NCERT Solutions for Class 11 English Hornbill Poem 4 Childhood

Question 1.
Identify the stanza that talks of each of the following : individuality ; rationalism; hypocrisy
Answer:

- Stanza 1 — rationalism
- Stanza 2 — hypocrisy
- Stanza 3 — individuality

Question 2.
What according to the poem is involved in the process of growing up ?
Answer:
The process of growing up involves understanding oneself, other adults and the application of one's mind rationally. One ceases to be a carefree child and starts judging people and situations.

Question 3.
What is the poet's feeling towards childhood ?
Answer:
The poet is all praise for childhood because one is free from tension and worries and free from wricked ways of the world of grown-ups. As one grows in years, one starts thinking independently and questioning what others say. Childhood is the stage of innocence.

Question 4.
Which, do you think are the most poetic lines ? Why ?
Answer:
Was it the time I realized that Hell and Heaven
could not be found in Geography.
Childhood is 'hidden in an infant's face'.

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