

WELLAND GOULDSMITH SCHOOL
CLASS – V SUBJECT – ENGLISH LITERATURE CHAPTER
– PROSERPINE AND PLUTO (ANSWER KEY)

I. Fill in the Blanks :

- a. Violets, daisies
- b. Jupiter
- c. Immortals, Jupiter
- d. Ceres
- e. Heaven, Earth

II. Give one word answers :

- a. Desperation
- b. Unaware
- c. Nymph
- d. Desert
- e. Spring

III. Complete the following sentences :

- a. if one ate anything in the land of Pluto, one could never leave.
- b. on her knees and cried out for help to Jupiter.
- c. the golden corn and fills the granaries for man to eat.
- d. matter, he sent for his youngest son, Mercury, God of Flight.
- e. desperately wanting to get back to the earth to her beloved mother.

IV. Make Sentences :

refused – My parents refused to buy me a mobile.
messenger - Ashoka sent his messenger to inform the people about the battle.
dark and handsome - Obama is a tall dark and handsome leader.
quick as lightning - Black Beauty galloped as quick as lightning.
wanting to get back - I was wanting to return home before the lockdown started.

V. Reference to Context:

- a. Ceres was looking for Proserpine as she was her daughter and both loved each other and enjoyed being together but now she could not find her daughter anywhere.
- b. The problems brought upon the earth due to the sadness of the Speaker (Ceres), not a blade of grass grew, nor any corn, nor any fruits or flowers as she made a desert at every step.
- c. The speaker (Ceres) asked Jupiter for help.
- d. Mercury struck a bargain between himself and Pluto. As Proserpine had eaten four seeds of the pomegranate fruit so Mercury told Pluto if he married Proserpine then she would live with him for four months of the year and the rest of the year she would return to her mother and Pluto agreed. This was how Proserpine was reunited with her mother.

VI. Do these exercises from the back of the chapter:

- a. From page 9 do – Exercise 1 B
 1. beautiful - graceful, dazzling, cute
 2. loved - adored, beloved, cherished
 3. sorrow - regret, agony, pain
 4. cried - grief, mourn, weep, sob,
 5. resides - occupy, consist, nest, settled

- a. Exercise 1 D.
 1. Rahul kicked the ball and it vanished into thin air.
 2. Football / Cricket is a game that is played in every corner of the earth.
 3. My father hoped to strike a bargain when he went to buy a car.
 4. When the world goes through winter the earth becomes barren and nothing grows.

- b. From page 10 do – Exercise 3
 1. Ceres would spend the day by being busy seeing to the crops across the earth while Proserpine amused herself by playing with her nymph companions.
 2. Her companions did not know what had happened because when they saw her not anywhere, they thought that she had gone home.
 3. In the story Ceres is described with a flaming torch in hand, eyes streaming with tears, the sorrowing mother seeking her daughter throughout the earth. We feel sorry for her because she is a mother who loved her daughter very much and loved being together.
 4. The two instances which tell us that Pluto loved his wife Proserpine dearly were:
 - a. When Mercury came into Pluto's royal chamber, he found Pluto seated on his throne, lovingly feeding the weak and hungry Proserpine seeds of the pomegranate fruit.
 - b. Pluto agreed to the bargain made by Mercury about if he married Proserpine then she would live with him for four months of the year and the rest of the year she would return to her mother.
 5. The season described in the story which appeals to me most is Spring because at that time, everywhere, we see fresh green leaves, buds covering every tree, grass growing and covering the earth like a green carpet, the sun shining down brightly and birds chirping on every tree.

- c. Exercise 4 .
 1. Pluto said these words. He was the dark and handsome God of the underworld.
 2. Here, here is Proserpine and she was the beautiful daughter of Ceres who had blue eyes and golden hair.
 3. The two reasons why Pluto kidnapped Proserpine was first he fell in love with her the moment he saw her, secondly, he wanted Proserpine to be his wife and queen of the underworld. Proserpine was plucking flower by the lake to make garlands when Pluto set his eyes upon her.
 4. After Pluto saying these words, he immediately drove his chariot close to her, scooped her into his arms, threw the startled girl on the seat of his chariot and hurled it down into the darkest depths of the underworld taking his loving Proserpine with him.
 5. The nymphs did not look for her as Proserpine had run away to the other side of the lake leaving them far behind, so when they did not see her anywhere, they thought she had gone back home.