NCERT SOLUTIONS

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Chapter Name : Keeping Quiet

Q1 What will counting upto twelve and keeping still help us achieve?

Answer. There are only 12-hours on the clock to mark hours. The poets idea is to count till the clock strikes 12 o clock so that people remain calm and silent which will help them in attaining a state of peace. In that stillness and calmness they can sit and introspect about their life and nature. Introspection leads to you to great heights and opens new doors to understand yourself.

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Q2 Do you think the poet advocates total inactivity and death?

Answer. The poet wants reader should be aware of the difference between stillness and inactivity. The poet directs people to deeply understand that it is totally inappropriate to indulge in mindless and destructive activity. It is advised to take a pause before walking another mile. A silent mind can be of great boon and one should practise calmness.

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Q3 What is the ‘sadness’ that the poet refers to in the poem?

Answer. Sadness is the condition when one is unhappy and sorrowful. There is an impact on soul which dampens the hope that is because of humans own thinking and action. A human being creator of technology still sometimes he fails to understand his inner being. His Hurry for creating a better life has caused various troubles for nature and himself.

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Q4 What symbol from Nature does the poet invokes to say that there can be life under apparent stillness?

Answer. The poet says there is stark difference between stillness and inactivity. The poet says that mother nature is a teacher. They can survive under stillness. The poet states earth as a living example in support of his statement. Winter is the season of sleep and inactive but still

underneath things are happening and in spring, followed by winter, everything comes back to life.

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