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Course Name	-	English Literature
Session No. & Name	-	A Rain of Rites (1 st Session)

Academic Day starts with –

- Greeting with saying ‘**Namaste**’ by joining Hands together following by 2-3 Minutes Happy session, Celebrating birthday of any student of respective class and **National Anthem**.

Lecture Starts with- Review of previous Session-

- Topic to be discussed today- Today We will discuss about ...
Auxiliary Verbs.....
- Lesson deliverance (ICT, Diagrams & Live Example)-
- PPT (10 Slides)
- Diagrams

Introduction & Brief Discussion About The Topic

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- University Library Reference-
- Journal

Online Reference if Any. ...

1. <https://assignment.ignouservice.in>

2. <https://brainly.in>

- Suggestions to secure good marks to answer in exam-
- Explain answer with key point answers
- Questions to check understanding level of students-
- Small Discussion About Next Topic-
- Academic Day ends with-
National song' Vande Mataram

A Rain of Rites

Sometimes a rain comes
slowly across the sky, that turns
upon its grey cloud, breaking away into light
before it reaches its objective.

The rain I have known and traded all this life
is thrown like kelp on the beach.

Like some shape of conscience I cannot look at,
a malignant purpose is a nun's eye.

Who was the last man on earth,
to whom the cold cloud brought the blood to his face? [?]

Numbly I climb to the mountain-tops of ours
where my own soul quivers on the edge of answers.

Introduction :-

This poem “ Rain of Rites” is written by Jayant Mahapatra. This poem gives two meanings. First one is literary meaning and other one is meaning of sense. What does this poem mean to say, that is the deep meaning of this poem..

In this poem, the writer says that, sometimes rain comes slowly through the sky and later it turns into a black cloud. It turns the grey cloud into the black. Then, later on it comes down into the form of lightening. Before reaching to the earth, it turns into light or cloud but does not reach to its objective. Its objective is to rain rather before reaching to the earth it turns into the lightening. In other sense, the poet is saying that before the purification of human, devastating come. And, divinity reaches late . Before the purification or divine, the past experiences of the poet reaches which are painful. Or, we can also say that, these past experiences which are full of pain can purify the soul of the writer.

Such kind of rain, I have experienced throughout my life. It is more like a trade which I have got by the experiences. And these all past experiences are in vain. Because, these are waste like the kelp in the sea. Here, Kelp is the sea weeds or grass which is of no use. And, same is with the past experiences of poet which are of no use. These experiences are like the conscience which the poet cannot judge what is wrong or right. But sometimes, right can be seemed as wrong. Because, sometimes even the nun’s eyes can be impure who are considered as pure or pious lady.

Further, the poet says that person who was the last man who was the pure human kind. And, if his innocence is taken away , his face will be red like blood in anger. And, he will be numb like on the mountain . With the questions of my

own , my soul will tremble. And, I ll be like a numb person on the top of the mountain. From such kind of self questions, I will be numb and my soul will tremble. If, I ll be questioning to myself related with the innocence of the person who are no more available on this earth. Because, now a days, only experiences exist not innocence.

There are only twelve lines in the poem. Each stanza has four lines.

This poem focuses on the purifications of human body and mind. But, before the purification , human experiences reaches its objectives. It is just like the rain which should come direct to the earth but instead it changes into the cloud or lightening rather than rain. So, human experiences humans face earlier than the purification. Human experiences are the hindrance which come before the purification of the mind. These experiences are the negativity of humans which don't let the positivity come to the humans. Because, negativity comes before the positivity.

Further, poet says that by these experiences he has not gained or traded anything. They are like the Kelp in the sea which are useless. Which don't have any positivity. So, these past experiences are like the kelp in the sea. And, theses are useless . Some of the experiences are like shapeless for humans because he can not look into the conscience that what is wrong or what is right. It seems that these experiences are like conscience which the poet can not see. Because, some times right can also be seen as wrong . It is same like the nun's eye which are pious but sometimes these eyes are having negativity too.

In the last , the poet says that , it is like the last person on this earth who has innocence. But, if his innocence is taken away , his face will be blood like red because of the anger. Next, by standing on the mountain , he is feeling numb and question to himself and by giving the answers to himself , his soul will tremble

Literary Device:-

So, in this poem, there is the use of metaphor and similes. Like 'kelp ' is simile and sky, lightening are imaginations of the poet. There is no rhyming scheme so it is written in free verse.

Conclusion:-

In last, the poet concludes the poem by his own questions and answers and for that his soul is trembling.