

## **Answer the following questions:**

### **a.) Who is the speaker in the poem?**

→ In this poem, the speaker is Corona who has created severe impacts on the lives of human beings.

### **b.) Who claims that they are superior to all?**

→ The human claim that they are superior to all.

### **c.) Why has the speaker come to the Earth?**

→ The speaker in the poem does not have a clear identity or explicit purpose for coming to Earth. In the first poem, the speaker is implied to be an extraterrestrial visitor who has come to Earth to give humans a message about their impact on the environment. In the second poem, the speaker is Corona, the virus responsible for the pandemic, who is speaking to humans about their irresponsible behavior towards nature.

### **d.) What positive changes have occurred on Earth after the speaker's visit?**

→ Here is a revised list, which better reflects the positive changes that occurred after the speaker's visit in the second poem:

- Environmental pollution was minimized.
- The air became fresher and nature became dust-free.
- Humans were forced to learn to use natural resources properly.
- The pandemic caused a transformation in the human ego, which transformed into fear.

### **a.) What does the speaker mean when he says:**

**But have you ever counted**

**How many have died so far**

**Because of you and your wars?**

→ These beautiful lines have been taken from Vishnu S. Rai's wonderful poem "Corona Says". Here, he talks about the negative

effects of war and blames humans for causing the deaths of many people through their inhumane wars. The speaker urges people to realize the consequences of war and questions the value of the lives lost in these conflicts.

**b.) Explain the following:**

**I will depart one day.**

**But remember**

**There're many others like me.**

**They'll come too.**

**If you don't get rid of your inflated ego,**

**You'll be back to your cave time**

**That you endured**

**Long, l o n g, l o n g ago ...**

→ These beautiful lines have been taken from Vishnu S. Rai's wonderful poem "Corona Says". Here, we find corona as the main speaker who is talking to a man of the present world. Here, the speaker is warning the human about future circumstances. He is informing him about his fellows who are similar to him. He says that one day he will depart from the planet but if humans don't get rid of their inflated egos, they (fellows) will come too. In that critical situation, humans will be back in the caves as before (the stone age). That will be the worst situation for humans.

**c.) What does the speaker mean in the following lines? Explain.**

**The earth is not your property alone –**

**It's as much ours as yours.**

→ Here, Corona as a speaker is making the human realize that the mother (Earth) belongs to all creatures not only humans. He reminds the human saying that the mother (Earth) isn't their property alone. He claims that the earth belongs to other creatures also apart from humans.

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**Reference beyond the text**

a.) What human behaviors are responsible for suffering in people's lives?

→ The poem "Corona Says" by Vishnu S. Rai suggests that human behaviors such as irrationality, irresponsibility towards nature, and the belief of owning the entire earth and its resources are responsible for suffering in people's lives. These behaviors have led to the destruction of the environment, the loss of many lives, and the spread of pandemics such as the coronavirus. Additionally, engaging in inhumane wars and causing the death of innocent people is also a significant human behavior that results in suffering in people's lives.

**b.) How does an epidemic differ from a pandemic? Briefly explain the impact of Corona Virus on human life and the environment.**

→ An epidemic is an outbreak of a disease that spreads quickly and affects a large number of people in a particular area or region. On the other hand, a pandemic is a global epidemic that spreads across different countries and continents.

The impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on human life and the environment has been significant. COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus that spreads easily from person to person through respiratory droplets. The virus has infected millions of people around the world, leading to widespread illness, hospitalizations, and deaths. The pandemic has also disrupted global travel, trade, and economies, leading to job losses, business closures, and financial hardship for many individuals and communities.

The pandemic has also had an impact on the environment. During the initial lockdown periods, the reduction in human activities led to a significant reduction in air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. However, the increased use of single-use plastics and medical waste has also led to environmental concerns. Additionally, the pandemic has impacted wildlife conservation efforts, with reduced funding and disruptions in conservation efforts due to travel restrictions and other pandemic-related challenges.