



LESSON-5
“December 12”

SOLUTIONS:

Comprehension:

I. Answer the following questions:

1. What does the poet mean by December 12?

Ans:- By December 12, the poet means Nupi Lan.

2. Who is the Devi the poet has referred to?

Ans:- The Devi refers to women of Manipur who are known for their amazing courage.

II. What does the poet mean by the following lines:

1. The night has passed,
Another day has gone,

Ans:- These lines are taken from the poem "December 12". This refer to passing away of time. As Nupi Lan brought changes, the worst day of atrocities had gone. But the poet still made a hint to the need to look forward for better days.

2. Devi, tuck and tie your hair
Hanging loose and disheveled.

Ans:- These lines are taken from the poem "December 12". The poet told women of Manipur to gather their untidy hair and tie them up to get ready to fight again; like they did in Nupi lan.

3. One December Twelve's gone and
Another December Twelve's come.

Ans:- These lines are taken from the poem "December 12". As years passed by, December 12 will come and go. This will remind us of the Nupi lan of December 12,1939 and the amazing courage and unity of Manipuri women all the time.

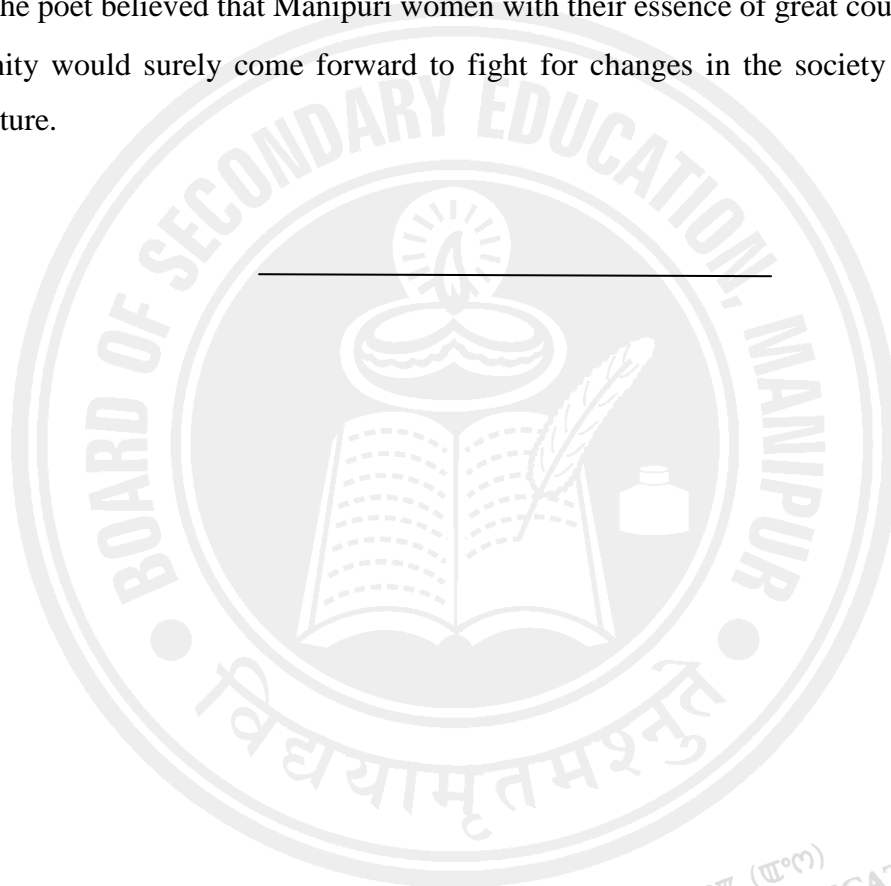
4. Did you believe hair'll be tucked and tied?

Did you really think the day'll come again?

Ans:- These lines are taken from the poem "December 12". Asking these questions, the poet was actually praising the amazing courage of Manipur women who came forward to fight for the society. He also asked whether they would fight again like they did in the future too.

III. Why does the poet thinking that the day will come again?

Ans:- The poet believed that Manipuri women with their essence of great courage and unity would surely come forward to fight for changes in the society again in the future.



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