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Solved Answers of Chapter Lucy Gray
Class VII **Sub: English Literature**

Comprehension:
A. Answer these questions.

1. What is meant by 'blissful solitude'?
Ans : It means the blessings of loneliness. At times it's nice to just be alone with one's own thoughts and ponder the meaning of life and existence.

2. Why was Lucy a solitary child ?
Ans : She had no friends and comrades to play and spend time with.

3. How did Lucy spend her time ?
Ans : As she did not have any friend , most of her time was spent in playing alone or helping her parents.

4. How is Lucy still one with nature ?
Ans : Lucy had never feared nature and enjoyed to go freely into nature all alone. Even after her disappearance , Lucy lives on through nature. She treks through nature, content with her plight.She never looks behind and sings a solitary song that whistles in the wind.

5. How did the weather condition change when Lucy went to the town ?
Ans: When Lucy set out to show her mother through the snow , the clock struck two and the moon shone clearly but soon the winter storm rolled in leaving her disoriented and lost.

6. Why did the folks feel that she was alive?
Ans: She became immortal as folks started believing that she was still living as she could be seen at the break of day by those who had deep concern with natural beauty. Her songs were heard in the moor , walking through the smooth and rough but she never looked behind.

B: **Answer these questions with reference to the context.**

1. *You to the Town must go ,*
   And take a lantern , Child , to light

a. Who is the speaker of these lines? Who is the 'child'?
Ans: The father of Lucy Gray. The child is Lucy Gray.

b. Why did the speaker ask her to go to town ?
Ans: The speaker asked her to go the town to show the way to her mother through the storm.

c. Why did he ask her to take a lantern?
Ans: As a storm was anticipated in the night, the father asked her to take a lantern to show the way through the storm.

2. *Her feet disperse the powd'ry snow*
   That rises up like smoke.

a. Whose feet are referred here ?
Ans: Lucy Gray's feet are referred here.

b. Explain powd'ry snow'.
Ans: It is the snow which is in a powdered form, rising up like a smoke as Lucy playfully disperses it with her feet.

c. Identify and explain the figure of speech in the second line.

Ans: Simile. The powdery snow is compared to the smoke here.

3. And now they homeward turn'd , and cry'd
'In Heaven we shall meet!'

a. Who returned homeward ?
Ans: The parents returned homeward.

b. Why did they cry ?
Ans: They cried because they lost all hope of getting back their child as she was thought to be dead.

c. What is the significance of the second line ?
Ans : The parents thought their child was dead so they wished that they would meet her after their death in heaven. So, the line is very much suggestive that Lucy was dead.

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