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CLASS – IV

ANSWER: WORKSHEET – 01

DATE: 02.07.2020

SUBJECT – ENGLISH TEXT

POEM – TWELVE O'CLOCK

Answer the following questions:-

1. Explain the first four lines of the poem 'Twelve o' clock':

Mother, I do want to leave off my lessons now.
I have been at my book all the morning.
You say, it is only twelve o'clock. Suppose it isn't any later;
can't you ever think it is afternoon when it is only twelve o'clock?

Ans: The poem 'Twelve o' clock' is written by Rabindranath Tagore. The poet tells his mother that he wants to stop his studies. He has been with his books since morning. He is tired of sitting with them for such long hours. However, his mother tells him that it is only twelve o'clock noon and he should study more. But he wishes that at twelve noon he could leave his lessons.

2. What does the poet imagine and think about when he shuts his eyes?

Ans: The poet is talking about evening and tells us how he can imagine the day turning into night. He imagines how the sun has reached the edge of the rice field. The old fisher woman is gathering herbs for her supper by the side of the pond. When he shuts his eyes he thinks how the shadows are getting darker under the madar tree. The water in the pond looks shiny black in the moonlight.

3. What question does the poet present at the end of the poem? Why?

Ans: The poet asks that if twelve o'clock can come in the night, why can't the night come when it is twelve o'clock. He says this as he is very tired of sitting with the books. He has been studying since morning. He wants to leave off his lessons. He is so upset to sit with the books for long hours and he wishes that his mother would tell him to keep his books aside.

4. Write the summary of the poem "Twelve o'clock".

Ans: The poem "Twelve o'clock" is written by Rabindranath Tagore. The poet tells his mother that he wants to stop his studies as he has been studying since morning. He imagines the day turning into night. He says the sun has set and the old fisher woman is gathering herbs for her supper by the side of the pond. He thinks that the shadows are getting darker under the madar tree and the water in the pond looks shiny black. He puts a question in the end that if twelve o'clock can come in the night, why can't the night come when it is twelve o'clock.