Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: More About People, The Gift of India**

**Std: VIII-BB Duration: 30 Min Marks: 20**

1. **Answer the following with reference to context:**
2. *“So they tell you that work is wonderful medicine.”*
3. **Whom does ‘they ‘refer to? Whom do they tell that work is wonderful medicine? (2)**

Ans: In the above lines ‘they’ refers to the people who are employed. They tell those who are not employed that work is wonderful medicine.

1. **What all do they do to encourage the unemployed to work? (4)**

Ans: They give examples of successful people like Ford, Firestone and Edison to the unemployed .They tell them that work is medicine and also lecture them. If the unemployed still do not succumb to their advice, they starve them to death.

1. **Explain: ‘ work is wonderful medicine’ (2)**

Ans. When a person in unemployed, his mind is empty and he ends up thinking of unwanted things and may fall sick. On the contrary when a person is employed, he is so engrossed in work that there is no time to think and he stays healthy .Thus work acts as medicine.

1. *“Is there aught you need that my hands withhold?”*
2. **Who has asked the above question to whom? What type of a question is it? (2)**

Ans: Mother India has asked the above question to the people of the

world. It is a rhetorical question as the answer is not expected..

1. **What is the literal meaning of the given line? What is the speaker trying to actually say? (2)**

Ans: The literal meaning of the given line is whether there is anything that she has not given to the world. The speaker is actually saying that she has given everything possible to the world.

1. **What has the speaker yielded from her womb? Why does the poet say that her womb is injured ? (2)**

Ans: The speaker has yielded her precious sons from her womb. These sons of mother India have sacrificed their lives and for the world. Thus the poet says that her womb is injured.

1. **Write any two things that the people cannot measure. (2)**

Ans: The people cannot measure the grief of Mother India when she weeps for her martyred sons or waits for her sons to return to their country. They cannot even measure the pride that she feels for her brave sons. They cannot measure her hope for a peaceful future after the war. **( Any two points )**

**2. Answer the following questions according to their weightage:**

1. **What are the things that people do to annoy others? (2)**

Ans: People are generally asking questions or making suggestions to others. If they are not doing either of these, they are looking over their shoulder or stepping on their toes.

1. **What fitting memorial will be acceptable for the fallen soldiers? (2)**

Ans: After the war ends, everyone will talk about the sacrifice of the fearless soldiers. At such a time when they remember the dead soldiers, it will be a fitting memorial for them.

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