

LESSON - 7 THE QUEST OF A MAN

SOLUTIONS:

COMPREHENSION

- 1. Answer the following questions:
- i) What does man pride himself of?

Ans: Man prides himself of his great civilization.

- ii) Why is man more interesting than the animals that existed before him?
- Ans: Man is more interesting than the animals that existed before him because he has brought a new thing with him which the others did not seem to have had. It was mind-curiosity- the desire to find out and learn.
- iii) Who answered the questions asked by man?

Ans: There was no one else to answer the question.

- iv) What was the wonderful thing man had and how did it help him?
- Ans: Man had a wonderful little thing a mind and with the help of this, slowly and painfully, he went on storing his experiences and learning from them.
- v) What has religion attempted to do?
- Ans: Religion has attempted to give a complete and dogmatic answer, and has often cared little for the mind but has sought to enforce obedience to its decisions in various ways.

vi) What has science done?

Ans: Science is spreading out its wings even farther now, and taking charge of both lines of quest and co-ordinating them. It is looking up with confidence to the most distant stars, and it tells us also of the wonderful little things in continuous motion – the electrons and protons of which all matter consists.

vii) What does science rely on?

Ans: Science gives a doubting and hesitating reply, for it is of the nature of science not to dogmatize but to experiment and reason and rely on the mind of man.

viii) What are the two lines taken by the quest of man?

Ans: The quest of man has taken two lines. Man has looked outside himself as well as inside; he has tried to understand Nature, and he has also tried to understand himself.

ix) What has man learnt about nature?

Ans: Man has looked outside himself as well as inside, he has tried to understand Nature and he has also tried to understand himself. The quest is really one and the same for man is part of nature. The other knowledge of Nature has been the special province of science and our modern world is witness to the great progress made therein.

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