

CLASS- 7
ENGLISH LITERATURE
TOPIC- “ FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND ”

ANSWERS

1. Meanings

- a) Impression left by foot
- b) Sandy shore of sea
- c) brief or sudden light
- d) causing trouble, annoying
- e) displayed sheet with announcement.
- f) difficult times of sorrow and sadness
- e) difficult times in a person's life which one has to overcome.

2. Explanation:

- a) " One night..... with my Lord. "

These lines are taken from the poem- " Footprints in the Sand ". Here the poet is saying that- one night the poem dreamt that she was walking with the Lord, our creator along the beach.

- b) " This really troubled me, all the way. "

These lines are taken from the poem - " Footprints in the Sand ". Here the poet is saying that, one thing really troubled her during her troubled times in life she could not find the Lord with her, when once the Lord had promised her to be with her during the saddest and troublesome times of her life.

3. Answer the questions on page 20 No. 1A - (i to viii) :

- i) along the beach
- ii) with the Lord
- iii) night
- iv) yes
- v) Footprints
- vi) The author and the Lord
- vii) During the saddest and most troublesome time only one set of footprints.
- viii) Why the Lord left her alone in times of trouble.

4. Answer the questions on page 20 No. 2 - (i) to (v)

i) The author is speaking to the Lord.

"Footprints in the Sand".

"Always trust the Lord".

ii) During her troubled time, when she needed the lord the most, she noticed only one set of footprints, she thought that she was left alone.

iii) My precious child, I bore you and will never leave you.

iv) Never leave you during your troubles and testing times.

v) Lord carried her during her testing times, so only one set of footprints were there.

5. The message/ moral is - The Lord is always with us, He never leaves us alone.

6. Summary of the Poem: " Footprints in the Sand. "

One night the author dreamt that the Lord was walking with her in the beach and there are two sets of footprints in the sand. Suddenly she notices only one set of footprints so she tells the lord that during the saddest and trouble sometimes in her life the lord was not with her but the lord replies that He never left her alone. In fact during the troubles and testing times the Lord carried her and hence only one set of footprints is of the Lord.

Learn and write all the questions and answers neatly and clearly in your exercise book.
