



LESSON- 12

Freedom

SOLUTIONS:

Comprehension:

Answer the following questions:

1. Who are the slaves and what is their nature?

Ans:- Slaves are those people who are unwilling to stand up for what is right due to fear, for their own well-being. Such people reconsider the truth and prefer to remain silent.

2. What should a free man do?

Ans:- A free man should be brave enough to stand up for what is right and speak up for the sake of those people who are too weak to do it themselves.

3. What does the poet mean by the following lines?

(a) They are slaves who fear to speak

For the fallen and the weak;

Ans:- These lines are taken from the poem “Freedom” by J.R. Lowell. In these lines, the poet is saying that real slaves are those people who are not brave enough to speak up for those who are too weak to do it themselves.

(b) Rather than in silence shrink

From the truth they needs must think;

Ans:- These lines are taken from the poem “Freedom” by J.R. Lowell. In these lines, the poet is saying that instead of speaking up what is right in their heart, people prefer to remain silent in order to avoid inconveniences they would have to face.

(c) They are slaves who dare not be

In the right with two or three.

Ans:- These lines are taken from the poem “Freedom” by J.R. Lowell. The poet is saying that people who are scared to be in minority by uttering the truth and prefer to be among the majority even if they are wrong, are the real slaves.

4. Pick out the rhyming words in the poem and write them:

speak

choose

shrink

be

weak

abuse

think

three