



CLASS - VII ENGLISH NOTES OCTOBER 7. I DREAM A WORLD

I. ERC:

1. "Where greed no longer saps the soul
Nor avarice blights our day."

a) Which place is the poet referring to?

The poet is referring to the perfect world of his dreams.

b) What is meant by 'saps the soul'?

'Saps the soul' means gradually weakens or destroys the spirit and character.

c) How does avarice blight the day ?

Avarice spoils our day because the longing for more and more wealth causes many a successful person to fall.

d) Pick out one example of personification in these lines.

Where greed no longer saps the soul.

2. "Will share the bounties of the earth
And every man is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all mankind."

a) What do you think are the bounties of this earth?

The bounties of this earth are all the natural resources that we get from the earth—water, soil, plants, trees, minerals, diamonds, crude oil and all other natural resources.

b) Who will share the bounties of the earth?

The blacks and whites will share the bounties of the earth.

c) What is the poet trying to convey through these lines?

Through these lines, the poet is longing for a world that does not go to war over natural resources such as water or crude oil but rather shares it and lives in harmony so that poverty and misery are put to shame. It is a world where joy abounds.

d) Give example of a simile and personification in these lines?

Personification: Where wretchedness will hang its head; Simile: And joy, like a Pearl.

II. Short Answers:

1. What does the poet not want people to do?

The poet does not want people to scorn each other, be greedy or differentiate among each other on the basis of race and colour. He does not want people to be greedy and not share earth's bounties with each other.

2. What kind of blessing does the poet hope for the earth to have?

The poet wants the earth to be blessed with freedom, love, peace, generosity and joy.

3. What are the two things that, according to the poet, have a negative impact on people?

According to the poet, scorn and greed have a negative impact on people.

III. Long Answers:

1. What kind of a world does the poet dream of? Do you think he is being realistic? Why?

The poet dreams of an ideal world where there is freedom, love, peace, generosity and joy. It is a world where there is no room for scorn, greed or wretchedness. The answers to the second part of the question may vary. Accept all relevant answers.

2. Do you believe that discrimination among people will ever go away? Why do you think so?

Answers may vary. Accept all relevant answers.