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Subject - English Literature

Chapter - II Poem 'Have You

Earned Your Tomorrow

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Good morning students

Today we are going to continue with the poem 'Have You Earned Your Tomorrow?'

In our last lesson we have completed first two stanzas of the poem. In first two stanza we have learnt that how we should spend our life.

According to the poet instead of busy in collecting the materialistic things in our life we should also think about our soul contentment by doing good deeds and greeting others. Now we are going to start with the stanza number-3 of the poem.

Stanza - 3

Can you say tonight - - - - -
- - - - -

- - - - - with courage look
ahead?

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Explanation -

- In this stanza the poet tells as the days of one's life are slipping fast, it becomes important to evaluate one's life. Only when we introspect, do we realise our follies. Even if we help a single brother, that is, a single person out of ~~army~~ in need, we lead our lives the right way. By saying 'Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?' The poet means even if a single heart is filled with joy due to our deeds or actions, it is a precious act of kindness. If one can fill courage in heart of a person whose hopes were fading, ~~one~~ it means one has lived ~~to~~ one day correctly.

Stanza 4

Did you waste the day - - -

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--- the work you did today!

Explanation

- In this stanza the poet says that what determines whether a day was fully lived or not is what a person leaves behind each day. The kind of impression a person leaves on other through one's gesture decides whether it was a day wasted or well-spent. Only those who leave a trail of kindness are remembered with admiration. So the poem concludes that life is lived in true sense only when it is lived for others. A self centred person only wastes away his days.

Alright students we have done with the poem. Now you all need to revise the content carefully.

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