

CLASS NOTES

Class: IX

Topic: NO MEN ARE FOREIGN

Subject: ENGLISH

Textual Questions:-

Question 1.

1. **“Beneath all uniforms...” What uniforms do you think the poet is speaking about?**
2. **How does the poet suggest that all people on earth are the same?**

Answer:

1. The poet speaks about the various dresses that people of various countries wear but beneath them, the human body is same.
2. The poet says that nobody is different and peculiar. No country is foreign. A single body breathes beneath all uniforms. Moreover, the land is the same everywhere.

Question 2.

In stanza 1, find five ways in which we all are alike. Pick out the words.

Answer:

In the first stanza the poet says that there is no difference between the body of a citizen of one country and the citizen of another country. We have same kind of body; we wear same kind of clothes. We walk on the same planet, and the end of each individual is the same.

Question 3.

How many common features can you find in stanza 2? Pick out the words.

Answer:

The following common features are given in the stanzas:

1. sun
2. air
3. water,
4. Peaceful harvests required for human survival
5. same hands

Question 4.

“... whenever we are told to hate our brothers....” When do you think this happens? Why? Who ‘tells’ us? Should we do as we are told at such times What does the poet say?

Answer:

Sometimes some selfish people instigate the innocent to harm others. They do it for their own benefit. The common or ordinary man does not understand their tricks and starts hating his fellow human beings. They tell them to cause riots. The poet says that one should not follow anybody’s advice without brooding over it. The poet repeatedly says that there is no difference in them and the foreigners. The people of the entire world are the same.

Short Answer Questions (Extra Questions)

Question 1.

What message does the poet want to convey?

Answer:

The poet wants to say that there should be no discrimination between people on the basis of their appearance, religion or region. It is inhuman to tease one because of one's different background. The poet wants that the people should discourage this malpractice and love their fellow human beings from the bottom of their heart.

Question 2.

How does the poet prove that there are no foreign countries?

Answer:

The poet proves it with the help of nature. Everyone shares the same sun, earth and air. They have the same body structure and its functioning elements. So there should be no biased attitude towards anyone.

Question 3.

How are we responsible for war?

Answer:

Everyone is responsible for war. If we start hating our brethren, we will become the cause of tension. And the tension is converted into war one day. So nobody should hate and despise anyone. Our biased and impolite behavior towards the fellow human beings becomes the cause of unnecessary wars.

Extract Based Questions:-

*They, too, aware of sun and air and water,
Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starv'd.
Their hands are ours, and in their lines we read
A labour not different from our own.*

1. Who is the poet of the poem 'No Men Are Foreign'?

- (a) James Kirkup
- (b) W.B. Yeats
- (c) Robert Frost
- (d) Phoebe Cary

2. What are all people aware of?

- (a) sun
- (b) air
- (c) water
- (d) all of the above

3. What things are common in all the people?

- (a) all are born and brought up in same way
- (b) all sleep to take rest
- (c) all breathe and eat to live and die in the same way
- (d) all

4. How is man's vision clouded?

- (a) by hate and narrow thinking
- (b) by other people
- (c) by other countries
- (d) none

5. What should be discouraged according to the poem?

- (a) the practice of love and brotherhood

- (b) equality
- (c) ill practice of hatred and discrimination
- (d) None

Answer:- 1. A, 2.d, 3.d, 4.a, 5.c

Long Answer Question (Extra Question)

Question 1.

All great persons tell us to live cordially as brothers. But we people tend to fight over trivial issues. Why don't we live with others people harmoniously? What makes us fight and hurt other?

Answer:

It is true that many people have been telling us to live harmoniously since long. We never follow their message. We also know it that our greed to get more wealth and power cannot give us peaceful life. But some deep-rooted evils in our society make us draw a distinction between people. We know that all customs and conventions have been made by people. God has made all people equal. But we make differences between people for our selfish motives. We start to hate even our family members due to our ego to be more powerful. By doing so, we at last harm ourselves. We became the objects of hatredness for society. In society, people dislike selfish people

So before going to hurt other's feeling, first of all we should think whether doing such act with others are justified by other people or society. We should learn to live with others as brothers. We should learn to tolerate, forgive and compromise. Only in this way, our life would be happy and peaceful.

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