

9th Class English Notes

Questions / Answers

Lesson No: 1

THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

Q: What type of land Arabia is?

A: Arabia is a land of unparalleled charm and beauty, with its trackless deserts of sand dunes in the dazzling rays of very hot sun.

Q: Why was the Holy Quran sent in Arabic?

A: Since it is a language of eloquence, Allah Almighty sent it in Arabic.

Q: For which ability were the Arabs famous?

A: The Arabs were famous for their remarkable memory and ability of eloquence.

Q: What was the condition of mankind before the Rasool (SAW)?

A: Mankind stood on the verge of chaos. The civilization had started crumbling. It had fallen victim to wrong beliefs, social evils, cruelty and injustice.

Q: Why did the Rasool (SAW) stay in the cave of Hira?

A: The Rasool (SAW) stayed in the cave of the mount Hira for meditation and spent days and weeks in remembrance of Allah Almighty.

Q: What was the first revelation?

A: Read in the name of Lord Who created; created man from a clot (of congealed blood): Read and the Lord is most Bountiful, Who taught (the use of) the pen, taught man that which he knew not. (Quran, 96: 1-5)

Q: Why did the pagan Arabs threaten the Rasool's uncle?

A: Since the belief of Oneness of God (Tauheed) was threatening the dominance of the Pagan Arabs in the society, they threatened the Rasool's (SAW) uncle.

Q: What did Hazrat Ayesha (RA) say about the life of the Rasool (SAW)?

A: She said, "His morals and characters are the embodiment of the Holy Quran."

Lesson No: 2

PATRIOTISM

Q: How will you define patriotism?

A: Patriotism is defined as thus: Means love for the motherland or devotion of the one's country.

Q: What are the qualities of a patriot?

A: A patriot loves his country and is always willing to sacrifice for it when the need arises.

Q: As a citizen of Pakistan what are your duties towards your country?

A: As a citizen of Pakistan my first and foremost duty to my country is loyalty to it. I should always be willing to sacrifice my life for the freedom and honor of my country. I should work hard for the progress and prosperity of my country.

Q: What makes us stay alert in the wake of foreign invasion?

A: It is the spirit of Patriotism that makes us stay alert in the wake of foreign invasion.

Q: How will you elaborate Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's quote? "We must develop a sense of patriotism galvanize us all into one united and strong nation?"

A: If we develop a sense of patriotism we shall not fall prey to disunity, disharmony, provincialism and disintegration. The spirit of patriotism will keep us united and strong.

Lesson No: 3

MEDIA AND ITS IMPACT

Q: What is the most important function that media performs?

A: It raises awareness about many social issues like corruption, terrorism, drug addiction and violation of human rights. It has also become the mouthpiece of the downtrodden.

Q: What are the two major means of the communication?

A: Electronic media and print media are the two major means of communication. It includes films, radio, television, internet, newspapers and magazines.

Q: How does media provide entertainment?

A: Electronic media includes film, radio, television and internet. TV is a very fine medium of entertainment. We enjoy different kinds of programs on it such as music, sports, dramas, jazz, matches and movies. On the radio, we hear all kinds of music from different radio stations. We listen to dramas in different languages. In newspapers, we read humorous essays, stories and sports news.

Q: What happens when media is allowed to play its role unchecked?

A: If media is allowed to play its role unchecked, it may spread false news against the government, which is very harmful for a stable government. It may speak in favour of opposition unnecessarily for its self-interests and can excite people against the government. It may overthrow a government through its false propaganda. A dishonest media is dangerous for a peaceful society.

Q: Give three reasons in support of your favourite T.V. programme.

A: The National Geographic is a well-known documentary programme on wildlife and nature. I like this programme very much because it focuses mainly on the ever changing world, on wild life and on nature and people that colour it with. It is a window to the world. By watching it, I can travel, explore and discover the four corners of the world. It has expanded my knowledge about nature and wildlife. I get a chance to enjoy beautiful sights of the world. I never feel restless or bored while watching this programme.

