

English Notes

Class- VI

Based on Literature

Chapter- 2

Topic – Be the Best

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B. Answer these questions briefly.

1. What is the similarity between the scrub by the side of the rill and the grass by the side of the highway?

Ans- Both The scrub and the grass grow by the side of the rill and highway simultaneously and both make the passer-by happier with their greenery everywhere.

2. What is the difference between muskie and a bass?

Ans- A muskie is a large North American freshwater fish whereas bass is a common type of fish found in both rivers and the sea.

3. The poet has used several contrasting metaphors related to nature, such as a tree versus a bush, to convey the message that we should try to be the best in whatever we do. Pick out the other examples used in the poem.

Ans- The other examples of metaphors that used by the poet in the poem to convey his message are as follows:-

- a. Muskie versus bass**
- b. Captain versus crew**
- c. Highway versus trail**
- d. Sun versus star**

4. Find five pairs of rhyming words in the poem.

Ans- a. Hill and rill

b. Grass and bass

c. Make and lake

d. Here and near

e. Trail and fail

5. Write down the rhyme scheme of the second stanza.

Ans- The rhyme scheme of the second stanza are as follows:-

Ans- a. Grass and bass

b. Make and lake

C. Think and answer the questions.

1. How are the sun and the stars similar yet different?

Ans- The Sun and stars are similar because both are heavenly bodies and sun is also a star.

The sun and the stars are different too because the sun is only one and there are millions of stars in the sky. The sun is larger than any of the stars in the sky. From the Earth the sun is visible at day and stars are visible at night.

2. What does the poet mean when he says, We can't all the captains we've got to be crew?

Ans- The poet meant that we can't all the captains we've got to be crew who work on and operate a ship, boat, aircraft, or spacecraft. He says only the captain alone can't sail the ship but he needs the help of the crew who would perform their task at hand very well.

3. What advice does the poet give us in the last two lines of the poem?

Ans- In the last two lines of the poem the poet advices that one's appearance or status doesn't matter, means these things do not interrupt one to be successful and doesn't become the reason of one's failure. Rather than we ought to be the best of whatever we are.

HW- write the Hard words and their meanings of the poem.