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CLASS-IX
ADDITIONAL ENGLISH
CHAPTER 5 - WHEN I AM DEAD MY DEAREST
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SOLUTION

EXERCISES

COMPREHENSION

I. Say whether the following statements are true or false.

1. The poet would like to be remembered in a grand way after her death. **False**
2. The poet would like only green grass to cover her grave. **True**
3. Even after death the poet will feel everything- **False**
4. In the poem the poet sounds rather proud. **False**

II. Answer the following questions:

1. What are the things that the poet would like her beloved to grow over her grave?

Ans: The poet would like her beloved to grow only green grass over her grave.

2. What may happen to the poet after her death?

Ans: The poet, after the death, will not see, feel or hear anything.

3. Write three sentences to show modesty of the Poet.

Ans:

1. The poet does not like her beloved to make a grand funeral ceremony.
2. She wishes her grave to be covered with naturally grown green grass only.
3. She would not mind whether she be remembered or not after her death.

4. The poet likes green grass to cover her grave because:

- a) likes green grass
 - b) hates rose plants or cypress trees
 - c) doesn't like any special treatment for her.
- (Choose the appropriate answer from the alternative given)

Ans: C) doesn't like any special treatment for her.



III. APPLICATION

1. The poet uses a number of old forms, which are no longer used. These were not used even in Christina Rossetti's time.

a) List the forms you can find.

Ans: 'thou', 'wilt', 'doth'

Thou = you, wilt= will, doth= do

b) Why do you think she uses these words?

Ans: It may be that she wants to use the old forms. Poets are free to choose their own diction.

2. Give the rhyme scheme of the poem?

Ans: The rhyme scheme goes as '*a b a b b a c d e f g a c a*'.

3. Why does the poet say 'dreaming through the twilight'?

Ans: After death, the poet will be dreaming and sleeping through a perpetual 'twilight'.

She may or may not remember; she is not sure because she hasn't experienced death yet. She just imagines how death may be like.

IV. COMPOSITION

1. What things (e.g. statues, memorials, etc.) are used to remember a person?

Ans: To remember a person, some people plant trees like cypress and plants like rose near the grave.

Photos are also used to remember. And in some cases, busts, tombs are also erected in one's memory.

2. How do the Indians remember Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru during his centenary year?

Ans: The Indians remember Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru by offering homage to his photo. Flowers and wreaths are offered at his 'Samadhi'. Sweets are distributed among children remembering his love for children.

3. Name at least the person whom we remember after his death, in each of the categories below:

Ans:

(a) A poet – Robert Frost

(b) A novelist-Ernest Hemingway

(c) A social worker- Arundhati Roy

(d) A philosopher- Aristotle

(e) A statesman (a person taking an important part in politics) - Jawaharlal Nehru.

(f) An artist- Dante Gabriel Rossetti.



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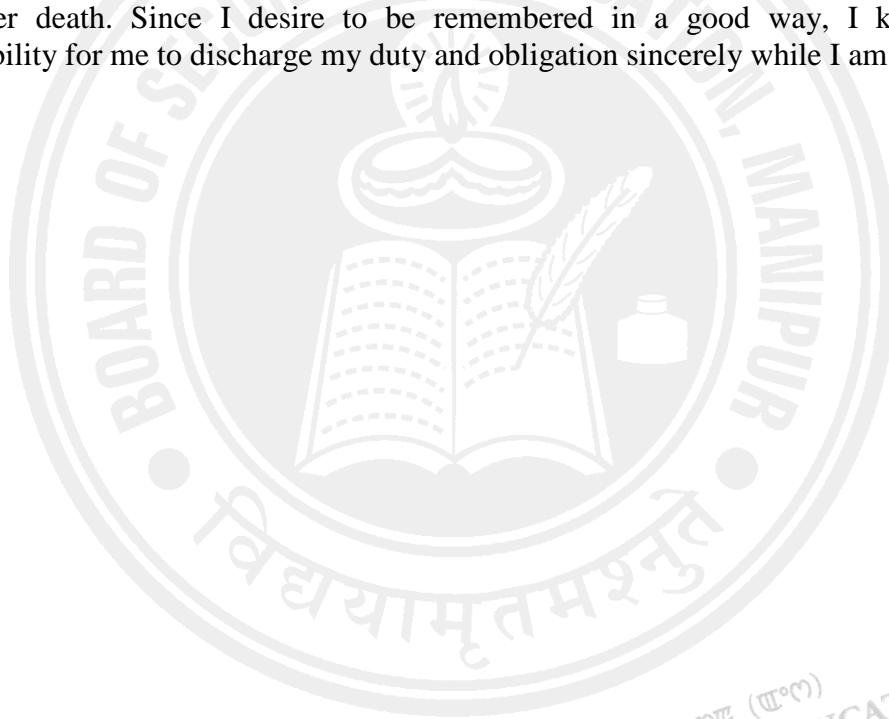
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4. For what reasons do people remember others after their death?

Ans: People remember others after their death for the noble deeds they have done for others in the society. So, a rich tribute is given to them.

5. Write a paragraph on how you would like to be remembered by others.

Ans: After my departure from this world, I would like to be remembered with love and respect. This desire of mine motivates me to do good deeds whenever I get the opportunity. During any interaction with others, I try to be very warm and cordial and am always ready for co-operation. I know if I respect and treat others nicely, a similar return I will enjoy, at least after death. Since I desire to be remembered in a good way, I know it is a responsibility for me to discharge my duty and obligation sincerely while I am alive.



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