



**CLASS IX**  
**ENGLISH LITERATURE READER**  
**POETRY SECTION**  
**CHAPTER 7**  
**A DAWN SONG**  
**(EZRA POUND)**

**SOLUTIONS**

**EXERCISES**

*A. Answer the following questions in a sentence each:*

**I. Where has God put the poet?**

**Ans:** God has put him in this beautiful *Earth*.

**II. What opinion does the poet have about the earth?**

**Ans:** The poet opines that the earth is the glorious creation of *God*.

**III. 'If the road be long'**

**What does 'road' signify here?**

**Ans:** Here '*road*' signifies the journey of life.

**IV. What is the 'source' of the poet's song?**

**Ans:** The '*source*' of the poet's song is *God* and its beautiful creation.

**V. Identify 'brother' in the last line.**

**Ans:** In the last line of the poem, '*brother*' identifies fellow human beings.



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

**I. What is the purpose of the poet's life, according to him?**

**Ans:** According, to *Ezra Pound*, *God* has sent him to sing hymns and beautiful songs, expressing the natural beauties of the earth. He is also conscious of his responsibility of guiding his fellow human beings in good path of life.

**II. What is the poet's attitude to life ?**

**Ans:** The poet, sincerely shows his deep gratitude to the *Almighty God*, for he has put him on this earth. He wants to do something better for the mankind in this earth. He also wants to guide his fellow human beings with his pleasant and powerful songs through the long journey of life.

**III. What kind of song is the poet going to sing?**

**Ans:** The poet wants to sing the divine, powerful and beautiful song, expressing the different beauties of nature, like "*the dawn*", "*the pleasant air*."

**IV. '.....the clean cool wind the bloweth good'.**

**Explain.**

**Ans:** The above given line, expresses the pleasant and the unpolluted morning wind. The poet also tells that glorious creation of *God*, and natural beauties make everyone's delight and feel serenity to us.



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*C. Which part of the day do you think can best represent the entirety of the poem?*

- I. Morning
- II. Noon
- III. Evening
- IV. Night

Explain why you think so.

**Ans: I. Morning.**

In this *lyrical* poem, the poet describes early morning scene with its scenic beauty. He also praises the glorious creation of *God*, while watching the delightful scene of day break. He again describes the pleasant and unpolluted morning wind which gives immense pleasure to the mind. So, morning is the best part of the whole day and the whole world seems to rejoice at the sunrise.

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