



CLASS IX
ENGLISH LITERATURE READER
CHAPTER 2 - COROMANDAL FISHERS
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SOLUTIONS

TEXT BOOK EXERCISES

A. Based on the understanding of the poem tick the correct answer.

- (a) **The wind is**
(i) Crying like a baby.
(ii) Being made to sleep by its mother.
(iii) Having a disturb sleep.
(iv) Sleeps comfortably.
Ans:- (i) Crying like a baby.
- (b) **The sea is mother to the fishermen because she**
(i) Provides them means of livelihood.
(ii) Protects them from danger.
(iii) Is source of water to them.
(iv) Is worship by them.
Ans:- (i) Provides them means of livelihood.
- (c) **Who is the speaker in the poem?**
(i) The poet.
(ii) The village leader.
(iii) A fisherman
(iv) A fisherman's wife
Ans:- (i) The poet.

B. Answer the following questions briefly.

- (a) **By what means do the fishermen go out to the sea.**

Ans:- The fishermen go out to the sea by means of catamarans.

- (b) **How will the fishermen know which direction in the sea they should take?**

Ans:- The fishermen will know which direction they should take in the sea by listening to the seagull's call. The presence of the seagull means there are enough fishes. So, the fishermen hasten away in the track of the seagull's call.



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(c) Do the fishermen feel that their work is free from danger? What assures them of their safety?

Ans:- The fishermen knows that their work is not free from danger. They may experience uncomfortable weather, high tide and storm. Their faith in the sea god assures them of their safety. They believe that the sea god will restrain the storm and protect them from all dangers.

(d) How are the fishermen ‘kings of the Sea’?

Ans:- The fishes in the sea belongs to the fisherman which is their wealth and the sea is the source of their livelihood. It is as if the fishermen own the sea. Thus, they call themselves as ‘kings of the sea’.

(e) Why should the fishermen not delay?

Ans:- The fishermen should not delay the morning because the wind is placid and the weather is favourable for them to sail their catamarans out to sea to catch fish.

(f) ‘What though are tossed at the fall of the sea’. Why do the fishermen not care even if they are tossed at the fall of the sea?

Ans:- The fishermen do not care even if they are tossed at the fall of the sea because they have complete confidence in the sea god. They believe that god who has the power to control the sea will definitely protect them.

(g) Where is the place where the hand of the sea god drives?

Ans:- The sea is the place where the hand of the sea god drives.

(h) What places do the fishermen love on land?

Ans:- The fishermen loves coconut glade, mango grooves and sand of the full moon night on the land.

(i) What place is sweeter than land to the fishermen?

Ans:- To the fishermen, the edge of the sea where the spray and the dance of the wild foam’s glee are seen is sweeter than land.