

English literature

STD-VI

Night Mail

Answer these questions briefly

1. Explain how the mail train carries letters impartially.

Ans:- The train brings letters for the rich as well as the poor people, letters for the corner shop and the girl next door!

In this way the mail train carries letters impartially.

2. Describe the changing landscape through which the train runs.

Ans:- The train passes through different places as it travels from London to Glasgow. It climbs up the steep hills of Beattock, passes through the cotton fields of Manchester and the moorlands and lakes of Scotland.

3. How do the birds and dogs react to the passing train? Why do you think they react this way?

Ans:- The birds and dogs turn their heads to see the coaches of the mail train. Birds keep sitting in their nests in the bush and dogs just keep sleeping with their heads on their paws.

They react so because they are habituated to the train passing everyday.

4. When does the train approach or reach Glasgow? How does it look at that time?

Ans:- The train reaches Glasgow early morning when the light first appears in the sky, that is at the break of dawn.

5. All Scotland waits for her? who is her? Why does Scotland wait for her?

Ans:- Here 'her' represents the mail train.

She carries the letters for everyone who lives in Scotland, whether they are men or women, rich or poor, so the whole of Scotland waits for her.

6. What kind of dreams does the poet say people have?

Ans:- The poet says people have dreams of terrifying monsters or a pleasant dream of having tea at a restaurant.

In Scotland there is a lake named lake Lomond. It is believed that a seven headed monster lives in that lake which has not been seen by people in reality, but people go there hoping to see it.

7. What do the last three lines mean? Explain in your words.

Ans:- In the last lines of the poem the poet emphasizes the human need to be connected, remembered and loved. Everyone who hears the postman knock on the door will feel their heartbeat quicken with anticipation and anxiety. No one wants to be forgotten and letters are not just pieces of paper but bridges across the human heart.

8. Give examples of letter that are:-

****A. boring****

Dear friend,

I hope you are good there.

Recently I joined a 6 months photography class. That's why I am quite busy. And what about you?

Hope to see you soon.

Rohan

****B. adoring****

Dear miss,

I never expected to meet a person like you. You are so amazing and unique. I admire your positive attitude towards life, your strength and courage, your intelligence.

I hope I'll learn more from you.

****C. Cold and official****

Dear friend,

I got the news of death of your mother. It is very sad to know about her death.

May God bless her soul.

Take care.

Yours,

Prashant.

****D. the heart's outpouring****

Hi Priya

Long time, have not seen or spoken to you. I have missed you so much!!

I have got some big news for you! You know that art competition I was always talking about! Well guess what? Not only did I participate it...I won it too!! Yes me!

What's going on in your life? How are your mummy and Papa doing? I've been praying for you guys and hope you are safe and sound.

I miss you so much.

With love

Your Best friend,

Menaka.