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Class – 10th

First Flight

Short & Long Answer Type Questions

Based on RCScE Question Bank

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6 Passage 6X1

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Chapter - 1

A Letter to God

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A Letter to God

Q1. What did Lencho hope for?

Answer : Lencho was a farmer. He hoped for a good rain. He hoped that a good rain would give him a good harvest and they Would live happily for the whole year.

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Q2. How did the rain change? what happened to lencho's fields?

Answer : The rain changed into hailstorm. Suddenly a strong wind began to blow and along with the rain very large hailstones began to fall. lencho's fields were covered with snow. All his work had gone waste.

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Q3. What did Lencho have faith in? What did he do?

Answer : Lencho had faith in God and his kindness. He believed that God would help him in trouble. He wrote a letter to God asking for a hundred pesos for help.

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Q4. What made him angry?

Answer : Lencho had asked God to send him a hundred pesos. But he found only seventy pesos. Seeing the money he became angry

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Q5. Draw a character-sketch of Lencho.

Answer : Lencho is a hard working farmer who works hard in his fields. He also knows how to write. He predicts rain and welcomes it. When there is hailstorm, he becomes very sad. He has full faith in God. He expects help from God when his crop is destroyed. He has faith that no one dies of hunger. He writes a letter to God for his help. On receiving help, he thinks that God has sent him money but one part of it has been kept by the employees of the post office.

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Chapter - 2

Nelson Mandela Long Walk to Freedom

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Nelson Mandela Long Walk to Freedom

Q1. What vision does Nelson Mandela have for the future of south Africa?

Answer : To liberate all their people from the continuing bondage of Poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discrimination are the ideals he sets for the future of South Africa.

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Q2. Why were two national anthem sung?

Answer : Two national anthem were sung because in South Africa there were two main communities the white and the black. The white wanted to give respect to their national anthem whereas the black wanted to give respect to theirs.

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Q3. What does courage mean to Mandela?

Answer : Courage is not the absence of fear but the triumph over it. A brave man is not he who does not feel afraid but he who Conquers that fear.

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Q4. What "twin obligations" does Mandela mention?

Answer : Mandela mentions two obligations which everyman has to fulfil. One obligation is to his family, to his parents, to his wife and children. Second obligation is to his, people, his community and his country.

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Q5. What is freedom in the view of Mandela?

Answer : In the view of Mandela, freedom is indivisible. In his view, the chains on anyone of his people were the chains on all of them. According to him, the chains on all of his people were the chains on him. He was not free unless his people were free. Thus, Mandela advocates the freedom of all his people without any kind of prejudice. He wants the freedom not to be obstructed in a lawful life.

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Q6. Why was the inauguration ceremony the greatest occasion for South Africa?

Answer : The inauguration ceremony took place in the Union Building's amphitheatre in Pretoria on 10th May, 1994 Politicians and dignitaries from 140 or so countries attended the ceremony, More than 10,00,000 South African men, women and children attended the ceremony, They sang and danced with joy.

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On this day, Nelson Mandela sworn as South Africa's first black President. The occasion symbolized a victory for justice, for peace and for human dignity. Thus, it was the greatest occasion for South Africa.

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Chapter - 3

Two stories about Flying

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Two stories about Flying

Q1. Why was the young seagull afraid to fly?

Answer : The young seagul ~~wing's would never~~ afraid to fly because he thought that his wings would never support him to fly across the sea.

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Q2. What compelled the support him to young seagull to Finally fly?

Answer : When the young seagull saw his mother tearing a fish he fell extremely hungry. It was only his hunger that compelled the young seagull to finally fly.

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Q3. How did seagul's parents try to make him fly?

Answer : Seagull's parents tried everything to make him fly. The screamed scolded and threatened to let him starve in the ledge unless he flew away.

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Q4. Why does the narrator take risk?

Answer : He wanted with to reach home in England and have English breakfast with his family members thers. "So be decided to take risk of flying his Dokata int the storm.

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Q5. Who do you think helped the narrator to reach safely?

Answer : The pilot of the black aeroplane asked the narrator to follow him and the writer landed safely.

