LESSON 12
IF I KNEW

NOTES:

ABOUT THE POET:

Enid Blyton (11 August, 1897 – 28 November, 1968) was a prolific and highly popular British author of stories, poems, plays and educational books for children. Her books are still enormously popular and have been translated into 90 languages. She wrote on a wide range of topics including education, natural history, fantasy, mystery and biblical narratives and is best remembered today for her 'Noddy', 'The Famous Five', 'Malory Towers' and 'The Secret Seven Series'.
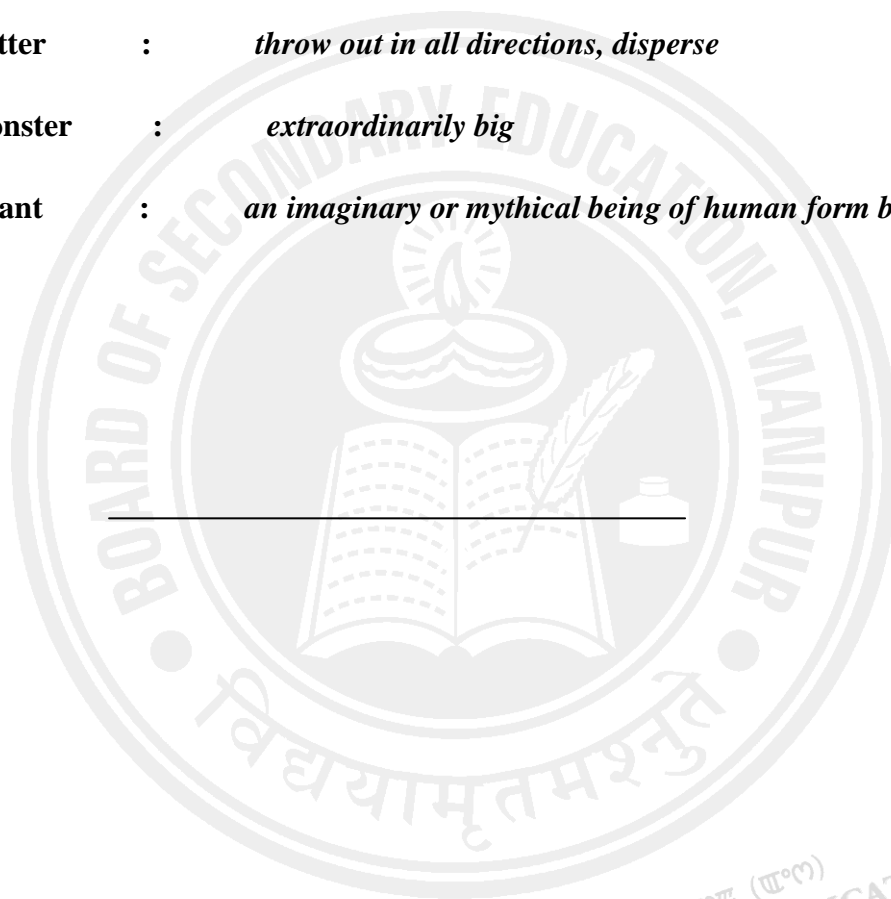
SUMMARY OF THE POEM "IF I KNEW"

The poem, "If I Knew" is a very simple yet a very beautiful poem by Enid Blyton. The author, through this poem, says that if she knew that there were smiles which could be found in a box, then she would do her best to open the box and spread all those smiles on lands, seas, etc. no matter how large the key or strong the bolt, she would try so hard to open it. She would send the smiles out in all directions, then over the land and sea and let the smiles dazzle on children's face.

At the same time, she would like to collect all the frowns and sorrows from everyone and also from the children's face right from nursery to the children in the street. She would like to pack them in a large box, lock it up with a big monster key and would hire a giant to throw the same into the depths of ocean.

WORD MEANINGS:

Smile	:	*a pleased, kind and amused facial expression*
Bolt	:	*a bar that slides onto a socket to fasten a door, window or box*
Broadcast	:	*sent out in all directions, disperse*
Fast	:	*fixed firmly*
Frowns	:	*sad look or angry look.*
Scatter	:	*throw out in all directions, disperse*
Monster	:	*extraordinarily big*
Giant	:	*an imaginary or mythical being of human form but superhuman size*