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CLASS IX
ENGLISH LITERATURE READER (POETRY)
CHAPTER 5
I REMEMBER, I REMEMBER
(THOMAS HOOD)

SOLUTION

COMPREHENSION

A. On the basis of your understanding of the poem, complete the following statements:

- I. As a grown up, the poet often wishes that if he had died before attaining adulthood.
- II. On his birthday, the poet's brother sat a laburnum tree.
- III. Compared to his spirit in his childhood, the poet's spirit is now weight down by various things like cares, worries and sins.
- IV. In his childhood, the poet thought that the top of fir trees touched the heaven.

B. Answer the following questions in a sentence each:

- I. **Where did the robin build its nest?**

Ans: The robin built its nest in the lilacs tree.

- II. **What did the poet remember as he used to swing?**

Ans: The poet remembered of playing on a swing and the way he moves through air in a light and carefree manner.



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C. Answer the following questions briefly:

I. In the first stanza what does the poet remember of the sun?

Ans: In the first stanza of the poem, the poet recalls how the sun shines in the morning and its ray propagates through the house's window to wake him up.

II. Is the poet happy with his present condition? How do you know?

Ans: "My spirit flew in feathers then. That is so heavy now." these lines show that the poet is not happy with his present condition. Because, the poet's spirit in the past is full of joy and carefree but his present situation is of tension, worries, despair, stress and aspiration. He also feels that he is away from the blessings and real happiness after growing older.

III. Explain 'those flowers made of light'?

Ans: The poet mentioned various species of flower including red and white roses, violet, lilies and lilacs. These flowers symbolize the presence of heavenly aura that envelopes the poet's childhood memory.

IV. What does the poet remember of his brother?

Ans: The poet vividly remembers the laburnum tree which his brother has planted on one of his birthdays. The tree is still standing at the same place. But the brother who has planted the tree is no more.

V. 'My spirit flew in feathers then.' What does the poet mean by it?

Ans: The poet talks about his freedom and how he used to roam in his countryside boundaries. He doesn't realize how his flight took him miles away from his childhood bliss.

VI. The poet says that he is 'farther off from Heavens'? What is the poet's 'heaven'?

Ans: The poet says that his childhood was just like a heaven and now he has moved further away from it and is living a hellish life. He also says that after committing a sin, he is not innocent now and is closer to hell than heaven.
