

## Chapter 2.4: The Pulley

### WARMING UP [PAGES 69 - 70]

#### Warming Up | Q 1 | Page 69

Go through the following images and try to link them with our lives. For example, Storm - Hardships that we face in our life.

		Sorrowful moments
		Determination
		Strength
		Life
		Honour
		Hope
		Wisdom

		Beauty
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**SOLUTION**

		Wisdom
		Determination
		life
		Sorrowful moments
		beauty
		strength

	honour
	hope

### Warming Up | Q 2.1 | Page 70

**You may have often indulged in talking to yourself audibly.**

For example,

- “Oh, dear! Why didn't I get up sooner?”
- “Let me finish this quickly and then I'll be free”.
- “How silly of me! Why didn't I think of it before?”

Such expressions are called Dramatic Monologues.

**Imagine and write Monologues suitable in the following situation.**

It's your birthday next week.

#### **SOLUTION**

I wonder what presents I'll get. I hope dad gets me the bicycle he promised!

### Warming Up | Q 2.2 | Page 70

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**Imagine and write Monologues suitable in the following situation.**

You have been waiting long in the city of bus-stop.

#### **SOLUTION**

Oh, bother! Now I shall be late for school again.

### Warming Up | Q 2.3 | Page 70

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**Imagine and write Monologues suitable in the following situation.**

Your final exam results are to be declared tomorrow.

**SOLUTION**

I wish it were tomorrow!

**Warming Up | Q 2.4 | Page 70**

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**Imagine and write Monologues suitable in the following situation.**

Your mother has been chatting for very long on the telephone.

**SOLUTION**

This conversation could go on for ages! When will I get a chance to call?

**Warming Up | Q 3 | Page 70**

**'The Pulley' is a mechanical device.**

Try and write down places where it can be used, and for what purpose.

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**SOLUTION**

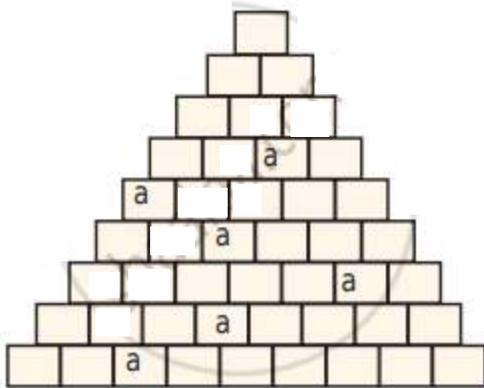
To draw water out of a well

- In elevators
- In exercise machines
- In theatres to open curtains
- To lift up heavy objects at construction sites

**ENGLISH WORKSHOP [PAGES 72 - 75]**

**English Workshop | Q 1 | Page 72**

**With the help of the clues, pick out words containing the letter 'a' from the poem, and build a word-pyramid.**



- (a) an article
- (b) a preposition
- (c) the past tense of 'lie'
- (d) the maximum length of your open palm
- (e) make much of
- (f) loveliness
- (g) in place of
- (h) a collection of priceless valuables
- (i) restlessness and discontent

**SOLUTION**

A  
 At  
 Lay  
 Span  
 Adore  
 Beauty  
 Instead  
 Treasure  
 Weariness

**English Workshop | Q 2.1 | Page 72**

**Choose the correct alternative from the following.**

Herbert's poem 'The Pulley' displays \_\_\_\_\_ as the two main themes.

1. **Origin of Morality/Spirituality**
2. Origin of species
3. Origin of the universe/galaxy
4. Origin of the earth/space

**SOLUTION**

Herbert's poem 'The Pulley' displays the **Origin of Morality/Spirituality** as the two main themes.

### English Workshop | Q 2.2 | Page 72

Choose the correct alternative from the following.

The theme of the poem 'The Pulley' is \_\_\_\_\_.

(Find two correct statements from the given alternatives.)

