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**CLASS IX**  
**ENGLISH LITERATURE READER**  
**CHAPTER 3 - SPRING THE SWEET SPRING**  
**THOMAS NASHE**

**SOLUTIONS**

**EXERCISES**

**A. Based on your understanding of the poem, answer the following questions.**  
**Tick(✓) the correct option :**

**I. The tone of the poem is of**

- a. sadness.
- b. joy.
- c. indifference.
- d. pain.

Ans: (b) joy.

**II. The most common sound in spring is**

- a. the bleating of lambs.
- b. the song sung by maids.
- c. the song of the birds.
- d. all the above.

Ans: (c) the song of the birds.

**III. The poem describes the beauty of spring in**

- a. the countryside.
- b. the town.
- c. the wood.
- d. the fields.

Ans: (a) the countryside.



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***B. Answer the following questions:***

**(i) Which season is the year's pleasant king?**

Ans: "Spring season" is the year's pleasant king.

**(ii) What do the maids do in spring season?**

Ans: The young maidens come out to dance in a ring with full of happiness in the spring season.

**(iii) Who pipes all day during the spring?**

Ans: The shepherds play sweet music on their pipes during the spring.

**(iv) What do the daisies do in spring?**

Ans: The daisies kiss our feet. It shows that the nature is reinvigorated by the fields and flowers in it.

***C. Answer the following questions briefly:***

**I. Why is spring called 'the pleasant king'?**

Ans: The poet, Thomas Nashe calls spring season as 'the pleasant king'. No other season can rival the beauty of nature during spring season- all the flowers bloom and people are in a happy and joyous mood with the beauty of the spring season.

**II. Why does the poet say 'cold doth not sting'?**

Ans: The poet says, 'cold doth not sting' with the arrival of spring season, there is no cold weather and people aren't sad, and birds sing portraying a sense of optimism and fulfillment.

**III. What makes the country houses gay?**

Ans: With the onset of spring season, the country and fields are surrounded by green palm trees and many flowers, which are swaying in the green gentle wind. So, the country houses appear gay and lively.



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**IV. Give a picture of the village common in spring?**

Ans: Spring is the most beautiful and pleasant season of the year. This is a season of new hope and rebirth. Flowers bloom, new leaves appear on the trees, birds lay eggs and nestling hatch out, and hills are covered with green vegetation. There is celebration of life and activity everywhere. It is the time when nature resets itself.

**V. ‘The fields breathe sweet.’ Explain.**

Ans: **‘The fields breathe sweet.’** - Here, the poet means that the scents of nature are being reborn through fresh fields and flowers. This shows that countryside streets are in merry tunes of happiness and has become an idyllic place during the spring season.



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