

Bihar Board Class 9 Panorama English Book Solutions

Poem 3 Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind

A. Work in small groups and answer the following questions orally:

Question 1.

Why do you wear woollen clothes in Winter?

Answer:

We wear woollen clothes in winter to protect ourselves from cold.

Question 2.

How much do you like this season?

Answer:

I like it very much. Because it is good for health and suitable for work. It is a season of fruits and flowers so it is charming.

Question 3.

Which is your favourite season?

Answer:

The winter season is my favourite season.

B.1. Answer the following questions very briefly:

Question 1.

Why does the poet ask the wind to blow?

Answer:

As the wind is not so painful than man's ingratitude.

Question 2.

Why does the poet call the winter wind not so unkind as man's ingratitude?

Answer:

Because the poet has suffered a lot from ungrateful men.

Question 3.

What makes the poet say Thy tooth is not so keen?

Answer:

The biting winter wind does not hurt the poet as does the brother's ingratitude which he looks upon the as fierce animal with keen teeth.

Question 4.

Explain the mood of the poet when he says “Heigh-ho! sing, heigh-ho! unto the green holly”

Answer:

The mood of the poet when he says “Heigh-ho! sing, heigh-ho unto the green holly” is one of bitterness. This is quite manifest in the line that follows. Most friendship is feigning most loving mere folly.

Question 5.

Explain the use of the word ‘warp’ in the second stanza.

Answer:

The use of the word ‘warp’ in the second stanza suggests freezing of water.

Question 6.

How is nature not so cruel as a man?

Answer:

Nature, in the form of winter bites, but is not so cruel as a man. Its stings are less hurting than the stings of man.

C.1. Long Answer Questions:

Question 1.

The speaker’s tragic mood is very pronounced in the poem. Elaborate.

Answer:

The speaker is a banished king. He is a victim of in-gratitude. He is banished by his younger brother whom he loved and trusted the most. The ingratitude of his younger brother has made him sceptic and he suspects every human relation. Even friendship seems folly to him. This idea has been pronounced in the poem. He is in the forest, it is winter. A chilly winter wind is blowing. It is pinching and painful but not more pinching than the ingratitude man.

Question 2.

What does the poet mean to say “Most friendship is feigning, most loving mere folly”?

Explain.

Answer:

The Duke is banished by his most loving brother. He is in the forest. Here he finds that winter wind is not the enemy of man. There the life is artificial men are restless they are cheated by their own. They quarrel and try to injure one another. There is no peace, joy and life are discontented. Here everyone wants to cheat. Even friendship and love are created here.

Question 3.

Why and how is the severe winter kinder than an ungrateful person?

Answer:

The winter sky and cold winter blowing in it are though chilly but not biting as an ungrateful person. Severe winter wind hurt physically but the deeds of an ungrateful man hurt mentally.

Question 4.

Describe how the poet has conveyed the feelings of an afflicted man.

Answer:

The poet has conveyed the feelings of an afflicted man in an expressive mood. He has given a real picture of human nature. When someone loves blindly with anyone, he must be deceived. Faith has a limit. More faith means more pain. And no faith means no pain. Ingratitudeness of a man makes us think that all are the same.

Question 5.

Summarise this poem in about 100 words.

Answer:

See the Summary in English.

C. 2. Group Discussion

Question 1.

Gratitude is a mark of civility.

Answer:

Gratitude is a mark of civility is said truly. Man is rational. It is the best creation of the creator. God has provided us with wit and intelligence. Man has made him separate from others. Man has a society, which has a certain way of life. So man has formed some sort of civilities such as manners, and graticudes. If someone does good to someone, he must be obliged to him. It gives as manners and way of life to live in society successfully. If someone is cheated by his own, the cheater is called ingratitude: Ingratitude is a sin.

Question 2.

Everything is fair in love and war.

Answer:

It is a popular saying "Everything is fair in love and war." The Mahabharata war is the best example of regarding love this is also true. Love is love if it is gained the purpose is served. The love between Laila and Majnu, Sri and Farhad are always rememberable. They sacrificed their life for the sake of love. A love does so only in order to put emphasis on love. A lover or beloved is to do everything for his or her love.