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## **EXPLANATIONS**

Q.8. “.....the forest deer being struck

Runs to an herb that closet up the wounds;

But when the imperial lion flesh is gored

He rends and tears it with his wrathful paw,

And highly scorning that the lowly earth

Should drink his blood, mounts up into the air.”

**ANS-**

These are the words of King Edward appearing in Act V Scene I of Marlowe’s play, Edward II. After the king was defeated, he was locked in the Killingworth castle and was put

under the care of the Earl of Leicester. The Earl asked the king to stop over grieving over his miserable condition and consider the castle to be his court and not a prison house.

The king replies that the grief of common people were soon abated. It was not the case with kings. The king compares a common man to a deer and a king to a lion. He says that when a forest deer is wounded it runs to a herb which heals his wound, but when a kingly lion is wounded, he grows furious and angrily tears at his own flesh with his own paws..Being the king of the forest, the lion hates his blood being sucked by the lowly earth and so he jumps high into air to void its falling on the earth below.

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