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Class -IX Subject - English. Topic: Poem: Gifts of Grace: Honouring Our Vocations

Answer the following questions :

Q1. In the poem, what is unique about the way the carpenters work?

Answer: The carpenters are described as working with 'mathematical precision,' meaning they are not just ordinary workers. They are skilled craftsmen who use careful logic and exact measurements to shape wood accurately and create whatever they imagine or are requested to.

Q2. How does the poet define "identity" in the last stanza of the poem?

Answer: In the last stanza of the poem, the poet defines "identity" through one's vocation (occupation). He states that the "voice of their vocation is the voice of their identity," meaning that what a person does for his living is a core part of who they are.

Question 3. Why is the quality of shoes important to the shoemaker?

Answer: The shoemaker takes pride in their work because they care about the people who wear the shoes. The shoes must be strong enough to handle walking, dancing, running, and jumping, and still bring the wearer back home safely.

Q4. What is the overall message of the final line of the poem?

Answer: The final line highlights that Bharat is a land of many different voices (people with different occupations). It shows that the nation's strength and joy come from the unity of diverse

Answer the following questions in detail:

Q1. How do electricians brighten our lives?

Answer: Electricians work with cables and wires to provide electricity and light. Their efforts make homes comfortable and safe, literally and symbolically brightening our lives. The poet highlights their important role in ensuring that daily life runs smoothly. It also shows that their skill and responsibility help prevent danger, while bringing convenience and warmth to people's homes, making their contribution essential to modern living.

Q2. How does the poem promote respect for workers?

Answer: The poem honours every profession equally showing that each worker contributes meaningfully to society. It encourages readers respect all forms of labour and recognise the importance of every kind of work. The poet suggests that no job is insignificant, as each plays a vital role in maintaining balance in society. This message promotes equality appreciation, and a sense of dignity for all workers, regardless of the nature of their profession.