

QUESTION BANK

Count That Day Lost

A. Answer in brief.

What message does the poem *Count That Day Lost* convey?

Ans: We should spend each day doing selfless acts to make people around us happy. This brings meaning to our life. This not only makes our lives better but also helps others feel better.

B. Answer in detail.

Write the summary of the poem *Count That Day Lost*.

Ans: The poem *Count That Day Lost* asks us to decide whether our day has been wisely spent or completely wasted. If we recount the activities of the day, and find that we have done at least one good and unselfish deed, or made a day of another person better, then we can say that we have managed to spend that day well. The poem emphasises the importance of these good deeds in the second verse. It says that we might have done many things during that day, but if we have not done at least one good deed for another person, then that day is considered 'worse than lost'.

C. Choose the correct answer.

What will *one self-denying deed* achieve?

- a. You will achieve all other deeds for the day easily.
- b. You will lose time and miss out on doing useful work.
- c. You will have made another person happy.

Ans: c

D. Read the lines and answer the questions.

You've nothing done that you can trace

That brought the sunshine to one face

- a. Why does the poet use the word *sunshine* in these lines?
- b. Does sunshine have a positive or negative connotation here?
- c. What is the meaning of the lines? What is the figure of speech used?

Ans: a. The poet uses the word "sunshine" to show how if you give someone a kind look it can make that person feel happy.

- b. The word *sunshine* has a positive connotation and your glance can make someone feel warm, good and happy.
- c. Just like sunshine, a warm day brings warmth and light into someone's day. A metaphor is used here.

E. Answer in detail. (Think and answer)

Justify the title of the poem *Count That Day Lost*.

Suggested answer: The poet tells us not waste our days, and make sure that we do good things to make other people happy. He states that if we had the opportunity to do good things and if we had missed those opportunities, then we have to count that day worse than lost. The poem contrasts the day well spent with the day worse than lost. The title strongly emphasises this contrast to deliver the message that we should not miss an opportunity to do good deeds.