

**WELLAND GOULDSMITH SCHOOL**  
**CLASS – V SUBJECT – ENGLISH LITERATURE**  
**CHAPTER – PROSERPINE AND PLUTO**

The Roman myth of Proserpine explains why there is winter. One day, when Proserpine, daughter of Ceres, the goddess of agriculture, was gathering flowers in the fields, she was abducted by Pluto, god of the underworld as he dazzled by her beauty. The search of Ceres started and asked help from Jupiter. He sent his younger son to bring back his daughter but she had already eaten apart of the fruit so she was not able to leave Pluto's kingdom. Mercury struck a bargain with Pluto and somehow reunited Proserpine with her mother.

**I. Fill in the Blanks :**

- a. Proserpine and her nymph friends were plucking \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by the lake.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ had been watching this from heaven.
- c. It is said that they were \_\_\_\_\_ and were ruled by \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Proserpine was the beautiful daughter of \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. Each god and goddesses were giving charge of some work to do in \_\_\_\_\_ or on \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. Give one word answers :**

- a. Completely without hope -
- b. Not knowing -
- c. A spirit of nature in the form of a beautiful young girl –
- d. A place where nothing grows –
- e. Time when trees have fresh and green leaves –

**III. Complete the following sentences :**

- a. Legend said that \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Ceres fell down on \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Summer time ripens \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. After pondering over the \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. Proserpine cried and cried \_\_\_\_\_.

**IV. Make Sentences :**

Refused, messenger, dark and handsome, quick as lightening, wanting to get back.

**V. Reference to Context :**

“ Proserpine, where are you, my dear child ? “

- a. Who is looking for Proserpine and why ?
- b. What were the problems brought upon the earth due to the sadness of the Speaker ?
- c. Who did the speaker ask for help ?
- d. Explain how Proserpine was reunited with her mother ?

**VI. Do these exercises from the back of the chapter :**

- a. From page 9 do – Exercise 1 B and 1 D.
- b. From page 10 do – Exercise 3 and 4