- (i) to focus on the mechanical operation of a pulley.
- (ii) to teach a lesson to a creation (man) by the Creator (God)
- (iii) to know the different gifts bestowed on man by God.
- (iv) to remind man about his creator in his exhaustion.
- (v) God pulled man towards Him by making him restless and weary.

#### **SOLUTION**

- 1) To remind man about his creator in his exhaustion,
- 2) God pulled man towards him by making him restless and weary.

### English Workshop | Q 2.3 | Page 72

Choose the correct alternative from the following.

In the poem, 'The Pulley' is considered \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1. a mechanical device
- 2. a gift to mankind
- 3. an image to lift objects
- 4. **an image by which God compels people to become devout**

#### **SOLUTION**

In the poem, 'The Pulley' is considered an image by which God compels people to become devout.

### English Workshop | Q 2.4 | Page 72

Choose the correct alternative from the following

\_\_\_\_\_ is an example of a Pun from the poem.

- 1. **Rest in the bottom lay**
- 2. So strength first made a way
- 3. Having a glass of blessings
- 4. So both should losers be

#### **SOLUTION**

Rest in the bottom lay is an example of a Pun from the poem.

### English Workshop | Q 2.5 | Page 73

Choose the correct alternative from the following.

\_\_\_\_\_ is an example of Paradox from the poem.

- 1. And rest in Nature, not the God of Nature.
- 2. He would adore my gifts instead of me.
- 3. **Let him be rich and weary.**
- 4. When God at first made man.

#### **SOLUTION**

**Let him be rich and weary** is an example of Paradox from the poem.

**English Workshop | Q 2.6 | Page 73**

**Choose the correct alternative from the following.**

\_\_\_\_\_ is an example of Synecdoche from the poem.

1. So both should losers be.
2. Then beauty flowed.
3. "Let us," said he "pour on him."
4. **May toss him to my breast.**

**SOLUTION**

**May toss him to my breast** is an example of Synecdoche from the poem.

**English Workshop | Q 2.7 | Page 73**

**Choose the correct alternative from the following.**

\_\_\_\_\_ is an example of Alliteration from the poem.

1. made a way
2. bottom lay
3. **repining restlessness**
4. keep the rest

**SOLUTION**

**Repining restlessness** is an example of Alliteration from the poem.

**English Workshop | Q 2.8 | Page 73**

**Choose the correct alternative from the following.**

\_\_\_\_\_ is an example of Inversion from the poem.

1. Contract into a span
2. **So both should losers be**
3. Bestow this jewel
4. And rest in nature

**SOLUTION**

**So both should losers be** is an example of Inversion from the poem.

**English Workshop | Q 2.9 | Page 73**

**Choose the correct alternative from the following.**

The rhyme scheme of the poem is \_\_\_\_\_.

1. a a b b c
2. a b c b c
3. a b c c b
4. **a b a b a**

**SOLUTION**

The rhyme scheme of the poem is **a b a b a**.

### English Workshop | Q 3. (a) | Page 73

**Discuss and answer in your own words, and write in your notebook.**

The poet has used the word REST thrice in the poem. Write what the word implies in each of the three lines it occurs.

#### **SOLUTION**

Rest in nature - give importance to enjoy the three lines it occurs.  
the benefits of ... let him keep the rest - the remaining gifts  
(except the gift of 'rest')  
rest - contentment, satisfaction

### English Workshop | Q 3. (b) | Page 73

**Discuss and answer in your own words, and write in your notebook.**

What does God want in return from man, for the gifts He has bestowed upon him?

#### **SOLUTION**

In return for the gift He has bestowed on man, God wants him to lead a life of goodness and to keep on adoring the God who has been so generous to him.

### English Workshop | Q 3. (c) | Page 73

**Discuss and answer in your own words, and write in your notebook.**

Why did God withhold the gift of 'Rest' from man?

