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CHAPTER –11 THE OLD BROWN HORSE

ANSWERS TO THE EXERCISES FROM THE BACK OF THE CHAPTER

**\* All these answers must be copied in the English C.B. Copy  
(English Literature Copy)**

**A. Answer these questions :**

Q.1] Describe the appearance of the horse.

Ans.1] The horse was an old brown horse. He had a shaggy coat. He was lame and half blind. He seemed to be very tired and sad. He stood alone in his paddock reflecting upon his life and waiting for a scrap of kindness from the passers-by.

Q.2] Do you think the horse was sad? Support your answer with examples from the poem.

Ans.2] Yes, the horse was sad. The examples from the poem in support to the answer are – ‘He seems to be saying to all who pass: ‘Well, folks, I’ve had my day’ and ‘But his master rides in a motor-car, And it makes him feel quite sad when he thinks of the days that used to be, And of all the times they had’.

Q.3] The speaker says that the horse ‘thinks of the days that used to be’. Were those days happier for the horse? Give reasons for your answer.

Ans.3] Yes, those days were happier for the old horse because when he was young and trim, his master trotted him through the woods and lanes and was fond of him. But now his master rides in a motor-car and that makes him feel sad.

Q.4] What gesture made the horse sigh? Was the horse sad or happy?

Ans.4] When a friendly person stopped near his fence and touched a kind hand to his mane or his shaggy coat, the old brown horse gives a little sigh. The horse was happy.

Q.5] What message does the speaker convey to the reader through this poem?

Ans.5] The speaker conveys the message that old, aged people feel lonely and left out just like the old horse who stood alone in his paddock. The old people feel sad remembering their golden days when they were loved and cared for. They need a friendly hug or a pat from their near and dear ones. A kind word or a touch from their friends and family make them feel happy and loved.

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

**1. Well, folks, I've had my day-----**

a.] Who said these words?

Ans.a] These words were spoken by the old brown horse.

b.] What was the physical condition of the speaker?

Ans.b] The speaker was an aged brown horse. He was weary, lame and half- blind.

c.] What did the speaker mean by saying 'I've had my day'?

Ans.c] The speaker meant to say that the days when he was loved and cared for by his master were over and gone forever.

**2. Oh, thank you, friend, for a kindly thought**

a.] Who said this?

Ans.a] The old brown horse spoke these words.

b.] What would be considered a ' kindly thought'?

Ans.b] The kind touch of a soft young hand on his mane or his coat would be considered as a 'kindly thought' by the speaker.

c.] Where was the speaker? What was he looking at?

Ans.c] The speaker was standing alone in his paddock watching the world go by. He was looking at all who passed him in their motor-cars without giving a glance at him.