

Don Bosco School of Excellence

Class: VIII

English

P2 Geography Lesson

I. Read the given lines and answer the following questions:

1. When the jet reached ten thousand feet,

It was clear why the country

Had cities where the rivers ran

And why the valleys were populated.

a. What does the poet see when the jet reaches ten thousand feet high?

Ans: (i) The country, cities, rivers and valleys

b. Why is the city populated according to the poet?

Ans: (ii) It has rivers and land.

c. Name the poetic device used in the given lines.

Ans: (ii) Alliteration

II. Short answers:

1. What lesson did the poet learn when the jet sprang into the sky?

When the jet sprang into the sky the poet learnt that the city had not developed the way it had to and it was inevitable that it had lack of planning.

2. What was the prime reason for the civilization of human beings in the past?

The easy availability of water for drinking and irrigation was the reason why civilization flocked around cities and valleys.

III. Long answers:

1. What lesson of Geography did the poet learn when he flew above his city?

As the poet flies in a jet, he notices that the cities below were not properly planned. He could see why it was so. From a height of ten thousand feet, he noticed that valleys were populated. It was quite reasonable and understandable. It was the compulsion of geography that people should settle down in places with flat land, plenty of water and food. It is quite illogical why people hate and kill one another. It is greatly inhuman according to the poet.

2. What is the poet trying to bring out about human beings, the earth and learning? **(H W)**

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ENGLISH

CHILDREN AT WORK

I. Read the given lines and answer the following:

He turned around. Behind him was a girl around his own age, wearing a long banyan that came down to her knees. Her hair was stiff and brownish and she had a huge sack on one shoulder.

a. Whom does 'he' refer to?

He refers to the boy velu.

b. Who was standing behind him?

A girl named Jaya was standing behind him.

c. How was girl described?

Her hair was stiff and brownish and she had a huge sack on one shoulder.

II. Short answer

1. Do you think Jaya is a brave and sensitive child with a sense of humour? Find instances of her courage, kind nature and humour in the text.

Yes, Jaya is a brave and sensitive girl. She takes pity on Velu and gets food for him. She herself earns her livelihood bravely by collecting discarded material and selling them. She has a sense of humour also. She calls the 'dirty trickle of water Buckingham Canal'.

2. What problems do millions of poor children face in India? What basic issue does the story discuss?

This story gives us a picture of children who are bound to work to support not only themselves but also their parents. They can't go to school; they can't play like other children of their age. The story draws our attention to the evil of child labour.

III. Long Answer

1. Velu becomes a rag picker under the worst circumstances. Elucidate.

In our society we can see a lot of rag pickers who has the worst back ground that pushed them in to a terrible stage. But some run away from their home because of different situations.

Velu a eleven year old boy ran away from home because his father was addicted to drinking. He used to beat him and his sister and snatched whatever they earned. He came to Chennai where he met a girl of his own age. The girl was carrying a big sack on her back. She was picking up plastic cups and putting them into the sack. Seeing Velu in a miserable condition she took pity on him and got food for him. She brought Velu to her hut, which was built out of wood, plastic and sheets. She gave him a pair of old shoes, a sack and a stick. He wondered what work she wanted him to do. She told him that he was now a rag picker like her. He too now had to collect things from waste materials. Velu was alone in that big city. He had no option and therefore accepted the job of a rag picker.

Even though he accepted the job and followed Jaya. He had made his mind to do that job only till he found a good job.

2. Society is the cause for child labour. Do you agree with the statement? Justify it with reference to the lesson 'Children at work'. (HW)
