

# Text Book Exercise

**Answer the following questions.**

**Ans.** Please see (1 to 4) questions in *(Text & Additional Questions Answers)* Exercise, at the start.

**5. Rewrite the poem in past tense.**

**Ans: Poem in Past Tense**

He was quick, thinking in clear images; I was slow, thinking in broken images. He became dull, trusting to his clear images; I became sharp, mistrusting my broken images. Trusting his images, he assumed their relevance. Mistrusting my images, I questioned their relevance. Assuming their relevance, he assumes the fact; Questioning their relevance, I questioned the fact. When the fact failed him, he questioned his senses; when the fact failed me, approved my senses. He continued quick and dull in his clear images; I continued slow and sharp in my broken images. He in a new confusion of his understanding; I in a new understanding of my confusion.

**6. Paraphrase the first four lines of the poem in your own words.**

**Ans:** The poem shows that we cannot spend our lives on the basis of false notions. We should not take things for granted. Inquiry into the nature of things paves the way to accept realities of life. The poet wants to differentiate between rational and conventional thinking pattern of a man.

**7. What conclusion does the poet draw in the last two lines of the poem? Write in detail.**

**Ans.** The poet draws the conclusion in the last two lines of the poem that the person who blindly believes in his clear images learns nothing. It is because he is not ready to learn anything new. And the person who has broken images learns new facts by mistrusting in his abilities. It is because he is ready to learn and accept new facts.

