into consideration in these lines?

Ans) The poet has taken a one-sided view of the benefits that rains bring on earth but put aside its cruel effect in the time of floods. Because flood waters are a controllable phenomena whereas the lack of rain requires very drastic measures.

d) Find out a word from the extract similar in meaning to 'satisfy thirst'.

Ans) quench

Q2) What geographical phenomenon is described about the making of the rain by the poet?

Ans) In the making of rain, the poet describes the process of water vapours rising from the sea. As the warm air comes in contact with the moisture it rises up and then descends to the ground as rain.

Q3) How does the rain declare its arrival and departure?

Ans) The rain describes its arrival by the sound of thunder rolling in the skies. It describes its departure by the appearing of a rainbow in the sky after the ceasing of the rains.

Q4) How is the rain compared to earthly life?

Ans) The rain describes that it is born when the heat on earth is at a high point as if madness has seized it. It ends when the parched earth is stricken with death due to famine from lack of rain.

Q5) Describe three human emotions conveyed by the rain.

Ans) The rain is capable of sighing in longing like the sea from where it has risen, laughing like human beings in happiness as it descends on the earth and as tearful raindrops end its own life.

Q6) How does the rain affect the earthly life? Explain it on the basis of the poem.

Ans) In this poem, the poet has presented that the rain performs various functions. It also affects the earth and life of mankind, animals and nature. The dotted Silver threads drop from the heaven and look divine. It gives us a new lease of life. The greenery, vegetation, trees, etc. are the boon of rain. Just as rain brings greenery to the earth, in the same vein, the rain brings new energy and enthusiasm to two lovers, i.e., the field and the cloud. The rain acts as a 'messenger of mercy' The rain quenches the thirst of the parched fields. The white drops of the rain are compared to the beautiful pearls. The arrival of the rain is like a 'welcome song'. But the rainbow announces the departure of rain. Thus, it can be said that the rain affects the earthly life.