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Two stories about Flying

Q6. How did the young seagull's family encourage him on his first flight?

Answer : When the young seagull spread his wings and started flapping them. He was not falling headlong now. He was flying gradually downwards and outward. He was no longer afraid. His mother swooped past him, her wings making a loud noise. He answered her with another scream. Then his father flew over him screaming.

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His two brothers and his sister flew around him. He had learnt to encouragement had t fly. Their acts of encouragement had taken away his fear.

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Q7. How did the narrator experience when he flew the aeroplane into storm?

Answer : After he had left Paris 150 km behind him, he saw huge, black, storm clouds He took the risk and flew his old Dakota into the clouds. Everything was suddenly black outside. The old aeroplane jumped and twisted in the air The compass, the radio and other instruments were suddenly dead.

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He could not see where he was He was lost in the storm. He saw another aeroplane flying next to him. He followed it. He had enough fuel for only five or ten minutes more. Suddenly, he came out of the clouds and saw an airport.

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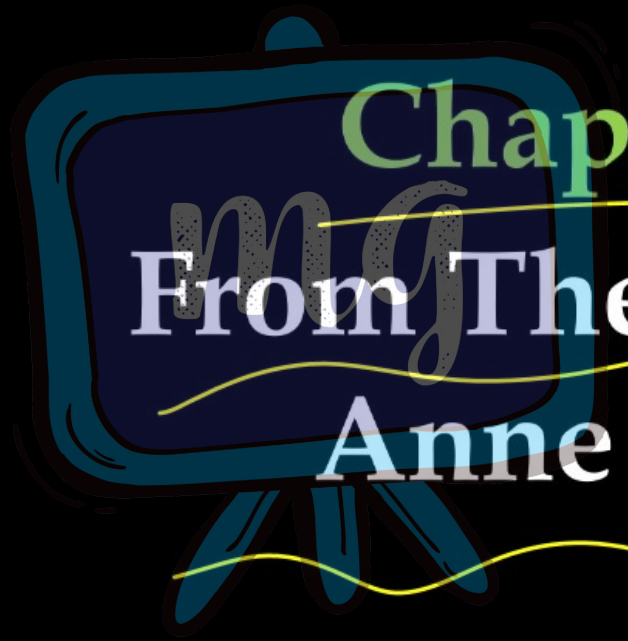

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From The Diary of Anne Frank

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From The Diary of Anne Frank

Q1. Why does Anne want to keep a diary?

Answer : Anne wants to keep a diary because she has no friends to talk and share her feelings. She felt that paper has more patience than people.

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Q2. Why does Anne provide a brief sketch of her life?

Answer : Anne provides a brief sketch of her life so that everybody might understand her stories in her diary.

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From The Diary of Anne Frank

Q3. Why was Mr. Keesing annoyed with Anne?

Answer : Mr. Keering was annoyed with Anne because she much talked in his period. He asked her to write essays as home work on the topic "Chatterbox:"

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Q4. What made Mr. Keesing allow Anne to talk in class?

Answer : Mr. Keesing was trying to play a practical joke on her he had given a funny topic to Anne to write an essay. She wrote it in a beatiful poem He praised her. As he allowedto talk in class.

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Q5. Why does Anne think that paper has more patience than people?

Answer : A man who has no true friend to share his thoughts with finds one such friend in a diary. Anne too, has no true friend in whom she could confide her thoughts and feelings. She is reminded of the saying that paper has more patience than people. Thoughts and feelings are safely stored on paper, in a diary. A diary does not betray its writer.

