

## **Quadrant II – Transcript and Related Materials**

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**Module Name: Nissim Ezekiel's poem "Enterprise"**

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### **SHORT SUMMARY:**

**Nissim Ezekiel is one of the great Indo-Anglian poets of Jewish descent and is called as the 'father of post Independent Indian verse in English.**

**The poet-speaker talks about the journey which he calls it as a pilgrimage.**

**The poem "Enterprise" revolves around a metaphorical journey of a pilgrimage which was started by some enthusiastic people. The enterprise or a journey started in a high spirit. The thought of the holy expedition elevated the minds of the pilgrims but they had to face many obstacles on their way.**

**Nature, the landscape, differences of opinion between the pilgrims, attacks by the anti-social elements, no coordination between the travellers were the main hurdles faced by the pilgrims.**

**Finally, they realize that the journey which they had undertaken was useless and come to the conclusion that home is the best place to gather grace. God's blessing could be attained by sitting at home rather than travelling to a far-off place.**

**The poem conveys the allegorical journey which is the life journey where the humans have to take up. In the process of their journey, they have to face many hurdles and the life experiences whether good or bad would give them the real meaning of life.**

**Meanings:**

**Exalting- Think highly.**

**Copious- Abundant.**

**Straggling Crowd- People moving slowly in different directions.**