

Class 9th Subject – English

Beehive chapter – 6

Poetry – No men are foreign

Thinking about the Poem

1. (a) The poet is speaking about ‘uniforms’ of different colours, castes, creeds, religions and nationalities of the people.
(b) The poet says that though people of different nationalities look different from outside, but we all are human beings. We have the same body, same needs, we use same resources.
2. In following ways, we all are alike in stanza 1
 - (a) No men are strange.
 - (b) No countries are foreign
 - (c) A single body breathes beneath all uniforms.
 - (d) The land is same everywhere.
 - (e) The land where we all shall lie, is also the same.
3. Following common features can be found in stanza 2
 - (i) They, too, are aware of sun, air and water.
 - (ii) They, too, are fed by peaceful harvests.
 - (iii) Their hands are like ours.
 - (iv) In their lines we read.
 - (v) A labour not different from our own.

4. The perpetrators of wars, who have selfish motives to conquer and subjugate (conquer) others, incite 'brothers' to hate each other. They are the ones, who tell us to prepare for wars.

No, we should not do things their way. Other countrymen are like us only. So, the poet is true in his saying that no men are strange and no country is foreign.