

CLASS IX ADDITIONAL ENGLISH CHAPTER 4 - ON THE RULEOF THE ROAD (A.G. GARDINER)

SOLUTIONS

EXERCISES

COMPREHENSION

A.

1. Where was the old lady walking?

Ans. The old lady was walking down the middle of a street in Petrograd.

2. What reason did she give for her action?

Ans. The lady claimed that she can walk where she wants as it was her liberty.

3. Is this reason justifiable? Give reasons to support your answer.

Ans. No, the reason is not justifiable. Liberty is not a personal affair only but a social contract.

4. What does the author mean by the term "liberty drunk"?

Ans. By the term "liberty drunk," the author meant one becoming confused or excited by the sense of liberty.

5. What according to Gardiner, does the rule of the road mean?

Ans. According to Gardiner, the rule of the road means in order that the liberties of all maybe preserved, the liberties of everybody must be curtailed.

6. Why is the policeman a 'symbol of liberty'?

Ans. A policeman is a 'symbol of liberty,' because without him, Piccadilly Circus would be a maelstrom that one would never cross at all.



7. How is liberty a "social contract"?

Ans. Liberty is a "social contract" as it is an accommodation of interest with the curtailment of private liberty.

8. What examples does the author give as belonging to the area of personal liberty?

Ans. The author gave the examples of dyeing hair, waxing moustache, wearing dress of our choice, eating according to one's taste, following any religion, marrying the dark or the fair one, reading book of preference etc. as belonging to the area of personal liberty.

9. What activity was the author engaged in while he was travelling?

Ans. The author was reading a Blue Book, (an official report) while he was travelling.

10. What was the man with a 'loud and pompous voice' talking about?

Ans. The man with a 'loud and pompous voice' was talking about his family, the deed of sons in the war, his criticisms of the generals and the politicians.

11. What was the author's reaction to this?

Ans. The author thought that the man didn't have the social sense, not a 'clubbable man'.

12. What is the basis of social behaviour?

Ans. The basis of social behaviour is a reasonable consideration for the rights or feelings of others.

13. What comment does the author make about the social behaviour of women?

Ans. Women are less civilised than men.

14. Does he believe it to be true? How do you know?

Ans. Yes, it is believed to be true. From his experience, it is the woman, the well dressed woman- who thrust herself in front at the ticket office.

15. Is the comment about woman justifiable? Give reasons for your answer.

Ans. Yes, it is justifiable because woman takes it as their liberty and is tolerated.



В.

1. For what purpose is the writer using the example of the rules of the road?

Ans. The writer is using the example of the rules of the road to prevent the world from getting liberty drunk.

2. Explain what the author means by the phrase "a judicious mixture of both".

Ans. The author meant the individual liberty and the social liberty by the phrase "a judicious mixture of both."

3. How, according to the author, do we show whether we are civilised or uncivilized?

Ans. According to the author, it is in small matters to conduct, in observance of the rule of the road that we pass judgement upon ourselves, the little habits of commonplace intercourse that shows whether we are civilised or uncivilized.

4. Does the writer end with a hopeful or a hopeless note? How do you know? Support your answer.

Ans. The writer ends with a hopeful note. The writer is hopeful that it is the little habits of commonplace intercourse that sweeten and better the journey of life and he hopes that people will reflect on that.

5. In one or two sentences, give the main idea of the passage.

Ans. The passage reflects on the liberty of individuals and the social liberty. Private liberty should be curtailed to preserve the liberties of everybody and enjoy a social order which makes our liberty a reality.



COMPOSITION

- 1. Write a paragraph about how to cross a busy road. Include at least the following points:
 - i. Things you must do

ii. Things you must not do.

Ans. While crossing a busy road, we should always watch out any approaching vehicle. We should look left, right and left again. We should make eye contact with any nearby drivers before crossing. We should make sure cars have come to a complete stop before crossing. We should not run but walk while crossing the road still looking left and write. If crossing with a child we should hold hands. We should not use phone while crossing. We should not violate traffic rules, follow the pedestrian sign and always use footpath.

2. Write a set of instructions about how to walk on the road. Make it a mixture of Do's and Don'ts instructions.

Ans.

- ➤ Know the signals.
- Stop, Look and Cross
- ➤ Pay attention listen
- > Don't run or play on roads
- ➤ Always use side walks
- Never cross roads on bends
- Don't rush
- > Don't push around while walking on the road
- ➤ Always follow traffic rules
- > Avoid loud music on phone

