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NOTES

Class - VIII

Subject - English

Topic - SOMEBODY'S MOTHER

Q1. RTC-

1.

(a) 'She' is the old woman.

(b) She was waiting at the crossing to cross the road.

(c) The woman is old, ragged and gray. Her feet are aged and she walks slowly. She is standing at the crossing, meek and timid.

(d) Here, 'throng' means 'a large crowd of people'.

2.

(a) 'He' is the boy who had just come out of school with his friends in a group. He is speaking to the old woman whom he found standing at the crossing.

(b) He helps her cross the street.

3.

(a) The old woman said this prayer.

(b) The noble boy is the boy who helped the old woman cross the street.

(c) She prayed for him because she was grateful to him for helping her cross the street. The boy was very kind.

Q2. Answer the following questions briefly -

1. The old woman was bent with the cold and old age. She had gray hair, wore ragged clothes and walked with hesitant steps and uncertain feet. She was alone and neglected.

2. The old woman was 'afraid to stir' because if she slipped on the snow, she might fall under some carriage wheels or horses' feet.

3. The people in the street took no notice of her. They did not seem to take notice of her anxious eyes. In fact, none of them came forward to help her as she stood waiting at the crossing.
4. One of the school boys in the group helped the old woman. He helped her because he thought that she was somebody's mother. He also remembered his own mother and wished someone would be there to help her when she was old and alone too.
5. The boy felt happy and content in his heart after helping the old woman.
6. That night, the old lady prayed to God to be kind to the 'noble boy' who had helped her cross the street. She said so because she knew that he was somebody's son.