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S.No.	<u>Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow.</u>	Marks
1.	<p>And who art thou? Said I to the soft falling shower, Which strange to tell, gave me an answer, as here Translated: I am the poem of Earth, said the voice of the rain,</p> <p>(a) Who does 'I' refer to in the first and third line of this extract? 'I' in the first line is referred to the poet and 'I' in the third line is the raindrop.</p> <p>(b) What do you understand by the phrase 'strange to tell'? 'Strange to tell' means that it is an unusual and extraordinary answer given by the raindrops to the poet who asked who 'it' was.</p> <p>(c) How has the answer been conveyed to us and what is it? The poet has personified the raindrop and it is answering the poet's question by saying that it is the 'poem of the Earth'.</p>	3
2.	<p>I descend to lave the droughts, Atomies, dust-layers of the globe, And all that in them without me were seeds only, latent, unborn;</p> <p>(a) With what purpose does the rain descend from the sky? The rain drops fall from the sky in order to give life to the dry areas and wash the famine-stricken lands.</p> <p>(b) How does the rain help the seeds? The rain helps the seeds to germinate and grow into a new life.</p> <p>(c) What is latent and unborn and why? The seeds are dormant and unborn because of lack of water which is needed for them to germinate and form a new plant.</p>	3
3.	<p>And forever, by day and night, I give back life to my own origin, And make pure and beautify it.</p> <p>(a) In what manner does the rain help its own origin? The rain helps its own origin by watering the land and quenching the thirst of drought stricken areas.</p> <p>(b) Why has the poet given the life cycle of the song? The poet has compared the life cycle of the raindrops to that of the song saying that they both return to their origin after fulfilling their tasks.</p> <p>(c) What does 'I' do for its origin? It makes the earth pure and beautify it.</p>	3

1.	<p>Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.</p> <p>How is the cyclic movement of rain brought out in the poem?</p> <p>The poet explains that the rain drops in the form of water vapour rise up from land and sea and then descend again on the earth and dry land in order to wash it down and hence comes back to its origin. This is the cyclic movement explained by the poet.</p>	3
2.	<p>Why are the last two lines put within brackets?</p> <p>The last two lines are put within brackets because they do not form the voice of the rain or that of the poet. They only contain a general observation made by the poet about the course of a song.</p>	3
3.	<p>What answer does the rain give to the poet about its origin?</p> <p>The rain answers that it is the poem of the earth. It rises eternally out of the land and bottomless sea into the sky. There its form changes but essence remains the same.</p>	3
4.	<p>'Behind the apparent simplicity, the poem hides a deep meaning'. What exactly does the poem convey to the reader?</p> <p>The poem conveys that like a poem, the rain is also everlasting and has an unbreakable chain of life cycle. It rises from the earth, comes back to it. The song also issues from the heart of the singer, wanders here and there, whether heeded to or not, returns with love to its own origin.</p>	3