



CLASS IX

ADDITIONAL ENGLISH

CHAPTER 7 - NEITHER OUT FAR NOR IN DEEP

ROBERT FROST

SOLUTIONS

COMPREHENSION

Answer the following questions:

- 1. What are the people looking at?**

Ans. The people are looking at the sea.

- 2. What can they see, as they keep looking?**

Ans. They can see ship and gull as they keep looking at the sea.

- 3. The people look at the sea**

- a. Because they have nothing else to do.
- b. Because they have been compelled by others to do so.
- c. Because they are fascinated by the sea.

Choose appropriate answer from the alternative given.

Ans.(c) because they are fascinated by the sea.

- 4. They cannot look out far
They cannot look in deep.**

But when was that ever a bar

To any watch they keep?

- a) What is the meaning of 'bar' here?**

Ans. Obstacle or barrier

- b) What is the 'watch' the people keep?**

Ans. People keep watching the unfathomable sea searching for something unknowing.

- 5. What do they gain by looking at the sea?**

Ans. They gain satisfaction and pleasure by looking at the sea.



APPLICATION

1. Write a paragraph on man's love for the sea.

Ans. Sea is the most amazing creation of God. The unfathomable depth of the sea fascinates the people. The vast sea beyond the point of vision with the waves going up and down gives immense pleasure. People love watching the sea and forgetting their limitations.

2. "Cannot look out far" literally means not being able to see much. It can also mean, metaphorically, not being able to see the future, -not having foresight. Similarly "cannot look in deep" may mean not having insight. Frost is saying that even without understanding something, people may do certain things. Frost does not make it clear whether this is good or a bad thing. What do you think?

Ans. Frost tries to focus on the reality of life. As no one knows the unfathomable sea though it gives us satisfaction watching it, life is also like the sea, unknowing and unpredictable. Future is unpredictable and watching the sea is just an escape from the realities of life.

COMPOSITION

1. There are many hills in Manipur. Have you watched them during sunrise or sunset? Write a paragraph describing what they look like

- a. Early in the morning**
- b. When the sun is setting**

Ans. (a) When the sun rises early in the morning, the hills look beautiful and alive. It looks like the hills are pushing up the sun from amidst them. The brightening up of the hills when the rays of the sun fall on it is amazingly wonderful.

(b) When the sun sets, it looks like the hills are embracing the orange-coloured sun. The scene of the hills and trees getting darker as the sun sets is such a sight to watch.



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2. Have you seen the sea in the picture or a film? What does it look like? Write a paragraph to describe it.

Ans. The sea is such a beautiful vast place that encompasses most part of the earth. The waves rolling back and forth give us the satisfaction and immense pleasure watching it. The sound of the sea keeps buzzing like music, soothing the onlookers. The blue deep sea refreshes and relaxes the mind.



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