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S. No 4 B.A.Part-1 English Hons, Topic: Some important discussion in the poem *Pulley* Dr Umesh Prasad Singh, Assistant Prof of English, D. B. College

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Q No 1 Did God pour out all the blessings on man?

Ans: God poured out many blessings on man. At the time of the creation, He was highly pleased with man. He at first gave man the gift of strength. Then He passed on him beauty. So man became strong and beautiful. Afterwards, He gave him wisdom, honour and pleasure. Thus man became wise and honourable. But God did not bestow on him "rest". That was the last gift left at the bottom. So man is restless.

Q No 2 What fear God did apprehend in pouring the last gift on man?

Ans. God apprehended that the last benediction, "the rest" would make man busy with enjoying worldly pleasure, and he would forget God. Therefore, he would be deprived of His blessing in future. Similarly, God would also lose His dearest creation. Then both God and man will be losers. So man was not given rest. He is kept restless in order to remember his creator.

Q. No. 3 Bring out the central idea of the poem "The Gifts of God"

Ans. "The Gifts of God" is one of the best poems of George Herbert. The central idea of the poem is that if man is given rest he will worship the gifts of God rather than Him. So God did not give him rest .He uses "weariness" as a device like pulley to lift up man to Himself.

In a very simple narrative manner the poet describes why God bestowed His gifts of strength, wisdom, honour and pleasure on man, but not the rest. When rest remained at the bottom of the glass of blessings, God made a stsy, and thought over the pros and cons of bestowing that gift to man. He considered when rest would be given to man, he would forget Him. He will adore the gift of God rather than God. He will be busy with enjoying the gift of God. As a result there would be permanent separation between man and God. Then both will be losers. So God considered it better to keep man away from the rest. He kept man in weariness, understanding, if man will not remember Him out of his, goodness, he will remember Him in his weariness. Since God loves man, He wants him to be in His touch, even in the state of weariness.

The deeper meaning of this poem is- man's prophaneness, his defect, dark, and harsh passion keep him restless. He can get peace of mind by remembering his creator.