

# Bihar Board Class 9 Panorama English Book Solutions

## Poem 8 Abraham Lincoln's Letter to His Son's Teacher

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A. Answer the following questions orally:

Question 1.

What do you know about Abraham Lincoln, the famous President of America?

Answer:

Abraham Lincoln was the sixteenth President of the United States of America. He was the man who abolished slavery by Proclamation in 1863. He was shot-dead in 1865.

Question 2.

Has your father ever written any letter to your teacher?

Answer:

No, he has never written any letter to my teacher.

Question 3.

Can you imagine how much your father is worried about your future?

Answer:

Yes, like every father he is very much worried about my future. He wants it to be good at every step. So he gives proper care of my studies.

B.1. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statement:

1. It is a letter written by a father to his son.
2. All men are not just and true.
3. A dollar earned is of far more value than five pounds.
4. One should be taught to mourn over losing.
5. One should be taught to fail rather than to cheat.

Answer:

1. — F
2. — T
3. — T
4. — F
5. — T

B.2. Complete the sentences on the basis of your reading of the poem:

1. Teach him to sell his \_\_\_\_\_ and brain to the highest \_\_\_\_\_
2. Teach him to be \_\_\_\_\_ with gentle people.
3. Teach him to \_\_\_\_\_ at cynics.
4. Teach him it is far \_\_\_\_\_ to fail than to \_\_\_\_\_
5. Let him learn early that the bullies are the easiest to \_\_\_\_\_
6. Teach him the \_\_\_\_\_ of books.
7. He should be given quiet time to ponder the \_\_\_\_\_ mystery of birds in the sky.
8. One should have sublime \_\_\_\_\_ in himself to have faith in mankind.

Answer:

1. brawn, bidder
2. gentle
3. scoff
4. honourable, cheat
5. lick
6. wonder
7. eternal
8. faith.

C.1. Long Answer Type Questions

Question 1.

Why did Abrahafiti Lincoln write a letter to his son's teacher?

Answer:

Abraham Lincoln wrote a letter to his son's teacher suggesting to give such an education which can make him strong with body, mind and spirit.

Question 2.

What does Lincoln mean by saying that "for every scoundrel, there is a hero; that for every selfish Politician, there is a dedicated leader..."

Answer:

The saying is true. He means to say that there is always every scoundrel there is a hero and for every selfish Politician, there is a dedicated leader. It depends upon thinker as what he .thinks. We should consider it within our heart about the concerning man.

Question 3.

A child should be treated gently but not cuddled. Do you agree? Give your opinion.

Answer:

Too much of love spoil the child. A child definitely needs well discipline and manner.

Emerson says, "Secret of Education lies in respecting pupils." At the time of giving education, he should be treated kindly but at his fault he must be punished. He should be treated kindly but not at his fault.

Question 4.

"All men are not just, all men are not true." Comment on this statement.

Answer:

The poet is right to say that all men are not just and are not true. It's human nature differs individually. Some are kind and some are rude. So Lincoln advises the teacher to teach the boy about human nature. So that he may beware of the people in Future.

Question 5.

Why do you think Lincoln wants his son to steer away from envy and learn the secret of quiet laughter?

Answer:

Lincoln wants his son to steer away from envy because envy is such a person who believes that people do not do things for good. He is not sincere. Such type of man is not social, he does every work for his sake only. Rather he wants his son that a man who remains amused all the time. can tackle any situation and should enjoy laughing quietly.

Question 6.

Why does Lincoln not want his son to follow the crowd when everyone is getting on the bandwagon?

Answer:

Lincoln does not want his son to follow the crowd when everyone is getting on the bandwagon because he won't be able to develop his personal qualities. He would not be a leader but a follower as a puppet.

Question 7.

What qualities did Lincoln want his son's teacher to teach him?

Answer:

Lincoln wants his son's teacher to teach him to know about different types of people and able to face different situations. He wants that he should not have ill thoughts rather he should be always in a happy mood. He wished for his son a higher and higher post. He must be self-dependent.

## C.2. Group Discussion

Question 1.

The present system of education is at variance with the learner's experience.

Answer:

The multiplicity of subjects that we have to study bewilders me. I do some times wonder the utility of studying Shakespeare in English literature, History, Geography, Social studies etc. There are a host of other subjects, which have probably no use in our' later lives. One could understand if we were to study the history and geography of our country. What is perplexing, however, is that we have to learn the history and geography of different countries and continents that we shall probably never even see in our lives. So present system of education is at variance with the learners is useless.