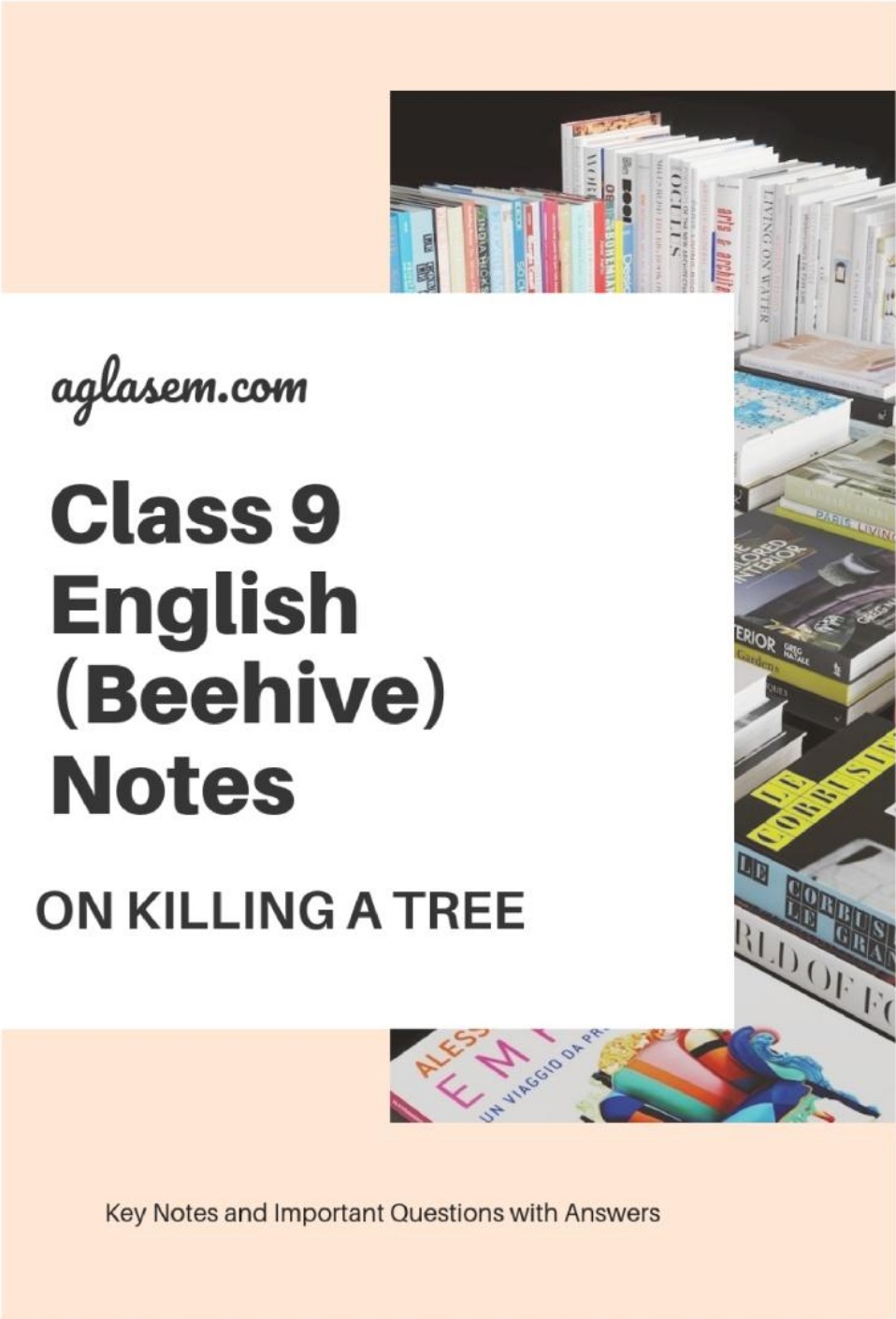




Class 9 English (Beehive) Notes

Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

8. On Killing a Tree

-Gieve Patel

- Poet Says that to kill a tree, it is not sufficient to cut it, because then it will grow again.
- To kill it, a tree should be pulled out from the earth, expose the roots.
- Let it dry and wither in air and sun.
- Then it will die.
- Negatively trying to ask readers to save trees.

COMPREHENSION STANZAS

1. It takes much time to kill a tree,
Not a simple Jab of the knife
Will do it, it has gown
Slowly consuming the earth.
Years of sunlight, air, water.
 - a) Is it possible to kill a tree with a simple Jab of the Knife?
 - b) Why does it take much time to kill a tree?
 - c) How does a tree grow out of the earth?
 - d) Which word in the extract means the same as 'sudden rough blow'?
2. So hack and chop.
But this alone won't do it.
Not so much pain will do it.
The bleeding bark will heal.
And from close to the ground
Will rise curled green twigs
 - a) What alone will not kill the trees?
 - b) Which parts of the tree help it to revive even after cutting?
 - c) Explain the Irony used in these lines.
 - d) Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'bent'.
3. No, the root is to be pulled out.
Out of the anchoring earth.
It is to be roped, tied.
And pulled out, snapped out.
 - a) Why has the poet used 'No' the beginning of this stanza?
 - b) What will happen if the root is pulled out?
 - c) Why does the poet called the earth as 'anchoring earth'?
 - d) Write a similar meaning used as chopped out from this stanza.