

Class-10

Sub.-English

Poem- My Good Right Hand

Write and learn the following questions.

(B) Answer the following questions each in 30-40 words :

1. Why did poet fall into grief ?

Ans. The poet fell into grief because of his poverty. His sorrow deepened when all his friends left him all alone. He couldn't find even a single friend who could help him out of his poverty.

2. Why did the poet's search for a friend prove to be fruitless ?

Ans. It proved fruitless because all his (poet's) friends were false and faithless. He searched for such a friend who could help him with money. But none of them was willing to help him.

3. Who is the friend that could help and make the poet happy ?

Ans. The poet says that whatever happens, there is a friend who will always help him and make him happy. That friend is God and the poet's self-help.

4. Why did the poet feel disappointed ?

Ans. The poet was in deep sorrow due to his poverty. Seeing him in miserable condition, all his friends left him. He looked for a true friend who could help him but he failed. So he felt disappointed.

5. What was the result of the poet's hard work ?

Ans. The result of the poet's hard work was that he came out of his sorrow and pain which was due to his poverty. He got food and clothes. Now he became rich. He learnt to be self dependent.

(C) Answer the following questions each in 60 words :

1. How did the poet overcome his sadness ?

Ans. The poet gathered courage in himself. He decided firmly to believe in God and his own hard work. Thus by working hard he became a happy man. His hard work proved his true friend.

2. Why does the poet not need the friends anymore ?

Ans. When the poet was in deep poverty, nobody helped him. Due to his hard work, he became rich. Now those friends started coming back to him. But now the poet doesn't need those fair-weather friends anymore.

3. What inspiration do we get from the poem ?

Ans. The poem inspires us to believe in God and in our own hard work. The poem encourages us to work hard. It also teaches us to stay away from false friends. A true friend is one who firmly stands with us in our difficulties. We can overcome our sorrow and pain by working hard, as the poet did. Our hard work is our true friend who will never leave us.

4. What does the " Good Right Hand" represent ?

Ans. The 'Good Right Hand' represents the poet's own hard work and self-confidence. During the poet's difficult time all his friends left him all alone. Nobody helped him. Then his faith in God and self-help made him rich.

5. Which are the two things that the poet puts his trust in ? Explain.

Ans. The two things that the poet puts his trust in are God and his own hard work. It is because only two things—God and his own hard work helped him in his difficult time.

### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Answer the following questions 30–40 words each :

1. Why did the poet's companions and acquaintances feel unwilling to lend him money?

Ans. The poet was poor. His companions and acquaintances feared that he would not pay back the debts. So they did not lend him money. They were selfish people.

2. What is 'to trust to the world' compared with?

Ans. 'To trust to the world' is compared here with 'to build houses on sand'. Such buildings have weak foundation so they must fall very soon. In the same way trusting the other people for help is foolish.

3. Why were the advisers who were the least helpful earlier now ready to associate with the poet ?

Ans. The advisers who were the least helpful earlier were now ready to associate with the poet because he was enjoying a prosperous and happy life now. They wanted to enjoy his riches.

4. Why does the poet not need the friends any more?

Ans. The poet does not need the friends any more because they were false friends. They did not help him in his poverty. Moreover, now he has found two trusted friends—God and his own two hands to labour with.

5. Whom does the poet thank for the change in his life? ✓

Ans. The poet thanks his good Right Hand for the change in his life. Only his hard work, made his life prosperous and happy. His hard work has proved his best friend. Self confidence and self-help never leave us alone.