

Bihar Board Class 11 English Book Solutions Read, Think and Enjoy Chapter 5 Letter To Martha

Bihar Board Class 11 English Letter To Martha Textual Questions and Answers

Question 1.

Why and how do 'The Clouds' assume importance in prison ?

Answer:

The poet is in prison. In the prison there are so many restrictions. The walls of the prison-house are very high. There are so many other obstacles to see the open sky. So the poet can not see the clouds in the sky freely. The poet is very fond of the beauties of the clouds moving in the sky and has a immense a great love for the beauties of nature. The motion of the clouds reveals such a melodious sound that the poet feels like music, poetry and dance. The poet in prison cannot see the beauties of nature in the sky. He is anxious to know where the clouds are going and where they will be dissolved.

All these feelings of the poet about "the clouds" assume importance for the poet in prison.

Question 2.

Does the poem look at the nature or birds in the same way as does Nehru in 'Animals in Prison' ? Discuss.

Answer:

The poem, "Letter to Martha" looks at the nature or birds in the same way as does Nehru in 'Animals in Prison'. The poet Dennis Brutus is in prison. He writes this poem while he is in prison. He loves nature very much. He sees the beauties of the clouds, the birds and the stars in the sky. He is full of sorrow and grief that he is not enjoying the beauties of the nature since he is in prison.

In the same way Pt. Nehru in his essay "Animals in Prison" looks at the nature. He has described the beauties of nature while he was in prison. His love for nature was beyond description. His gesture of love and respect for the tiniest animals was tremendous. Nehru's heart moved by the beautiful sight of the "Himalayas"; Nehru was highly impressed to see the beauty of the spring. Dennis Brutus's love for nature and birds is in the same way as does Nehru.

Question 3.

Can you remember any poem in any language that you know in which clouds play a major role in the speaker's life living in isolation. Translate, that poem in English and show it to your friends and your teacher.

Answer:

I remember a poem in Hindi language in which the clouds play a major role. The name of the poem is "मेघ आए" written by Sarveshwar Dayal Saxena.

In the poem "मेघ आए" the poet has described the beauties of Nature during rain. In this poem the poet has compared the clouds with a son-in-law (दामाद) who comes in the village wearing new and beautiful dresses is welcomed by the villagers. In the same way the clouds during rain look very beautiful and 'welcome by the people. They becomes equally happy when their son-in-law comes and when the clouds with water are seen in the sky.

All the men, animals and trees begin to dance in pleasure.

In this poem the nature has been personified. Hie air begins to dance to see the clouds and all the windows of the houses in the villages are being opened by the young ladies, when it is raining, the earth and the clouds are seen together as they are in love with one another.

So, in this poem the poet, has very beautifully described the beauty of nature.