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TUESDAY

ENGLISH

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class - 21

NOTES

1. What does the word 'roads' refer to here?

Ans) In this poem the word 'roads' refers to the different roles that a person has to act during the course of his life. The word also stands for the experiences that make him deserved to be called a 'man'.

2. Do the questions given here demand a specific answer? What do you call such questions?

Ans) No, they don't. Such questions are called rhetorical questions - questions asked only to make a statement or to produce an effect rather than to get an answer.

3. Why does the writer say that the answer is blowing in the wind?

Ans) The answer is all around us. It is known to all.

4. How is the question about the mountain related to the other two questions in the stanza?

Ans) All these three things would take a very long time to take place. [mountain symbolizes the mighty resistance to change - change in traditional ideas.]

5. Who may be the 'people' and 'man' referred to in stanza 2? What is the attitude of the writer towards them?

Ans) people - slaves fighting for freedom.

man - representative of an indifferent and non responding slave.

The writer supports the freedom fighters.

6. Pick out lines from the song that refer to the denial of civil rights.

Ans) 1. How many years can some people exist.
Before they are allowed to be free?

2. How many times must a man look up
Before he can see the sky?

3. How many years must one man have
Before he can hear people cry?

7. What attitude of the people is reflected in the refrain, 'The answer is blowin' in the wind'?

Ans) It shows people's indifference and reluctance.