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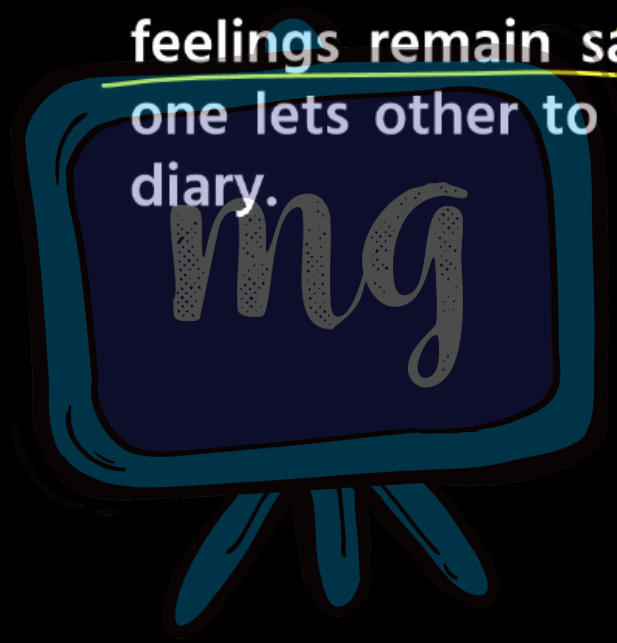
One's innermost thoughts, ideas and feelings remain safe and secret until one lets other to read one's personal diary.



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Chapter - 5

Glimpses of India

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Glimpses of India

Q1. Where were the monthly accounts of the baker record?

Answer : The monthly accounts of the baker were recorded on wall in pencil.

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Q2. When would the baker come everyday?

Answer : The baker would come twice a day. Once when he he set out in the morning on his selling round and then again when returned after emptying his basket.

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Glimpses of India

Q3. What are the elders in Goa nostalgic about?

Answer : The elders in Goa are nostalgic about those good... portuguese days. They miss the portuguese and their famous loaves of bread.

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Glimpses of India

Q4. What is Kabai?

Answer : The Kabai is a traditional dress of baker. It was worm by the baker during the days of Portuguese in Goa. It was a single-piece long frock which reached down to the knees.

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Glimpses of India

Q5. How does a baker look in appearance?

Answer : A baker is a man who serves bread in all the houses of a village. He has a peculiar dress known as the 'kabai'. This kabai was worn in those old days. It was a piece long frock reaching down the knees. Some of them also put on a shirt and trousers, which were shorter than full length ones and longer than half pants. Even today, anyone who wears such a dress invites the comment that he is dressed like a padder.

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Glimpses of India

Baker has a bamboo in his hand and makes a jingling sound. He holds his 1 basket from one hand.



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Mijbil the Otter

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Mijbil the Otter

Q1. Why was the otter named Maxwell's otter?

Answer : The otter was named by Maxwell and he first introduced this race to zoologist.

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Q2. Why does he go to Basra? Howlong does he wait there?

Answer : He goes to Basra to the Consulate General to collect and answer his mail from Europe. He waits there for five days. He waits there because his mail has not arrived for three days.

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Mijbil the Otter

Q3. What game had Mij invented?

Answer : Mij had invented the a ping-pong ball and a suitcase game.



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Q4. What happened when the box was opened?

Answer : When the box was opened, Mij was out of it in a flash. He disappeared at high speed down the aircraft.

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Q5. How did Mij spend most of his time in playing games?

Answer : Mij spent most of his time in playing games. He would play for hours with ping-pong balls, marbles, rubber fruit and a terrapin shell. He spent hours shufling a rubber ball round the room like a four footed soccer player. He could threw the ball. The author had a tilted suitcase. He would play the ball on his high.

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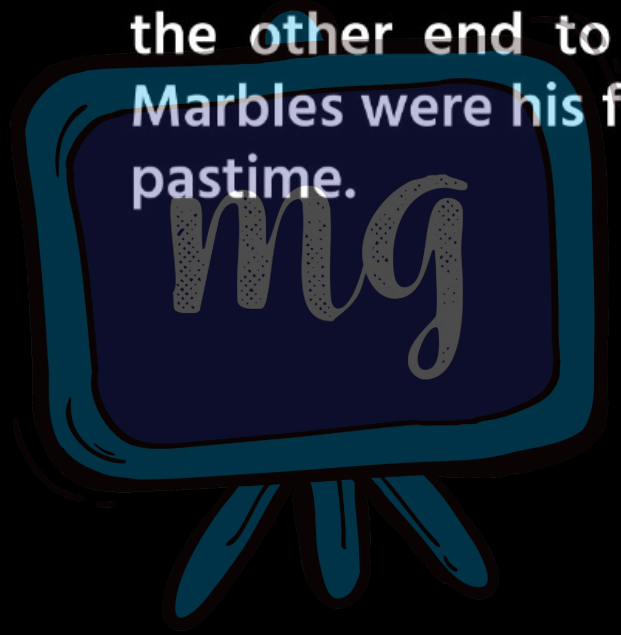
And then he would dash around to the other end to ambush its arrival. Marbles were his favourite toys for his pastime.



