

The Voice of the Rain

Case Study Based Questions

1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea, Upward, to heaven,
whence, vaguely form'd, altogether changed, and yet the same.

(A) What does the word 'eternal' indicate in the given lines?

- (a) A sequence
- (b) A continuation
- (c) A permanency
- (d) Mortality

(B) Fill in the blank with an appropriate answer.

The word 'impalpable' in the given
extract can be replaced by.....

(C) In the given extract, what does the phrase 'altogether changed, and yet the same' refer to?

Ans. (A) (b) A continuation

Explanation: In the above stanza, the word 'eternal' refers to the never ending journey of the rain and how it beautifies all the things present on the earth.

(B) intangible

Explanation: Impalpable means unable to be touched. The water rises from the land and bottomless oceans in the form of vapours. These vapours cannot be touched, and also, cannot be comprehended as its state keeps changing but the core remains the same.

Intangible is the synonym of impalpable Hence, it can be replaced by the latter.

(C) The rain informs the poet that it rises towards the sky in the form of water vapour, and then it changes its form. It also says that although its form changes, its core remains the same. This is the meaning of the given phrase.

2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

I descend to lave the droughts, atomies, dust- layers of the globe,
And all that in them without me were seeds only, latent, unborn;
"And forever, by day and night, I give back life to my own origin.
And make pure and beautify it;



(A) The word 'lave' in the given extract can be replaced by:

- (a) wash
- (b) remove
- (c) purify
- (d) fill

(B) Why does the poet draw a parallel between rain and song?

(C) State whether the following is TRUE or FALSE.

The poetic device used in 'day and night' is paradox.

Ans. (A) (a) wash

Explanation: The word 'lave' in the extract means to wash or clear something.

(B) The poet draws a parallel between rain and song to bring out the similarities between pleasures gained from them. Both originate from a source, rise up, reach fulfilment, wander about whether cared about or not and finally return to source of origin with love.

(C) False

Explanation: The poetic device used in 'day and night' is Oxymoron. It is a figure of speech which combines incongruous and apparently contradictory words and meanings for a special effect.