

Unit 2: Poem – Geography Lesson

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Question 1

Find three or four phrases in stanzas one and two which are likely to occur in a geography lesson.

Solution

Some of the three or four phrases which are likely to occur in a geography lesson are listed below:

1. “the city had developed the way it had”
 2. “it scaled six inches to the mile”
 3. “the country had cities where the rivers ran”
 4. “the valleys were populated”
 5. “land and water attracted man”
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Question 2

Seen from the window of an aeroplane, the city appears

(i) as haphazard as on ground.

(ii) as neat as a map.

(iii) as developed as necessary.

Mark the right answer.

Solution

(iii) as developed as necessary.

Question 3

Which of the following statements are examples of “the logic of geography”?

(v) The earth is round, and it has more sea than land.

A.

There are cities where there are rivers.

B.

Cities appear as they are not from six miles above the ground.

C.

It is easy to understand why valleys are populated.

D.

It is difficult to understand why humans hate and kill one another.

Solution

Statements (i), (iii) and (v) are examples of the “logic of geography”.

Question 4

Mention two things that are

(i) clear from the height.

(ii) not clear from the height.

Solution

1. From the height, it is clear that the cities and valleys of the various countries are populated near the rivers. Besides, it also implies that the earth is round and that it has more sea than land.
2. From the height, it is difficult to understand why the men on the earth find reasons to hate each other and build walls across cities and want to kill. This implies that Nature does not restrict itself in boundaries, but human beings are always trying hard to divide the beautiful planet by building walls among themselves.

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