Lesson No: 4

HAZRAT ASMA (RA)

Q: What happened when Abu Jehl asked about Hazrat Abu Bakr (RA)?

A: When Abu Jehl asked Hazrat Asma (RA) about her father's whereabouts, she counter questioned him, "How would I know?" This infuriated Abu Jehl. He slapped Hazrat Asma's (RA) face so hard that her ear-ring fell off. She faced him bravely and did not reveal the secret.

Q: Why was Hazrat Abu Quhafaa (RA) worried?

A: Hazrat Abu Quhafaa (RA) was worried that Hazrat Abu Bakr (RA) had taken all the wealth with him leaving him and children empty handed and helpless.

Q: How did Hazrat Asma (RA) console her grandfather?

A: She immediately gathered some pabbles and put them at the place where her father used to keep his money and jewels and covered them with a piece of cloth. She called her grandfather and told him that her father had left all that for us. He touched the cloth and his concern was alleviated. In this way, Hazrat Asma (RA) consoled her grandfather.

Q: Who was Hazrat Abdullah Bin Zubair (RA)?

A: Hazrat Abdullah Bin Zubair (RA) was son of Hazrat Asma (RA).

Q: Which incident in the story showed Hazrat Asma's (RA) love and respect for the Rasool (SAW)?

A: The role of Hazrat Asma (RA) played at the time of the migration of the Rasool (SAW) showed her love and respect for the Rasool (SAW). Disbelievers of Makkah were bent upon taking the life of the Rasool (SAW) and were looking for him. She risked her life and supplied food to Rasool (SAW) and his father, Abu Bakr (RA) in the cave of Thaur courageously.

Q: Which incident in the story tells about the generosity of Hazrat Asma (RA)?

A: When Hazrat Asma (RA) inherited a garden after the death of her sister Hazrat Ayesha (RA) she sold it and gave away all the money among the poor and the needy. She felt pleasure in doing so.

Q: What message do you get from the life of Hazrat Asma (RA)?

A: The message we get from the life of Hazrat Asma (RA) is that one should live a life of bravery, truthfulness, piety, generosity and patience.

Q: “Her life would always be a beacon of light for all of us” How?

A: Hazrat Asma (RA) was an embodiment of bravery generosity and patience. She had resolute faith in Allah Almighty and always showed patience in suffering and hardships. Therefore, her life would always be a beacon of light for all of us.

Lesson No: 5

DAFFODILS

Q: What is the central idea of the poem?

A: The central idea of the poem is that it presents before us not only the attractive and exciting beauty of nature but also the purifying and enduring impact of it on human beings.

Q: What do the daffodils represent in the poem?

A: Daffodils represent nature and its impact on human beings.

Q: What “wealth” do memories of the scene give to the poet?

A: Its about moments in our life that we replay in our memories.

Q: List the words that heighten the sound effect in the poem?

A: Vales and hills, sprightly dance, jocund company.

Q: How has the poet heightened the impact of the poem by using the figurative language?

A: The poet has heightened the impact of the poem by using figurative language such as “they stretched in never ending line” and “ten thousand saw I at a glance”.

Lesson No: 6

THE QUAID'S VISION AND PAKISTAN

Q: How much confidence did the Quaid-e-Azam have in his nation?

A: The Quaid-e-Azam had a great confidence in his nation.

Q: What was Quaid's concept of our nation?

A: The Quaid's concept of our nation was that we are one nation on the basis of religion and culture.

Q: What was the ideology of the Quaid-e-Azam based on?

A: The ideology of the Quaid-e-Azam was based on the pivot of the Muslim unity and oneness as a nation.

Q: What can be the possible solution to our present problems?

A: The possible solution to our problems is that we should not fall prey to fatal diseases of disunity, disharmony and disintegration. We should pay heed to the Quaid's warnings and advice.

Q: How can we become a strong nation?

A: We can become a strong nation if we start to think beyond personal, local, linguistic, ethnic, sectarian or provincial identities and prejudices.

