

class 10 english solutions chapter 7 THE SLEEPING PORTER

A. Work in small group and discuss the questions given below :

Q.1. Suppose you have to go to the fourth floor of the building with a heavy load on your back will you feel any trouble in doing so ? Discuss about the trouble that you will face.

Ans. Yes one feels trouble in many ways but the common trouble may be like this :

1. The trouble of holding the bag and material firmly on the back till one climbs up to the fourth floor.
2. The strain to undertake and finish the job.
3. Problem of facing over sweat on the way and gasping for more oxygen.
4. Problem of loading and unloading of the goods at the start and at the final spot.

B.1. Answer the following questions very briefly :

Q.1. How much load has the porter on his back ?

Ans. The load on the back of the porter is twenty five kilo.

Q.2. What distance does the porter cover in the snows of winter ?

Ans. He covers six miles of climb in the snows of winter.

Q.3. Who is challenging the mountain ?

Ans. The porter with a six mile climb up in the snows of winter, with a naked back and a twenty five kilo load on his back is challenging the mountain.

Q.4. What type of cap is he wearing ?

Ans. He is wearing a black cap which is dirty and sweat stained.

Q.5. What type of smell does the porter emit ?

Ans. He emits a sulphur like sour smell.

B.2.1. Answer the following questions :

Q.1. Where is a hut ?

Ans. The hut is on the cliff of the snow clad mountain.

Q.2. What is the mother searching ?

Ans. The mother is searching for nettles and vines.

Q.3. Who is the hero of the mountain ?

Ans. The porter is the hero of the mountain here.

Q.4. What is meant by lid of night ?

Ans. The sky is the star studded lid of night ?

Q.5. Who is reigning over the rich Kingdom of sleep ?

Ans. The porter in deep slumber is reigning over the rich Kingdom of sleep.

C.1. Long Answer Questions :

Q.1. The poet has focused on tried to focus on the distress and suffering of the porter. The poet says that the porter looks just like a skeleton on a frail frame. His body is an abode of fleas and lice.

Ans. He is hungry and his mother has gone out in search of some food in the jungle. These are the challenges of life which the porter is facing.

Q.2. The mother is searching for one letter and vines. Who is she? Why is she searching such things ?

Ans. She is the mother of the child, who is the son of the porter. Now father is away to work as a coolie leaving his family behind. There is nothing in the house to cook neither any grain nor fire wood to prepare food. So the lady is out in search of some vine to feed her child and some nettles to use that as fire wood. That will fight the shivering cold when burnt and can be useful as fire wood at the same time.

Q.3. Determination, hard work and continuity win the race. Do you agree ?

Write your opinions with reference to the poem " The sleeping porter ."

Ans. Determination and hard work are the essence of the essence of life . Determination provides inner energy to work and continuity are the symbols of progress. This is true to man a social set up and the country at the same time.

C.2. Group Discussion :

Q.1. Subject : The porter are symbols of hard work.

Points for Discussion :

(a) The porters are labourers. Like wealth i.e. money labour and enterprise are the three essential part of growth of economy.

(b) It is the hard work of the labour force that brings progress in the society.

(c) porters are examples as hard working set up in the society. They work and can work without getting fired.

Q.2. All human beings are Porters on this earth.

Ans. Points for discussion :

(a) All human beings after coming in this world are supposed to carry some load on their back. The load may be for their own survival, for supporting family and for the upliftment of society. They have to work.

(b) They have to work in a factory, in the armed forces or in the field

(c) Do work is important and in that sense the human beings are Porters of society.

C.3. Composition :

Write a letter to your mother explaining how labour never goes in vain.

Ans.

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Dear mother,

Hope this finds you in good health and everybody in the house are fine and healthy. Mother! As you know my final examination is at hand and I am trying my best to prepare myself for the final examination. I can achieve good result only through hard labour for which I am trying, For further career advancement. I have an ambition to try for medical discipline in which the competition is quite tuff.

Through your blessings and my hard labour I think I shall be able to get success. You have been telling we that hard labour never goes a waste. I have all faith in your words and on my part I am trying my best in that direction. I hope , I will succeed through my efforts.

Pay my regards to Papa and love to Gudiya.

Accept my Pranam, Yours loving

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D. Word Study : Dictionary use ;

1. Write the meanings of the words given below ?

(a) Rule = Law, regulation, direction

(b) Under = Below

(c) A luggage carrier = porter

(d) Curse = Invocation evil

(e) Consisting of two = Pair

(F) Spot = Place , stain

2. Write the antonyms

Word	Autonyms
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Load	Unload
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Hill	Earth
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Honest	Dishonest
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Correct	Wrong
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Dull	Bright
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3. Word Formation :

Read the following lines carefully :

” A twenty – five kilo load on this back spine double bent.”

Bend , bent, bands, bendable , bender, bending.

Now as many words derived from the following verbs :

Hope = hoping , hoped, hopeful, hopeless.

Write = Wrote, writing, written.

Do = did, done, doing, deed.

Help = helped, helping, helpful.

Jump = jumped , jumping , long , jump, high jump.