

English Notes

Class- VI

Based on Course Book

Chapter- 3

Topic – Cypress Street

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A. Read the lines from the poem and answer the questions.

1. I'd need seen so much concrete

a. What is the poet talking about?

Ans- The poet is talking about the big buildings made up of the concrete.

b. Why was there so much concrete?

Ans- There was so much concrete because many a big buildings and pavements were built up with concrete.

2. There used to be a lot of them.

a. What is referred to as lot of them?

Ans- 'lot of them' is referred to the Cypress trees.

b. What happened to them?

Ans- They were cut down for their wood and there were no trace of Cypress trees. They were replaced by big buildings and lampposts.

B. Answer these questions briefly.

1. What was the poet doing?

Ans- The poet was strolling down the Cypress Street.

2. What had taken the place of the trees?

Ans- Many a big buildings and the lampposts had taken the place of the trees.

3. What had happened to the trees?

Ans- The trees had been cut down for their wood and there were no trace of Cypress trees. They were replaced by big buildings and lampposts.

4. What does the poet feel about a treeless street?

Ans- The poet feels that there is no aesthetic beauty in the treeless street and it seems no good just like the treeless neighbourhood.

5. What message does the poet want to convey to the mayor?

Ans- The poet wanted to convey the message to the Mayor that to change the name of the street from Cypress Street to Lamppost Street.

C. Think and answer the questions.

1. What message is the poet trying to convey to us through this poem?

Ans- We possess deforestation by cutting down the trees for their wood as well as replace the forests with big buildings, lampposts, pavements, etc. That is why our resources have been destroyed in massive. So through this poem the poet conveys us message to stop deforestation and get concerned to save our resources which keep the environment evergreen, clean, fresh and give shelter as well.

2. Quote any two lines from the poem to show that the poet is disturbed by this turn of events.

Ans- The two lines to show that the poet is disturbed by this turn of events are as follows:-

- a. 'I took a stroll down Cypress Street
The hot sidewalk beneath my feet.'
- b. 'A treeless street is plum no good!
Just like a treeless neighbourhood.'

HW- Do Life Skills and Values at page no. 42.