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CLASS IX
ENGLISH LITERATURE READER (POETRY)
CHAPTER 1
ABOU BEN ADHEM
(JAMES HENRY LEIGH HUNT)

SOLUTIONS

EXERCISES

A. On the basis of your understanding of the poem answer the following questions ticking the correct choice.

a) When the Angel appeared in the room of Abou Ben Adhem

- a. he was asleep
- b. he was dreaming
- c. he was awake
- d. he was praising God in sweet and low voice.

Ans: (c) he was awake.

b) When the Angel appeared.

- a. Abou's room was very dark.
- b. Abou had to put on light to see the Angel.
- c. The Angel was having a torch shaped like a lily.
- d. There was moonlight in the room.

Ans: (d) There was moonlight in the room.

c) What was the Angel doing?

- a. The Angel was writing in a book made of gold.
- b. The Angel was standing and looking at Abu Ben Adhem.
- c. The Angel asked whether Abou loved God or fellow men.
- d. The Angel was holding a white lily.

Ans: (a) The Angel was writing in a book made of gold.



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d) How many times did the Angel visit Abou?

- a. Once
- b. Twice
- c. Thrice
- d. Many times

Ans: (b) Twice

B. Answer the following questions briefly.

A. Who or what looked like a lily in bloom the Angel, Abou or the book? Why does the poet mention “lily”?

Answer: The Angel looked like, a lily in bloom. The poet mentions lily because the lily is the symbol of peace and serenity. He wants to suggest the Angel’s presence evokes peace and quietude.

B. Which line suggests that Abou was a fearless man? Why was he fearless?

Answer: “Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold”. This line suggests that Abou was a fearless man. He was fearless because he was a kind man who loved and helped his fellowmen. He had no enemies or cause for concern.

C. What did Abou want to know from the Angel?

Answer: Abou wanted to know if his name was there in the list of names who loved God.

D. What did the Angel say about Abou?

Answer: The Angel told Abou that his name was not in the list of those who loved God.

E. What request did Abou make?

Answer: Abou requested the Angel to list down his name as one who loves his fellowmen.

F. What did the Angel show Abou the next night?

Answer: The following night, the Angel came again and showed Abou the name of those persons whom God love.

G. Where was Abou’s name in the list shown by the Angel to Abou?

Answer: Abou was totally surprised and happy to know that his name was at the top of the list of people whom love of God had blessed. This shows that God loves those who love their fellow men.