Lesson No: 7

THE SULTAN AHMAD MASJID

Q: Why Sultan Ahmad Masjid is also known as Blue Masjid?

A: The Sultan Ahmad Masjid is known as the Blue Masjid because of the tiles that embellish its interior.

Q: Who was appointed as the architect of the Masjid?

A: Sedefhar Mehmat Agha, was appointed the royal architect of the masjid.

Q: Why was a heavy iron chain hung at the entrance of the court?

A: A heavy iron chain was hung at the entrance of the court, so that the Sultan had to lower his head every time he entered the court in order not to get hit and also as the symbolic gesture, to ensure the humility of the ruler in the face of the divine.

Q: How does the interior of the masjid look?

A: The interior of the masjid is embellished with blue tiles, which gives its interior an attractive look.

Q: Why do you think Madrassah and hospice was part of the masjid?

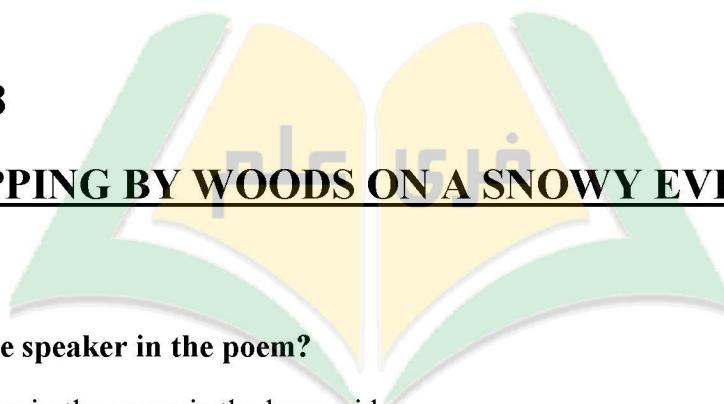
A: I think the Madrassah was for the students who came to acquire Islamic religious education and the hospice was for the needy and the destitute.

Q: Who constructed the masjid Sophia?

A: The Hagia Sophia Masjid was constructed by an Ottoman Caliph.

Lesson No: 8

STOPPING BY WOODS ON A SNOWY EVENING



Q: Who is the speaker in the poem?

A: The speaker in the poem is the horse rider.

Q: Whom does the speaker refer to in the first stanza of the poem?

A: The speaker refers to the owner of the woods.

Q: Why does the speaker stop on “the darkest evening of the year”?

A: He thinks to stop on the darkest evening of the year because the woods are lovely, dark and deep.

Q: Why does the horse impatiently await the next move of his master?

A: The horse impatiently awaits the next move of his master as there is no farmhouse nearby. He would not be able to get any food. He is also fearful that he might have made some mistake.

Q: The speaker in the poem is captivated by the beauty of nature. Why doesn’t he stop for long to enjoy nature’s beauty?

A: He is captivated by the beauty of the dark, deep and lovely woods but he has promises to keep that is to say that he has some worldly tasks to accomplish. Therefore, he does not stop there for long.

Lesson No: 9

ALL IS NOT LOST

Q: Why did the nurse ask Hira's sister to come and talk to her?

A: Hira had severe bus-accident. She had received severe head and spinal injuries. The nurse tried to do several exercises on her lifeless arms but in vain. She made her younger sister to come and talk to her, thinking that her voice might activate her sister's nearly dead neurons and brain.

Q: Why did the nurse disagree with the doctor's point of view?

A: The nurse did not agree with the doctor's point of view that Hira was hopeless case and would never walk again in life, thinking that it was unwise to leave a patient unattended. Life is very precious, a chance should be given to a patient.

Q: Why did the nurse ask herself the question "Was it worthwhile to oppose and fight the decision of senior and more qualified surgeons?"

A: The patient was a hopeless case in the eyes of the surgeons and they wanted to get the bed cleared for other patients. The nurse requested the senior doctors to let her stay in the I.C.U. and allow her to attend to the patient. Her request was conceded to. She had risked her career for a hopeless case. She also thought it would not be worthwhile to oppose the senior surgeons, if the patient could not walk on her own feet.