#### **SOLUTION**

'Rest' makes us feel satisfied and contented. When we have 'rest', we do not desire anything more. We might even stop wanting to know more about God, our Creator, or seeking His blessings. Hence, God withheld the gift of 'Rest' from man.

### English Workshop | Q 3. (d) | Page 73

**Discuss and answer in your own words, and write in your notebook.**

Besides those given in the poem, what other gifts has God blessed mankind with above his other creations? Enlist them.

#### **SOLUTION**

Besides those given in the extract, God has blessed mankind with an abundance of creations of nature such as trees, the birds and animals, the fruits, and the flowers. He has bestowed on mankind the power of speech, the ability to read and write, and the use of language. Above all, He has given human beings a marvellous brain, with which man has invented millions of things right from the wheel to the computer.

### English Workshop | Q 3. (e) | Page 73

**Discuss and answer in your own words, and write in your notebook.**

When does man generally turn to God? Give one example to support your response.

#### **SOLUTION**

Man generally turns to God when he is troubled or is facing some difficulty. I remember a neighbour of mine who professed to be an atheist, but when there was a stock market crash, we were all surprised to see him at our temple with hands joined and eyes closed. Praying to God.

**English Workshop | Q 4. (A) | Page 74**

**Discuss with your group and justify the title of the poem 'The Pulley' in your own words.**

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**SOLUTION**

The pulley works only when it is pulled by someone's hands. The poet has given the poem the title "The Pulley" to express the idea that only when 'repining restlessness' keeps man discontented despite his abundance of riches and graces, will he be drawn towards God. Just as a pulley draws something from a lower position to a higher position. In the same way, man's thoughts will be lifted towards God, its the creator.

**English Workshop | Q 4. (B) | Page 74**

**Pick out 3 lines that contain Monologues of God.**

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**SOLUTION**

- (1) For if I should bestow this jewel also on my creature
- (2) He would adore my gifts instead of me.
- (3) If goodness leads him not yet weariness may toss him to my breast.

**English Workshop | Q 5. (A) (a) | Page 74**

**Pick out two lines that contain the following figures of speech.**

Antithesis

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**SOLUTION**

- 1) when god at first made man.
- 2) let the world's riches. Which dispersed lie, Contract into a span.

**English Workshop | Q 5. (A) (b) | Page 74**

**Pick out two lines that contain the following figures of speech.**

Alliteration

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**SOLUTION**

- 1) But keep them with repaining restlessness
- 2) when god at first made man.

**English Workshop | Q 5. (A) (c) | Page 74**

**Pick out two lines that contain the following figures of speech.**

Inversion

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**SOLUTION**

- 1) so both should losers be
- 2) let the world riches, which dispersed lie. Up,

**English Workshop | Q 5. (B) (a) | Page 74**

**Explain the Figure of Speech in the following line.**

Rest in the bottom lay-PUN because \_\_\_\_\_.

**SOLUTION**

One word - 2 meaning. Rest stands for what is left and rest stands for peace of mind.

**English Workshop | Q 5. (B) (b) | Page 74**

**Explain the Figure of Speech in the following line.**

Bestow this jewel also on my creature-METAPHOR because \_\_\_\_\_.

**SOLUTION**

Rest or peace of mind is called a jewel (something precious) - implied comparison.

**English Workshop | Q 5. (B) (c) | Page 74**

**Explain the Figure of Speech in the following line.**

And rest in nature, not the God of Nature-REPETITION because \_\_\_\_\_.

**SOLUTION**

'Nature' is repeated for poetic emphasis stress.

**English Workshop | Q 6 | Page 74**

**Write Critical Appreciation of the poem in a paragraph format.**

Points

- Title
- Poet
- Rhyme scheme
- Favourite line
- Theme/Central idea
- Figures of speech
- Special features - Type of the poem, language, tone, implied meaning, etc.
- Why I like/ dislike the poem.

## **SOLUTION**

### **The Pulley**

The title of the poem is 'The Pulley'. poet is The George Herbert.

