

Comprehension Grade VII

Read the poem given below and answer the question:

THE VAGABOND

Give to me the life I love.  
Let the love go by me.  
Give the jolly heaven above  
And the byway nigh me.  
Bed in the hush with stars to see.  
Bread I dip in the river –  
There's the life is a man like me.  
There's the life for ever.

Let the blow fall soon or late.  
Let what will be o'er me:  
Give the face of earth around  
And the road before me.  
Wealth I seek not, hope nor love.  
Nor a friend to know me;  
All I seek, the heaven above  
And the road below me.

Or let autumn fall on me  
Where afield I linger.  
Silencing the bird on tree.  
Biting the blue finger.  
White as meal the frosty field  
Warm the fireside haven –  
Not to autumn will I yield.  
Not to winter even!

Let the blow fall soon or late,  
Let what will be o'er me:  
Give the face of earth around,  
And the road before me.  
Wealth I ask not, hope nor love.  
Nor a friend to know me:  
All I ask. the heaven above  
And the road below me.

1. Choose the most appropriate option:

(i) The mood of the poet is tinged with

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| a. Nostalgia   | c. Regret |
| b. Contentment | d. Revolt |

(ii) What does the vagabond not wish for?

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| a. Wealth   | c. Friend         |
| b. Solitude | d. Both a. and c. |

(iii) Which of the following is not true?

- a. The narrator desires a life that is free from worldly good.
- b. He cares not that he will be without his friends.
- c. He is awaiting his death.
- d. He is well prepared for his death.

2. What attitude does the poet have towards the harsh weather?

3. What kind of a life does the vagabond wish to live?

4. Mention the poetic device and its significance in the following lines:

**Let the blow fall soon or late,**

**Let what will be o'er me;**

5. If you are given the choice of the life of the vagabond, would you accept it?