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CLASS X
ADDITIONAL ENGLISH
CHAPTER 3 - TRAVELLER'S RETURN
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SOLUTIONS

TEXTUAL COMPREHENSIVE QUESTIONS

Q1. What does the traveller enjoy when he travels in the morning?

Ans:- When the traveller travels in the morning, he enjoys the sweet melody of the skylark soaring high up in the sky.

Q2. What cheers the traveller up during midday?

Ans:- During midday, the traveller is cheered up by the gales that play round him.

Q3. Under the fierce sun, what gives him pleasure?

Ans:- Under the fierce sun, the soothing melody of the flowing river gives the traveller pleasure.

Q4. In the evening, what does the traveller enjoys most?

Ans:- The traveller enjoys most the sweet music of the distant sheep-bell's sound in the evening.

Q5. What, according to poet, is even better than all the pleasures described in the earlier stanzas?

Ans:- Of all the pleasures described in the earlier stanzas, the poet finds the voice of love that welcomes his return the most pleasant.

Q6. Why does the poet refer to "the voice of love" as the "sweetest"?

Ans:- The poet refers to "the voice of love" as the "sweetest" because it gives him the greatest happiness and comfort as this joy is derived from the love of near and dear ones.



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TEXTUAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Q1. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?

Ans:- In this poem the last word of the second line and fourth line are in the same rhyming scheme eg. sky-high; play-way; morn-return, etc.

Q2. How many stanzas are there in the poem?

Ans:- There are five stanzas in the poem.

TEXTUAL COMPOSITION QUESTIONS

Q1. Write a paraphrase of the poem.

Ans:- As the traveller started his journey towards home, he was first welcomed by the sweet song of skylark that was seen flying high in the sky in the early morning. Then, the gale around him cheered him up at noontime. In the evening when he became tired under the scorching heat of the sun, the soothing sound of the flowing river comforted him. Slowly and gradually the afternoon turned into evening. There was silent all around but he could hear the sweet music of sheep-bells sound from a distant which seemed very pleasant to his ears. The poet admitted that from all the beautiful sights and sounds which he experienced in every stage of his journey, the sweetest of all pleasures of the day was the voice of love that welcomed his return when he finally reached sweet home. The beauty of nature gave him joy and happiness but the voice of loved ones brought greater happiness.

Q2. Make a list of some of the sounds and sights of that you like/enjoy.

Ans:- Beautiful sights and sounds of nature give us immense pleasures and excitements. There are so many of nature that enchants us. To name some of the sounds of nature which I enjoy are:-

- 1) To hear the sounds of singing or chirping of bird in the early morning.
- 2) Sound of the flowing stream.
- 3) Sound of rainfall on the rooftops.
- 4) To hear the sound of gentle breeze.



Some of the beautiful sights of nature which I enjoy are:-

- 1). The beautiful sight where butterflies rest among the flowers.
- 2). The setting of the sun with flock of birds flying high in the sky.
- 3). Seeing the view of green filled pastures with windmill on it.
- 4). Seeing the dancing of leaves to and fro when gentle breeze blows.

Q3. Make another list of the things in nature that you dislike or hate.

Ans:- Even though many beautiful things of nature enchant us, there are also a list of things that I dislike about nature:-

1) earthquake 2) cyclone 3) flood. 4) drought 5) thundering and lightning. All these things of nature give destruction to living beings.

Q4. Describe the sweet sounds and sights that the traveller enjoyed on his return.

Ans:- On his return home, the traveller passed by many sweet sounds and sights of nature. As he returned home, he was welcomed by the sweet song of skylark soaring high up in the sky in the morning. When he felt tired at noontime, he was cheered up by the gales that played round him. In the afternoon, while travelling under the hot sun, he was soothed by the sweet melody of the flowing water. When dusk or sunset approached, the traveller enjoyed the sweet music of the distant sheep-bell's sound. But the poet expressed that "the voice of love" that welcomed him when he finally reached home was the sweetest of all the pleasures that he experienced in his journey.

EXTRA QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q1. What is the central idea of Robert Southey's Traveller's Return?

Ans:- In this poem, the traveller experiences many beautiful sights and sounds of nature at every stages of journey as he returns home. The central idea of the poem is that though the beauty of nature gives him joy and happiness, the voice of loved ones at home brings him greater happiness and comfort because it is a love derived from near and dear ones.

Q2. When do the gales play round the traveller?

Ans:- The gales play round the traveller at noontime.



Q3. What is the “voice of love” to the traveller?

Ans:- The “voice of love” to the traveller is the voice of near and dear ones at home welcoming him on his return.

EXPLANATIONS

**Q1. And when the evening light decays,
And all the calm around,
There is sweet music to his ear
In the distant ship-bells’ sound**

Ans:- The above stanza is taken out from the poem “Traveller’s Return” written by Robert Southey. It is the fourth stanza of the poem. It revolves around the beautiful sight and sound of the evening as he returns home.

On his journey back home, he experiences many beautiful sights and sounds of nature. At sunset when the evening light becomes dim and dusk approaches the surrounding, the traveller becomes calm and quiet. It is silent all around. At this stage of his journey, he would hear the sweet music of sheep-bell’s from a distant. It seems very pleasant to his ears. It makes him exceedingly happy.

**Q2. But oh! Of all delightful sounds
Of evening or of morn,
The sweetest is the voice of love
That welcomes his return**

Ans:- It is the fifth stanza of the poem “Traveller’s Return” by Robert Southey. Here, the poet emphasises on the joy that derived from the love of near and dear ones.

In this stanza, the poet expresses that on his journey back home from morning to evening, he experienced many beautiful sounds and sound of nature. These give him pleasure when he feels tired in his long journey. But, the voice of love welcoming his return home at dusk is the sweetest of all the pleasures of the day. It gives him the greatest joy and comfort as it is derived from the love of near and dear ones.