The central idea of the poem is the reason for man's continual restlessness all his life. According to the poet, this is because God withheld the quality of rest from man, so that man's thoughts would ultimately turn towards God, his creator

Each verse of the poem has five lines. The rhyme scheme of each verse is a-b-a-b-a. The chief figure of speech used in the poem is Metaphor. The glass of blessings' signifies the sum of all human qualities bestowed on man. The quality of 'rest' or 'contentment' is implicitly compared to a jewel'. The other figures of speech are Pun, Inversion, Paradox, etc.

This is a metaphysical poem with a message. And the message is that however rich we may be, or whatever the abundance of qualities we may have, we must always turn our thoughts to God and thank Him for the many blessings He has bestowed on us. The poem is rich in imagery and monologues. It is an example of an extended metaphor.

My favourite line in this poem is 'Let him be rich and weary. This brings out the paradox of man's nature so well. Even the richest man in the world finally gets tired and experiences discontentment. This is what God intended for man.

I like this poem very much because it teaches me not to be self-satisfied and contented but to always remember and thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed on me.

### **English Workshop | Q 7 | Page 74**

'Pun' can be defined as a play on words based on their different meanings. Example: 'Writing with a broken pencil is pointless.' In this poem, there is an example of Pun. Find and make a sentence of your own. Share a joke with the class where the use of 'Pun' creates humour.

## **SOLUTION**

This actor has lots of dates.

### **English Workshop | Q 8.1 | Page 75**

**Write a paragraph on the points in the block given below to get a summary of the given stanza of the poem.**



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**SOLUTION**

God the creator, created man, the most prized possession. He, therefore, decided to bestow all the best qualities and blessings on man.

**English Workshop | Q 8.2 | Page 75**

Write a paragraph on the points in the block given below to get a summary of the given stanza of the poem.



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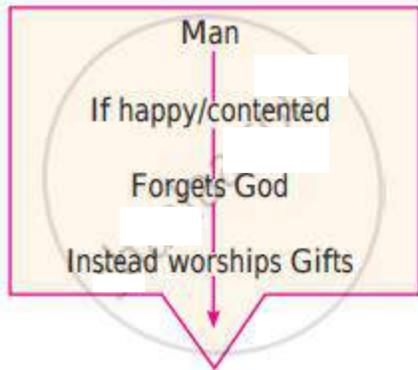
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**SOLUTION**

God gifted man blessings such as strength, wisdom, beauty, honour and Pleasure. When only 'rest' remained at the bottom, God decided to withhold it from man.

**English Workshop | Q 8.3 | Page 75**

Write a paragraph on the points in the block given below to get a summary of the given stanza of the poem.

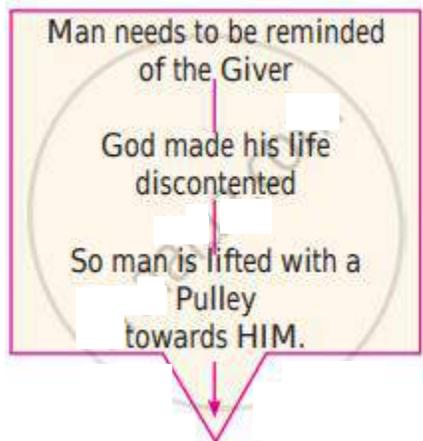


### SOLUTION

Good believes that if a man would get contentment and peace along with all the other blessings, man would appreciate and worship the materialistic gifts abundantly available to him and not the creator and giver i.e. God.

### English Workshop | Q 8.4 | Page 75

Write a paragraph on the points in the block given below to get a summary of the given stanza of the poem.



### SOLUTION

Man, therefore, needs to be weary, restless and disconnected so that he is constantly reminded of his creator. God, who has given him all the other gifts. Eventually, it is this weariness and discontentment which will act as a pulley and lift man towards god.