

Class- 10

Sub.-English

Chap- The Betrayal of Faith

Write and learn the following .

### TEXTUAL QUESTIONS

#### ACTIVITY-1

##### Comprehension

(A) **State True or False. Write T for true and F for false in brackets :**

1. The author has a trust in the British way of life. [ ]
2. Britons are not the natives of Britain. [ ]
3. The British make no difference between a white and a black. [ ]
4. The author has shown his faith in Human Rights. [ ]
5. The Americans are more considerate towards Negroes than the British. [ ]
6. Negroes earn more money in America than in Britain. [ ]
7. The interview disappointed the author. [ ]

Ans. 1. F, 2. F, 3. F, 4. T, 5. T, 6. T, 7. T.

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

Q. 1. Why did Braithwaite not think to acquire American citizenship ?

Ans. In the words of Braithwaite 'Belief in an ideal dies hard'. He had believed in the ideal of the British Way of Life. So he did not think to acquire American citizenship.

Q. 2. Why did he volunteer for service with the British Royal Air force ?

Or

Why did Braithwaite voluntarily offer his services to the British Royal Air Force?

**Ans.** Braithwaite was much impressed by the British way of life which was full of fairness, tolerance and every kind of freedom. Therefore, he volunteered for service with the British Royal Air Force so that he might preserve the ideal of British Way of Life.

**Q. 3. What is the British Way of Life ?**

**Ans.** Being considerate towards all constitutes the British Way of Life. The principles of fairness, tolerance and freedom are the watchwords of the British Way of Life. Britain and the British stand for all that is best in both Christian and Democratic terms.

**Q. 4. What subjects does the colonial student learn in an academic institution of Britain?**

**Ans.** The colonial student studies Arts, Science, English Literature as well as the processes of legislative and administrative government in an academic institution of Britain.

**Q. 5. Which type of work is expected from a Negro in Britain ?**

**Ans.** In Britain, a Negro is called 'darky' or a 'nigger' or a 'black'. There, he is identified with inexhaustible brute strength. So he is expected to display a courteous sub-servience and contentment with a lowly state of menial employment and slum accommodation.

**Q. 6. Why did Braithwaite resist any criticism of British policy ?**

**Ans.** Braithwaite resisted any criticism of British policy because he was very much impressed with the English Literature, poetry and prose. He also appreciated the British culture and the British Way of Life.

**Q. 7. What does the expression "labouring like a black" suggest ?**

**Ans.** The expression 'labouring like a black' is an insulting expression. According to Braithwaite, in Britain, Negroes are considered to be fit for menial work. They are expected to do every type of low work with complete contentment and obedience without question.

**Q. 8. State how Braithwaite reacts to Democracy and Human Rights ?**

**Ans.** Braithwaite says that all the big talk of Democracy and Human Rights are as spurious as the glib guarantee given by the manufacturers about the quality of their products.

**Q. 9. What is the difference between a British and a Briton ?**

**Ans.** A British is an inhabitant of British commonwealth—an organization consisting the United Kingdom and other countries that are used to be part of the British Empire. A Briton is a native of Britain.

**10. Why did Braithwaite voluntarily offer his service to the British Royal Air Force ?**

**Note :** Read answer of Question Number 2.

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

**Q. 1. "Yes, it is wonderful to be British until one comes to Britain." Explain.**

**Ans.** This statement is a satirical remark of the author about the British Way of Life which is full of hypocrisy and deception. Apparently the British cherish the principles of democracy and preserve human rights but after coming to Britain, one finds the British Way of Life to be altogether different in practice. All the tall talks of democracy and human rights seem spurious because one can clearly see the feelings of hatred and prejudice against the Negroes.

**Q. 2. How did the reading of English literature, poetry and prose influence the thinking of Braithwaite ?**

**Ans.** On reading English literature, prose and poetry, Braithwaite had identified himself with the heroes of the adventure stories. The influence of British literature was so great on



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