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**CLASS X**

**ENGLISH LITERATURE READER**

**CHAPTER 2 - THREE YEARS SHE GREW IN SUN AND SHOWER**

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**SOLUTIONS**

**EXERCISES**

**A. Answer the following questions in a sentence each:**

**I. How is the Nature personified in the poem?**

Ans: Nature is personified as a mother in the poem.

**II. Write how Nature treats Lucy.**

Ans: Nature treats Lucy as her own child.

**III. In what way does Lucy enjoy the nights?**

Ans: By looking at the stars and listening to the murmuring sound of rivers.

**IV. 'The work was done'- what is 'the work' referred to?**

Ans: The work is referring to the task of educating Lucy by providing all joys and pleasures.

**B. Answer each of the following questions briefly:**

**I. What does the poet tell us about Lucy's education by Nature?**

Ans: Nature resolves to adopt Lucy under her care. And she will make a lady of her choice. Nature means that she would mould the character and personality of Lucy. She would be made an ideal and cultured lady. Nature will be both law and impulse for Lucy.



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II. The poet compares Lucy to a fawn. How is the comparison apt?

**Ans:** The poet believes that Lucy will be sportive as the fawn and able to run “**across the lawn**” as she was “**wild with glee**”. He believes that on the contrary to her limited physical ability on earth, in her new place, she would be able to enjoy running wild as a fawn. She would also enjoy “**the silence and the calm**”.

III. Explain the expressions “*overseeing power*”, “*breathing balm*” and “*murmuring sound*”.

**Ans:** “**Over seeing power**” means divine spirit that will keep a watchful eye on Lucy.

“**breathing balm**” expresses that Lucy can enjoy the gentle breeze which makes her fresh and energetic.

“**Murmuring sound**” means that Lucy will listen to the music of flowing stream. This will give her delight and her face will become beautiful.

IV. Describe the physical development of Lucy by different objects of Nature.

**Ans:** Nature herself will be Lucy’s teacher. Floating clouds will teach her majestic movement. The willow will teach her to bend. This will teach Lucy to be humble. Even the motion of the storms will teach her to be graceful. She will listen to the music of flowing stream. This will give her delight and her face will become beautiful. All these activities and feelings will mould her character as well as her physical form.



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- V. “This child I to myself will take;  
She shall be mine, and I will make  
A lady of my own.”

**Who spoke these words and why? How did the speaker plan to achieve the purpose?**

**Ans:** Nature spoke these words; she had taken the child for herself because she was too beautiful for the earth.

Nature planned to undertake the responsibility of educating and moulding Lucy into a perfect lady. She had decided to bring up Lucy in her own way, comprising discipline and emotion or affection that would lead her to all-natural places like plain, earth, rock, heaven, glade and bower. Nature would decide noble thoughts to be put in Lucy’s heart and the thoughts from which Lucy was to be restrained. It is the nature that would take care of Lucy’s physical and mental development.



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