



Hello students,

Hope you all are keeping well.

Stay at home 🏠 and be safe 🙏.

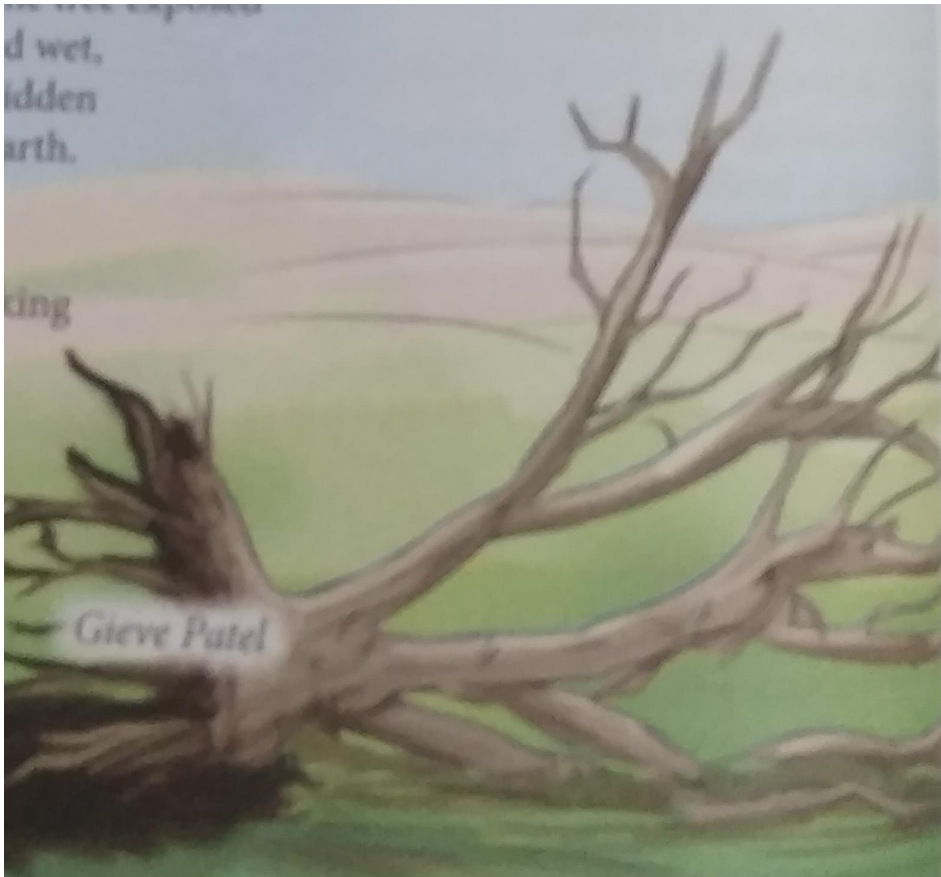
After a break, we are back again to engage you all in studies so that you all can utilise your time efficiently.

Today, we are sending you the next chapter of English Literature, which is a poem-"On Killing A Tree". A video will also be sent to you, so that you can understand the chapter well. Please go through the video carefully.

Write down the exercises and question **answers** in good handwriting in your English copy.

Summary of the poem:-

The poet sensitizes the reader that the tree is also like a human being. It gradually grows. It is rooted in the soil and it takes sunlight, air and water to grow. So just a cut from the knife cannot kill the tree because the part where the tree is cut just gives the sap as the human bleeds when hurt. The wound of the tree will heal with the passage of time and again new leaves and branches will grow there. So if the tree has to be killed permanently then it has to be uprooted from the soil. It just withers and dries up with the action of sun and wind. Then the trunk will become brown, twist and will harden.. Finally the tree will die.



When the 🌲 tree is uprooted 🖐️ from the soil. It finally dies.

Poem

On Killing a Tree

Word Meanings:-

1.Jab:- a quick,sharp blow.

2.Consuming:-here, drawing and absorbing nourishment from the soil.

3.Leprous hide:-discoloured and lumpy skin.

4.Bleeding bark :- the wound caused by the knife.

5.Minature :- tiny.

6.Anchoring earth :- the soil that holds the roots.

7.Earth cave:- the huge hole created in the earth by uprooting the tree.

8.Source:-here,the roots.

Answer these questions.

Q1)How does the tree heal itself?

Ans:-Nature gifts every tree with a healing touch that doesnt allows it to die.The tree heals itself with the passage of time,and the part where the tree is cut gives the SAP and then new leaves and new branches grow from the same part.

Q2)what, according to the speaker,will finally kill the tree?

Ans:-According to the speaker,if the roots of the tree are uprooted from the mother Earth,then the tree gets finally killed.

Q3)What happens when the tree is uprooted?

Ans:-When the tree is uprooted,it withers,dries up by the action of the sun and wind ,and then the trunk gets brown and hardens up.Finally the tree dies.

Q4)How does the speaker portray the pain of the tree?

Ans:-The speaker portrays the pain of the tree when it is cut by a knife,it gives out sap,as the human bleeds when gets a wound.In this way,the tree also feels a pain,when people tries to cut its different parts.

Read these lines and answer the questions.

1. But this alone won't do it.

Not so much pain will do it.

a. What does 'this' refer to here?

Ans:- 'This' here refers to the job of the knife done to cut a tree.

b. Why will it not 'do'?

Ans:- It won't do because just a cut by the knife cannot kill the tree because with the passage of time, it will get healed.

c. What is the attitude of the speaker of these lines as seen in the second line?

Ans:- The speaker here feels really sad for the tree because after so much pain also, the tree doesn't die.

2. It is to be roped, tied,

And pulled out-snapped out

a. What is being 'pulled out' and how?

Ans:- The roots of the tree are being pulled out from the earth. The tree is tied by a rope and pulled out from the surface of the earth.

b.What happens after it is 'pulled out'?

Ans:-After it is pulled out,its root is exposed to the vagaries of weather that eventually causes the death of the tree.

c.Why does it need to be 'pulled out'?

Ans:-If the tree has to be permanently killed,then it is to be pulled out from the mother Earth.