Q: Describe some qualities of the personality of the nurse in the story.

A: She is a beginner in the profession of nursing. She is working in the I.C.U. of the neurology. She is very sincere to her profession. She is a kind-hearted that she feels the pain of the injured. She is a wise nurse and uses every kind of devices to make patient recover. She is an optimist. She is always ready to fight a lost war. She is proud of her profession.

Q: Why did the Nurse say: "where there is a will, there is a way"?

A: She said so because she proved it practically that a hopeless patient could be cured if you are willing to fight a lost war. If there is no will, there is no way.

Lesson No: 10

DRUG ADDICTION

Q: What are the effects of drug addiction?

A: Long term use of drugs causes permanent mental and physical sickness.

Q: What are the causes of drug addiction?

A: Drug addiction is caused by genetic and environmental factors.

Q: What important role do rehabilitation centers play to control drug addiction?

A: The rehabilitation centers play an important role in controlling drug addiction by providing the addicts proper guidance and treatment.

Q: What is the role of counseling in preventing drug addiction?

A: The factors that contributes in rehabilitation of the drug victim is proper counseling. The sooner it is done, the better for the victim.

Q: Why do families feel reluctant to take the drug victims to drug rehabilitation centers?

A: Because of fear being outcast the families of the drug victims feel reluctant to take them to drug rehabilitation centers.

Q: What are the responsibilities of the families to ensure complete recovery of such patients?

A: Doctors, family and friends must continue to critically watch and counsel the victim for better motivation and adjustment.

Lesson No: 11

NOISE IN THE ENVIRONMENT

Q: How do you define noise pollution?

A: Noise pollution is defined as any form of noise that disrupts the normal functioning of life.

Q: How is transport a source of noise pollution?

A: Excessive use of vehicle horns is a main source of noise pollution. Airplanes, trains and ships are also sources of noise pollution for people living in colonies near airports and railway stations.

Q: How is construction work a cause of noise pollution?

A: The transport and equipment used at construction sites, its grilling and piercing sound is a cause of noise pollution.

Q: How is use of technology causing noise pollution?

A: Technology based things produce damaging sound, which is freely audible. Thus, the use of technology is causing noise pollution.

Q: Why is noise dangerous for human health?

A: Noise is dangerous for human health, as it has a negative impact on it. It can cause conditions such as aggression, high blood pressure, hearing loss, restlessness, depression, insomnia and anxiety.

Q: What kind of precautions may reduce noise coming from electronic devices?

A: Listening to loud music or watching TV on a loud volume should be strictly prohibited. Excessive use of electricity generators and loud speaker in residential areas should also be discouraged. The government of Pakistan should frame rules in this regard and strictly enforce them to reduce noise pollution.

Lesson No: 12

THREE DAYS TO SEE

Q: Who was Helen Keller?

A: Helen Keller was a woman who became deaf and blind at the age of 19 months, when she was seven years old Anne Sullivan, took charge of her. She was a twenty year old graduate of the Perkins School for the blind.

Q: Describe the thought expressed by the author in the first paragraph.

A: The author thought that it would be an excellent rule to live each day as if we should die tomorrow. Such an attitude would emphasize the values of life.

Q: What makes you feel that the author is sad and depressed?

A: The author is sad and depressed that the people with sight can see so little. She is a blind, even so she can see better than people with sight.

Q: How do you get an impression that Hellen Keller was a great admirer of Nature?

A: She was a great admirer of nature. We get this impression that when she admires the rising sun and the pageant of seasons and trees.

Q: People who are deprived of sight not devoid of imagination. Discuss referring to the text.

A: The author of this lesson is not only blind but also deaf but she had better imagination than the people who can see. Her views on nature and people have proved it.

Q: "To me the pageant of seasons is an unending drama", Comment.

A: This sentence tells that the change in the seasons is endless. This is the law of nature.

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