

NCERT Solutions for Class 7 English (Poorvi)

Unit 5- Brave Hearts: Chapter 14- My Dear Soldiers

Let us discuss

I Complete the summary with an exact word from the poem. An example has been done for you. Share your answers with your classmates and the teacher.

The poem is a tribute to the soldiers of the 1. land who defend the 2. __ of their country. It highlights their untiring commitment and sacrifices as they guard the nation. The soldiers remain vigilant and dedicated, whether it's windy, snowy, or

3. _____ hot. They walk on 4. _____ stretches of land like the yogis. Their duty takes them to different terrains, including mountains, valleys, 5. __, and marshes.

The poet acknowledges that they have given a major part of their

6. _____ to protect the nation. The poet says the wind

chimes show their respect to the soldiers' 7. _____. The poet

concludes with prayers for their well-being and blessings. Ans. 1. land who defend

2. borders

3. scorching

4. lonely

5. deserts

6. youth

7. feat

II Select the correct option for the following questions.

1. The theme of the poem is ____.

III patriotism and sacrifice

IV heroism and awareness

V nature and hardship

VI seasons and terrains

Ans. (i) patriotism and sacrifice

1. The tone of the poem is ____.

(i) admiring (ii) sad (iii) respectful

(iv) grateful (v) prayerful

A. Only (v) B. (i) and (iii)

C. (ii), (iii) and (v) D. (i), (iii), (iv) and (v) Ans. D. (i), (iii), (iv) and (v)

VII Complete the following sentences by explaining why the poet has used the following poetic devices.

1. Imagery because _____.

2. Simile because the soldiers are likened to _____.

3. Metaphor because the poet uses wind chimes _____.

4. Repetition of the words 'you' and 'we' because _____.

5. Alliteration such as 'season or snowy' and _____

to create _____. Ans.

1. the poet paints vivid pictures of the soldiers' hardships and dedication through descriptive language.

2. yogis, emphasising their discipline and endurance.

3. as a symbol of the nation's gratitude and recognition of the soldiers' achievements.

4. it emphasises the contrast between the soldiers' sacrifices and the civilians' peaceful lives.

5. a rhythmic effect and emphasise the harsh conditions faced by the soldiers.

Let us think and reflect

I Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. When we are all asleep

You still hold on to your deed Windy season or snowy days

Or scorching sun's sweltering rays

You are there guarding all the time awake Treading the lonely expanses as yogis

1. Identify a set of opposite words from the extract. Ans. asleep and awake

2. Complete the sentence appropriately.

The phrase 'still hold on to your deed' refers to the soldier's attitude

of _____.

Ans. unwavering duty and perseverance

3. Identify whether the following statement is true or false. The soldiers walk across the deserted stretches of land. Ans. True

4. Give evidence from the extract to show that soldiers face harsh weather conditions.

Ans. "Windy season or snowy days.

Or scorching sun's sweltering rays". These lines give evidence that soldiers face harsh weather conditions.

5. Which quality of the soldiers is highlighted in this extract?

(i) modesty (ii) optimism (iii) simplicity (iv) dedication Ans. (iv) dedication

II Answer the following questions.

1. Who is the speaker of this poem? How can you say so?

Ans. The speaker of the poem is A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. I can say so because his name is mentioned at the end of the poem.

2. How is the theme of the poem conveyed through imagery? Support your answer with examples from the poem.

Ans. The theme is conveyed through vivid imagery, such as:

“Windy season or snowy days” (harsh weather).

“Treading the lonely expanses as yogis” (solitude and discipline). “Climbing the heights or striding the valleys” (diverse terrains).

How does the poet highlight the commitment of the soldiers? Provide

examples from the poem to support your answer.

Ans. The poet highlights commitment through examples like:

“You still hold on to your deed” (perseverance).

“You are there guarding all the time awake” (constant vigilance).

“Prime of your youth given to the nation” (sacrifice of their best years).

3. What is the significance of the line ‘Prime of your youth given to the nation!!’ with reference to sacrifice and service?

Ans. The line signifies the ultimate sacrifice of soldiers, when they are young, dedicating their strongest and most productive years to protect the nation.

4. The poem ends with a prayer for the soldiers’ well-being and blessings. Why is it important for each one of us to pray for the wellbeing of soldiers?

Ans. The line signifies the ultimate sacrifice of soldiers, when they are young, dedicating their strongest and most productive years to protect the nation.