



Lesson 12 – Leisure

SOLUTIONS:

COMPREHENSION:

1. Answer the following questions :

i) Describe briefly what the poet says about leisure.

Ans: The poet speaks about the importance of Leisure in our life for making our life more enjoying and balanced between our work and stress. It relieves the boredom and improves one's physical and emotional health. We often remain busy that we do not have time to enjoy the Nature that surrounds us.

ii) The poet says

‘A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare,’

What does he mean by this?

Ans: In the concluding lines of the poem, ‘Leisure’, the poet, Wilhain Henry Davies calls the life of the humans to be poor life. Indeed a useless life, if it is full of cares and worries and have no time to stand and look at the beautiful gifts of nature that can refresh our mind from the stress associated from our hectic work. As such our life has no meaning if we do not enjoy and appreciate the beauty around us.

2. Read the poem carefully and tick the right answer.

i) Full of care means.....

- (a) full of love (b) full of worries (c) full of work.

Ans: (c) full of work

ii) The poet has compared nature to.....

- (a) a beautiful stream (b) a beautiful lady (c) a wood

Ans: (b) a beautiful lady

iii) The stream seems to be full of stars because of.....

- (a) the sun shining on the rippling water (b) the reflection of stars on the water
(c) the small waves on the surface.

Ans: (a) the sun shining on the rippling water

3. How does the poet describe nature?

Ans: The poet, W.H. Davies describes nature very beautifully in the poem ‘Leisure’. It gives a vivid picture of nature, where in the shady trees the cows and the sheep are grazing enjoying their life, the beauty of the woods where the squirrels hide their nuts for winter. And the reflection of the sun’s ray that creates a river full of stars. Lastly, the nature is personified as a young beautiful lady smiling and dancing. Such a pleasant view of nature with soothing effects all missed by humans in pursuing their hectic work leading a meaningless life.

PERSONIFIED: Attribute a personal nature or human characteristics to something non-human.

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