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CLASS IX
ADDITIONAL ENGLISH
CHAPTER 3 - NOW
A.A. PROCTER

SOLUTIONS

EXERCISES

COMPREHENSION

1. Why does the poet ask us to rise?

Ans: The poet asks us to rise for many things to be done before the passing of the day.

2. What does the poet imagine our dreams to be?

Ans: The poet imagines that some of our dreams may be of achieving and winning great things like fame, recognition, honour, etc.

3. What does the future hold for us?

Ans: The future holds glory and honour for us.

4. Why does the poet say that the past ‘cast her phantom arms’?

Ans: Past is gone and dead no matter how good or bad it was; she is lifeless. This is the reason why the poet says that the past ‘cast her phantom arms’.

5. Why does the poet use a sense of hurry?

Ans: The poet uses a sense of hurry because life is very short and many activities are to be accomplished before the passing of the day.

LANGUAGE STUDY

EXPLAIN THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND USE THEM IN SENTENCES

1. Buckled their armour – to set to work energetically

➤ The soldiers buckled their armour for a military operation at the border area.



2. In the face of hard fought field – in the battlefield

- A soldier should never doubt himself in the face of a hard fought field.

3. Storming some airy fortress – attacking or harming some imaginary fortified building

- Life is very short and one must not waste time in thinking about storming some airy fortress.

4. Vain regret – a useless feeling of being unhappy at the loss of something

- It would not be wise rather a vain regret if you keep on thinking about the loss.

5. Phantom arms- imaginary / useless bindings

- His uncle advised him to free himself from the phantom arms of past misfortunes.

6. Save to learn – except learning

- Forget the depressing events of the past instead save to learn to look ahead in life.

7. The hour will strike at last – the time will surely pass away.

- No matter how hard we try, the hour will strike at last.

EXTRA QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. Who is the foe mentioned in the poem?

Ans : The foe may mean competitors in life.

2. What does battle signify in the poem 'Now'?

Ans : 'Battle' in the poem signifies struggles of life.

3. 'A place in the rank awaits you?

What does the line mean?

Ans : It means the position that we dream to achieve in life.



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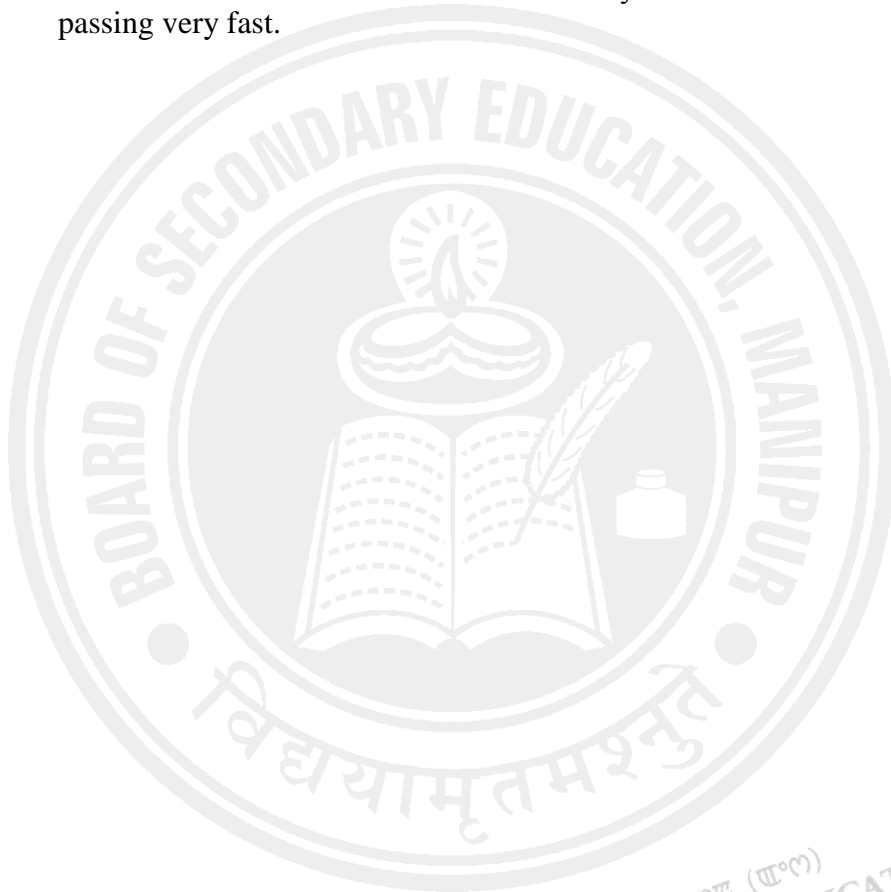
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4. Why does the poet say 'Present' stern?

Ans: The poet says 'Present stern.' Present time will wait for no one; it is passing fast and one needs to be really serious about time and act fast and wisely or opportunities will simply slip away.

5. How is the 'Present' described in the poem 'Now'?

Ans: The 'Present' is described as very stern and at the same time passing very fast.



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