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A. Answer the following questions.

Ans 1. The speaker believes in the immediacy of the present moment of life and thus living the present moment in a worthy manner by doing the needful things.

Ans 2. Enjoyment should not be the goal since time is passing away and it is the actions which give meanings to our lives. How we act today shapes our future.

Ans 3. The lives of great men illustrate how we can make our life noble and awe-inspiring through our works and leave behind an example to be followed by the next generation.

Ans 4. The expression sands of time directly refer to an hourglass where the sand trickles away to mark the passage of time. Thus, this expression means that time is passing away.

Ans 5. The poem is about celebrating the possibilities of life and working towards making life worthwhile by constantly passing away. Therefore, feels one should not remain passive but do something meaningful such that others can follow his/her actions. It is about celebrating the present and making full use of it.

Ans 6. The rhyming words in the poem are- Number-slumber, dream-seem, earnest-returnest, goal-soul, sorrow-morrow, way-day, fleeting-beating, etc.

B. Answer the following questions with reference to context.

Ans 1. (a) The verse is addressed to the psalmist.

(b) Life is not a dream since a soul which sleeps is nothing, but a dead thing and it is only to such a soul a life appears to be a dream, Instead, the speaker insists that life is real and full of possibilities.

(c) A soul should not sleep since things are not as they appear but have more meaning in them. A sleeping soul which is passive cannot decipher the meaning of life. It needs to be active to do so.

Ans 2. (a) The speaker is the poet himself.

(b) In this context, 'footprints' means marks or examples left by individual persons through their deeds.

(c) The footprints can help another shipwrecked lonely and sad person who is struggling with his life. He can seek inspiration from the footprints and turn his life into a meaningful one.

Ans 3. (a) The speaker of these lines is the poet himself.

(b) The speaker advises us to keep strong and in the face of all odds to achieve what we have set out to do.

(c) One should keep chasing her dreams since the relentless fight and determination not to give up, In course of time, bears fruits make possible for the dream to come true.