

## 1. Read the given stanza and answer the questions :

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The mighty Himavant is ours-  
there's no equal anywhere on earth.

The generous Ganga is ours-  
which other river can match her grace?

The sacred Upanishads are ours-  
what scriptures else to name with them?

I. Complete the sentence.

The word 'mighty' refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Himavant.

II. Choose the correct option to complete the sentence given below.

The question mark at the end of the fourth and sixth line of the extract is used to \_\_\_\_\_ .

- i. show doubt and uncertainty
- ii. emphasise a point
- iii. highlight confusion and hesitation
- iv. reveal inquiry and curiosity

III. The poet uses the word 'generous' to describe the Ganga. Why?

IV. Why has the movement of the river been described as graceful?

V. Fill in the blank with the correct option from the words given in the brackets.

The poet is implying that the Upanishads are \_\_\_\_\_ (unmatched/abundant) in their wisdom and spiritual depth.

**Ans. :** 1. The word "mighty" refers to the **strength and greatness** of the Himavant.

2. The question mark at the end of the fourth and sixth line of the extract is used to **emphasise a point**.

3. The poet calls the **Ganga** generous because it gives life and benefits to people. Its water supports agriculture, provides drinking water, and is considered sacred. Thus, the river gives a lot to the land and its people.

4. The river's movement is described as graceful because it **flows smoothly and beautifully across the land**, creating a pleasing and calm image in the reader's mind.

5. unmatched

## 2. Answer the following six questions in about 40- 50 words each :

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I. What is the impact of the refrain, 'she's peerless, let's praise her!?' In the poem "Bharat Our Land".

**Ans. :** The refrain "she's peerless, let's praise her!" emphasizes that India is unique and incomparable. By repeating this line, the poet strengthens the feeling of **patriotism and admiration** for the country. It reminds readers again and again of India's greatness, rich heritage, and spiritual traditions. The refrain also creates a



**strong emotional impact**, encouraging people to feel proud of their nation and to appreciate and honour it.

- II. The poet uses imagery (descriptive language to create vivid mental pictures that appeal to the senses). Give any two examples from the poem "Bharat Our Land".

**Ans. :** Two examples of **imagery** from the poem are:

1. **"The mighty Himavant is ours."** – This creates a vivid picture of the huge and powerful Himalayan mountains.
2. **"This sunny golden land is ours."** – This line helps readers imagine a bright, beautiful, and prosperous land.

- III. How does the poem reflect a strong connection to cultural identity and heritage? In the poem "Bharat Our Land".

**Ans. :** The poem reflects a strong connection to cultural identity and heritage by celebrating India's natural beauty, history, and spiritual traditions. It praises the **Himavant**, the sacred **Ganga**, and the wisdom of the **Upanishads**. It also mentions great warriors, sages, and the teachings of **Gautama Buddha**. These references highlight India's rich cultural, spiritual, and historical heritage, creating a sense of pride and deep connection with the nation.

- IV. What can you infer about the poet's attitude towards India from the repeated phrase 'she's peerless, let's praise her!?' In the poem "Bharat Our Land".

**Ans. :** From the repeated phrase **"she's peerless, let's praise her!"**, we can infer that the poet has a **deep sense of pride, admiration, and love for India**. The poet believes that India is unique and incomparable because of its rich culture, history, and spiritual heritage. By repeating this line, the poet strongly expresses a **patriotic attitude** and encourages readers to appreciate and honour the greatness of their country.

- V. What does the line 'many a sage has sanctified this land' suggest about India's spiritual heritage? In the poem "Bharat Our Land".

**Ans. :** The line **"many a sage has sanctified this land"** suggests that India has a rich and ancient spiritual heritage. It means that many wise sages and saints lived, taught, and spread spiritual knowledge in this land. Their teachings, wisdom, and holy lives made the land sacred and respected. This line highlights India's long tradition of spirituality, philosophy, and moral guidance.

- VI. How does the poet connect warriors and music to India's greatness? In the poem "Bharat Our Land".

**Ans. :** The poet connects warriors and music to India's greatness by highlighting both its **bravery and cultural richness**. The mention of **gallant warriors** shows the courage and strength of the people who protected the land. At the same time, the reference to **divine music** reflects India's rich artistic and cultural traditions.



Together, these elements show that India is great not only for its **valour and heroism** but also for its **deep cultural and artistic heritage**.

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