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STANDARD - VIII

ENGLISH – II Notes

LESSON 10 - THE WEST WIND (Poem)

ANSWER IN SHORT

1. What kind of poem is “The West Wind?”

Ans) The poem, *The West Wind* is a ballad that expresses the poet’s yearning for his hometown.

2. What is the poet trying to express through the poem?

Ans) The poet is trying to express his keen longing for his Motherland. The West Wind acts as a messenger from home. The Poet expresses a feeling of homesickness.

REFERENCE TO CONTEXT

1. “It’s a warm wind, the west wind, full of birds’ cries.....home to us again.”

a) Why does the poet have ‘tears’ in his eyes when he hears the west wind?

Ans) The poet has tears in his eyes when he hears the west wind because it makes him realize how homesick he really is and how much he longs to go back home again.

b) Why do you think he calls his heart 'tired'?

Ans) The poem suggests that the poet has travelled far and wide and been away from home for a very long time. He is both physically and mentally tired.

c) Why is the 'air' compared to 'wine'?

Ans) The air is compared to wine because it is balmy (mind, soothing, fragrant) and is one of the major attractions of the west land.

d) Why does he long to be 'home'?

Ans) The poet longs to be home as he has been away for a very long time. It is spring time in the west land, a time when flowers and fruits blossom, the skies are clear, the grass is cool, and the birds chirp merrily.

2. "The young corn is green brother...where I belong."

a) Who is the speaker of these lines?

Ans) The speaker of these lines is the poet of west wind.

b) What are some of the things that the 'west land' promises to offer the poet?

Ans) Some of the things that west land promises the poet are the blue sky, the white clouds, the warm rain, the young corn, the merry chirp of the birds, and the most importantly, a remedy that will soothe him and help him to sleep peacefully.

c) Why does he long to be back?

Ans) He longs to be back because he needs rest. His home in the west land is the only place in which he can rest because he will be among familiar people and things that he knows and loves.