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Chapter - 7

Madam Rides the Bus

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Madam Rides the Bus

Q1. What was Valli's favourite pastime?

Answer : Valli's favourite pastime was to stand infront of her house and watch what was happening in the street.

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Q2. Why does the conductor call Vall, madam?

Answer : The conductor call Valli madam because he was a comic person and Valli who is eight years old but she is speaking with confidence. She behaves as if a matured lady.

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Q3. How did Valli save up money for her first Journey?

Answer : Valli saved every coin she got. she controlled her temptation to buy peppermints, toys, ballons etc. She did not ride the merry-go-round. It wasn't easy for her.

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Q4. Why does Valli stand up on the seat?

Answer : Valli stands up on the seat because she can not see outside. There is a canvas blind before the lower part of her window.

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Q5. How did Valli gather the information about the bus journey?

Answer : One of friend of Valli rode on a bus. Valli had a great desire to ride on the bus. She talked to her friend about her journey. Valli's friend described her about journey in a very good manner. Valli listened to the description of the town from her friend. For over many days and months she had been listening to conversations carefully between her neighbours and the people.

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Those people regularly used the bus. Valli asked all the questions from them. She also asked about the problems she might face in her bus journey. In this way Valli gathered the information about her bus journey.

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Chapter - 8

The Sermon at Benares

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The Sermon at Benares

Q1. After her sons death, why does Kisa Gotami go from house to house?

Answer : When her sons dies she goes from house to house to ask for medicine to save her son's life.

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Q2. What did Buddha ask Kisa Gotami to bring?

Answer : Buddha asked Kisa, Gotami to bring a handful of mustard seeds from the house where there was no death.

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The Sermon at Benares

Q3. Where did Buddha give his first sermon and what did it refleet?

Answer : Buddha gave his first sermon at the city of Benares. It is the holiest dipping place on the river Ganges. His sermon reflected his wisdom about one insrutable kind of suffering.

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Q4. Which sights were seen siddhartha while he was out hunting?

Answer : While Siddhartha was out for hunting he chanced upon a sick man, then an aged man, then a funeral procession and finally a monk begging for alms.

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The Sermon at Benares

Q5. Why and how did Siddhartha Gautama become the Buddha?

Answer : Gautama Buddha was born as a prince named Siddhartha Gautama in northern India. At the age of twelve, he was sent away for learning the Hindu sacred scriptures. Four years later he returned home to marry a princess. They had a son and lived for ten years as befitted royalty. Up to the age of twenty five, the prince was shielded from the sufferings of the world.

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Then while going out for hunting, he came across by chance a sick man, an aged man, a funeral procession, and finally a monk begging for alms. These sights moved the prince so much that he went out into the world to seek a state of high spiritual knowledge concerning the sorrows of human beings. He wandered for seven years and finally sat down under a peepal tree. He got enlightenment after seven days. After that he came to be known as the Buddha.

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Q6. What made Prince Siddhartha to leave his family and Palace?

Answer : Prince Siddhartha had seen sights of suffering. He was a prince. He thought that life has no pain and sufferings. He saw a sick man, an aged man, a funeral procession and a monk begging for alms. He wanted to know the cause their suffering. He left his palace and family to seek enlightenment. These Sights moved him very much. He wandered for seven years. He finally sat down under a peepal tree. He got enlightenment.

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Chapter - 9

The Proposal

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The Proposal

Q1. Give a character sketch of Lomov?

Answer : Lomov is a 35 ~~yours~~ years old young man, ~~mon.~~ He wants to marry with Natalya. He is sensitive, obstinate and short tempered nature. His heart is weak. The way he sleeps is the very worst.

