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Std : 8 English Literature (Book: New Aster Advanced)

Chap 5 : Lines Witten in Early Spring(poem)

Question & Answers

Comprehension

A. Answer these questions :

1. Where was the speaker and what was he doing?

Ans: The speaker was sitting in a grove and listening to the bird song around him.

2. Quote the lines from the poem which indicate that a connection has been established between the speaker and nature.

Ans: " To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran"

3. What special quality of the birds and wildflowers does the speaker comment on?

Ans : According to the poet, the birds and the wildflowers live a life of pleasure and joy.

4. What according to the speaker, is ' Nature's holy plan'?

Ans: According to the poet, ' Nature's holy plan ' is to bring pleasure and joy to every living that exists, be it a bird or a flower or a twig or a human being.

5. Who was he upset with and why?

Ans : The poet is upset with mankind in general because he thinks man has made a mess of his relationships with his fellowmen. Although every part of nature revels in pleasure, human beings have caged themselves in misery by rejecting nature.

B. Explain these lines with reference to the context

1) " If this belief from heaven be sent,
If such be Nature's holy plan, "

a) What does 'heaven' refer to?

Ans: ' Heaven's refers to God's abode.

b) Why does the speaker call the plan holy?

Ans: According to the poet, ' Nature holy's plan is to bring pleasure and joy to every living thing that exists, be it a bird or a flower or a twig a human being.

2. " Have I not reason to lament

What man has made of man? "

a) What is the mood of the speaker in these lines?

Ans: The speaker is in a melancholic mood.

b) What do you think the speaker meant by 'what man has made of man? '

Ans: The poet thinks man has made a mess of his relationships with his fellow men. Also man has separated himself from the pleasure and joy found in nature by rejecting the nature. Mankind had doomed itself to live in misery, devoid of any pleasure.

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