

Class 7 (English)

3. Trips to Remember

Sec. 3 A trek through the Himalayas

Summary:-

The poem 'A trek through the Himalayas' describes beautiful experiences of poet Srinjay Chakravarti along with other travellers as they travel along the mighty Himalayas. In this poem, the poet describes his journey from the valleys, hills, and slopes for days together with other travellers through the unexplored routes. The sounds of the waterfalls and mountain wind enthrall them in their journey. As they climb up and up, they could walk along the clouds. The snow-covered summit at far invites them to walk forward. As they travel, their feet become numb but still they don't give up and climb steadily to reach the peak. When they finally reach the summit, they could see the highest point where the earth and sky were beautifully merged and the world that they have left below.

1. Word meanings:-

1. pallid mist- light fog
2. shrouds- coverings
3. grail we seek- a thing we try very hard to achieve
4. glids- covers thinly with gold
5. gelid- extremely cold
6. purged- cleansed of bad thoughts and feelings

2. Tick the most correct statements:-

1. It was a long trek. ✓
2. The poet was climbing alone.
3. The travellers had to cross many mountains.
4. The travellers hoped to follow other climbers.
5. The travellers searched for new paths to the top. ✓
6. The poem describes the climb to the last peak. ✓
7. The aim of the trek was to climb the final peak. ✓
8. The final peak was above the clouds. ✓

3. Answer the following questions:-

Q.1 *"We enter now a world of clouds."*

a. What else did the travellers see, feel and hear before they reached the peak?

Ans. Before they reached the peak, the travellers heard the call of the mountain, wind and waterfall. They also saw mist covering certain parts of the peak.

b. What was the weather like when they entered the 'world of clouds'?

Ans. When they entered the 'world of clouds', the air was cold and their feet were numb.

Q.2 *"At last we reach the final peak."*

a. Describe the weather when the travellers reached the top.

Ans. When the travellers reached the top, the air was clear and much colder than it was at the foot of the peak. Also the area on the peak was completely covered with snow.

b. What did they see and feel?

Ans. They saw that the path to the top of the peak was narrow and steep. The peak was covered in snow. From above, it looked like the sky and the earth had merged. The poet also felt that their souls were cleansed of all bad thoughts and feelings.

Q.3 *"Forgotten lies the world below."*

a. What lay in the world below?

Ans. The valley and the rest of the world that they left behind lay below.

b. Why is the world below forgotten?

Ans. The world below was forgotten because the travellers felt light and free after being cleansed of every bad feeling.
