NCERT SOLUTIONS

CLASS - 12th



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Subject : English
Chapter : 5
Chapter Name : A Road Stand

Q1 The city folk who drove through the countryside hardly paid any heed to the roadside stand or to the people who ran it. If at all they did, it was to complain. Which lines bring this out? What was their complaint about?

Answer. “The polished traffic passed with a mind ahead
Or if ever aside a moment, then out of sorts”
These lines bring out the sentences mentioned in the question. The complaint was about the wrongly indicated north-south signs.

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Q2 What was the plea of the folk who had put up the roadside stand?

Answer. The plea of the was to buy berries which he was selling, as it was the only source to earn his livelihood.

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Q3 The government and other social service agencies appear to help the poor rural people but actually, do them no good. Pick out the words and phrases that the poet uses to show their double standards ?

Answer. 1) Greedy good doers

2) beneficent beasts of prey

These statements depict the double standard.

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Q4 What is the ‘childish longing’ that the poet refers? Why is it in ‘vain’?

Answer. Looking at the window for the sound at every car stopping by stand owner had a childish longing according to the poet.
It is in vain because , most of the cars stopped by to ask about the gas station or the price of berries but never bought any of them.

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Q5 Which lines tell us about the insufferable pain that the poet feels at the thought of the plight of the rural people?

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Answer. “I wonder how I should like you to come to me
And offer to put me gently out of my pain.”
These are the lines depicts poets inner feeling.

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