



Lesson 5

Gold

SOLUTIONS:

Comprehension :-

1. Answer the following questions :

I) Describe mankind's fascination with gold.

Ans: Gold is a very precious thing. It is of great value and enhances life. We cannot easily get it because it is very expensive. Gold is extracted from the gold mines and it is a tough job. It can make a man wealthy. Many beautiful ornaments are made of gold . It can be bought , sold , bartered and borrowed . So, mankind fascinates gold.

II) Describe the external qualities of gold.

Ans: The external qualities of gold can be better described as it is bright and yellow, hard and cold. It is adorned by people with pride as it enhances one's life. But, not everyone can own gold in large quantity because it is very costly. Rich people possessed in large quantity. Gold can be bought, sold, borrowed and bartered. It can save life and ruin life.

III) How does the poet say that the gold is expensive and valuable?

Ans: Gold is expensive and valuable because it is not easily own by anyone in large amount. Few people owned it and make them wealthy. It can be made into many precious beautiful ornaments. It can be used in different ways. That is why, the poet says that gold is expensive and valuable.

IV) Which words in the poem tell us that some people buy and keep gold for the sake of possessing it ?

Ans: The words like ,”Hoarded”, “hugged” in the poem tells us that some people buy and kept gold for the sake of possessing it.

V) The poet says that young people do not care for gold. Why is this so?

Ans: The younger people do not care for the gold because they do not actually know the value and usefulness of it. They think there are many other valuable things than gold.

VI) The poet also says that old people value gold very much. Can you say so ?

Ans: Yes, the old people value gold very much than the younger people because they know its value and usefulness that they kept it close and safe till their times of death.

VII) What do people do with the gold ?

Ans: People use gold in different ways. Gold can be made into many beautiful ornaments . It can be bartered, bought, sold, borrowed and it can also be used in time of necessities to save life.

VIII) Explain the meaning of the following lines:

“ spurned by young, but hugged by the old.

To the very edge of the churchyard mold.”

Ans: These lines are taken out from the poem “Gold” written by Thomas Hood.

In these lines the poet expresses the idea that the younger people do not know the value of gold that they reject it and take other things more valuable than gold . While the older people know its value and usefulness that they keep it very fondly till the time of death.



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