



VIVEK TUTORIALS

English Literature
Preliminary Examination
Max Marks: 32

Date : 02/Apr/2019

Grade: 8th (ICSE)

Time: 1Hrs

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (Poetry)

1. What does he plant who plants a tree?
He plants, in sap and leaf and wood,
In love of home and loyalty
And far-cast thought of civic good—
His blessings on the neighbourhood,
Who in the hollow of His hand
Holds all the growth of all our land—
A nation's growth from sea to sea
Stirs in his heart who plants a tree.

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1. What motivates the man to plant a tree according to the poet? [3]
2. Does the man plant a tree because of his love of society and his nation? [3]
3. How is the man holding the blessing on his neighbourhood in his hand? [3]
4. What is meant by a nation's growth from sea to sea? [3]
5. Explain with reference to context. [4]

2. What does he plant who plants a tree?
He plants cool shade and tender rain,
And seed and bud of days to be,
And years that fade and flush again;
He plants the glory of the plain;
He plants the forest's heritage;
The harvest of a coming age;
The joy that unborn eyes shall see—
These things he plants who plants a tree.

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1. Why does the poet equate the planting of a tree with the planting of 'cool shade and tender rain'? (3)
2. What does the phrase 'seed and bud of days to be' suggest here? (3)
3. Which phrases used in this stanza reflect that the poet has a futuristic perception of the tree that he is talking about? (3)
4. Do you think that the poet's perception of the benefits of planting a tree is realistic? Why? (3)
5. How do trees account for the forest wealth of a nation? (4)

----- All the Best -----