

The book of Nature.

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Q.1. Why do you think Jawaharlal Nehru started writing letters to his young daughter Indira ?

Ans. Jawaharlal Nehru started writing letters to his young daughter as they were far apart. She was in Mussorie, and he was in Allahabad and he could not answer the questions that she would ask. So, he tried to do this through his letters.

Q.2. Why according to Nehru , was it essential to know about the story of the world?

Ans. According to Nehru, it was essential to know the story of the world as it would help her think of the world as a whole and all the people living in it as our brothers and sisters.

Q.3. What can the study of fossils and rocks lead to?

Ans. The study of rocks and fossils can lead us to understand the early history of the earth before life existed on it.

Q.4. What the writer mean by 'the alphabet of Nature' and why is it essential to master it?

Ans. By 'the alphabet of nature' the writer means, every pebble, rock, drop of water and any other object of nature can help us to understand nature's story. It is important to learn the alphabet of nature before we can read her story in her book of stones and rocks.

Q.5. What does Nehru tell his young daughter about the Earth's early story?

Ans. He says that rocks, mountains, seas, stars, rivers, deserts and fossils of extinct animals are our books of the Earth's story.

Q.6. What would prove to be nothing more than just beautiful fairy tales and why?

Ans. If we only imagined what happened in the past of the Earth, we would only make up beautiful fairy tales. They would have very little truth in them as they would only be a product of our imagination.

Q.7. What does Nehru mean by the 'great book of Nature'?

Ans. The 'great book of Nature' is made up of all the things that we can see in nature which tell us about the history of the earth.

Q.8. What thoughts can a tiny pebble generate in our mind?

Ans. When we see a tiny pebble, we think about its origin and how it became so round, smooth and shiny without any corners or rough edges.

Reference to the context.

1. These and other like things are our books for the early story.

Q.a. What does the writer mean by 'these and other like things'?

Ans. By 'these and other like things' he means the rocks, mountains, seas, stars, rivers deserts and fossils of the old animals.

Q.b. How are these things like books?

Ans. These are like books because they also give us information and knowledge about nature just like books give us.

Q.c. How are they different from other books?

Ans. They are different from other books as their pages are not made of paper but made up of things that we see around us in nature.

2. It is difficult to imagine this world of ours.....

Q.a. What picture of the Earth's early history is presented by the writer?

Ans. The writer tells us that before men came, there were only animals, and before animals, there was a time when no life existed on earth.

Q.b. Why according to him would it be difficult 'to imagine' this world of ours?

Ans. It is difficult 'to imagine' this world of ours which is full of all kinds of animals and people today, to be without them.

Q.c. How then would it be possible to know about this world?

Ans.It would be possible to know more about this world by reading the book of nature and studying the rocks and fossils of the early animals.

D.What are the opposites of these words?

1.divide - united.

2. interesting - boring.

3.break - join.

4.shiny - dull.

5.facts - fiction.

6.early - late.

7.anything - nothing.

8.true - false.

9.whole - part.

