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Perception of Nature: Ancient Days vs Urban Life

Early Greeks perceived the nature differently. They were less inspired from its rich colours and diversity. Hence, they never portrayed it in their art or poetry. The reason was negative role of nature as it hindered their daily life activities and agricultural production. It serves as home to dangerous animals and disasters. Similarly, Homer's poetry

gave perception of dislike for nature. He attributed sea to waste of vast area of land. However, it actually served as source of all the wealth and resources. Greeks used to reside in small towns far from disturbance of urban life. However, as imperialism spreaded, conflicts over resources and urban growth disrupted ecological balance. Then people residing in dust and noise realized nature's beauty, when then reflected from work of different authors.

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Comprehension

a)

Ans: Poetry is the name of imagination and passion in a sense that whatever a man thinks, desires, feels, and perform is poetry. It is the most general and refinable form of what a person does.

b)

Ans: ~~Po~~ Poetry holds heart with itself and integrated with the nature as well. It is reflected from all sense of power, beauty, and peace from blooming flowers to waving shores of sea. It means whole universe speaks in this form.

c)

Ans: History explains wars, conflicts and fights across generations and across borders. It is boring and no one likes to discuss or even listen to it. However, poetry

is deeper and wider in contrast to history. It is full of colours and life. Poetry deserves to be remembered whereas history does not. Hence, history is superficial knowledge about the past whereas poetry is in-depth perception of man's life and feelings.

(d) ^{the phrase}
Ans: Man is a "poetical animal" means that everything without poetry man is like a beast. It is the poetry that make him humanized. All the feelings, such as fear, hope, love, and hate are poetry. All of man's passions and feelings are actually poetry without which man is a beast.

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Ans: Hazlitt calls a child as poet when he plays hide and seek or repeats story of Jack the Giant killer, shepherd a poet when he first crowns his mistress with garland of flowers, a countryman as poet when he stops to look at rainbow, a courtier as poet when he smiles with hope, the vain, the proud, the hero and the coward as poets when they do their works.

(f)

(i) It means whatever feeling, desire, action, or passion gives immediate sorrow or happiness.

(ii) A reflection of beauty, power or harmony as evident from growth of a flower or harmony of waves of a sea.

(iii) It means huge populace under the burden of wars and conflicts

(iv) It means poetry is the name of all things of which our life is made.