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Q2. What is the first cause of the quarrel between Natalya and Lomov?

Answer : The first cause of the dispute between them is "Oxen Meadows". Lomov told the land belonged to his aunt's grandmother but Natalya told that the land belonged to Chubukovs not Lomov.

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Q3. Why did Lomov went to marry Natalya immediately?

Answer : Lomov wanted to marry with Natalya because of two reasons -

1. He was 35 years old and it was a critical age.
2. He wanted to live a quiet and regular life after marriage. He is excitable and awfully upset.

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Q4. What does Lomov say about the Oxen Meadows?

Answer : Lomov says that the Oxen Meadows are his. According to him once they were the subject of dispute but now they are his. He says that they were given to the peasants of her father's grandfather for free use by his aunt's grandmother. But Natalya says that those are ~~e are~~ theirs.

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Q5. Why does Natalya ask her father to call Lomov back?

Answer : When Natalya comes to know that Lomov had come there to propose her she becomes restless and asks her father to call Lomov back. She also tells her father to call a doctor when Lomor falls unconscious thus she was in love with Lomov.

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The Proposal

Q6. Write the theme of the play "The proposal"?

Answer : The play is about the tendency of wealthy families to seek ties with other wealthy families to increase their estates by encouraging marriages that make good economic sense.

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The Proposal

Q7. How does the play "The Proposal conclude?"

Answer : The play ends with a happy note. Chubukov says to Lomov that his daughter wants to marry him so they get married. Chubukov puts the Natalya's hand into Lomov's.

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Poem - 1

Dust of Snow

(Robert Frost)

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Dust of Snow

Q1. What is the main theme of the poem 'Dust of snow' ?

Answer : There are Some simple actions that leave a snow great impact of human mind. The fall of dust of snow changes the poet's mood.

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Dust of Snow

Q2. What does 'Dust of Snow' indicate?

Answer : The falling dust of snow from a hemlock tree changes the poet's mood. He gets rid of his sorrow and decides to spend the rest of the day in a joyful manner.

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Poem - 2

Fire and Ice

(Robert Frost)

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Fire and Ice

Q1. What do 'fire' and 'Ice' indicate in the poem?

Answer : The fire indicates the unending desires of man. The ice indicates hatered which spreads rapidly in mankind. These indicate towards the evils of society.

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Fire and Ice

Q2. What is the central idea of the poem?

Answer : The central idea of the poem is that the never ending desires and hatred among human beings may bring about an end of the world.

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Fire and Ice

Q3. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?

Answer : The rhyme scheme of the poem in the first stanza is a b a a and in the second stanza it is a baba.

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Poem - 3

A Tiger in the Zoo

(LESLIE NORRIS)

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A Tiger in the Zoo

Q1. What is the condition of the tiger as given in poem?

Answer : In the zoo the tiger lives in his cage. He is angry but he is quiet. As man has limited his strength behind the bars of the cage, He can only walk the length of the cage.

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A Tiger in the Zoo

Q2. How does a tiger terrorise villagers?

Answer : A tiger lurks and snarls around the houses. He makes loud noise and shows white fangs and claws to the villagers with a threat.

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A Tiger in the Zoo

Q3. What is the condition of the tiger at night in the cage?

Answer : The tiger looks with his brilliant eyes at the stars in the sky. He listens the noise of the patrolling cars.

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Poem - 4

How to Tell Wild Animals

(CAROLYN WELLS)

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How to Tell Wild Animals

Q1. How does the poet suggest that you identify the lion and the tiger?

Answer : The poet suggests that we can identify the lion by his large brownish-yellow colour body and his roar. A Tiger can be recognized by his black-stripes in the yellow body. He looks noble.

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How to Tell Wild Animals

Q2. What is the theme of the poem, "How to Tell Wild Animals'?

Answer : The theme of the poem is the creation of humour. The poet suggests humourous ways to identify the wild animals.

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How to Tell Wild Animals

Q3. Why are all these animals called the beasts of prey?

Answer : All these animals kill others in order to get their food. They prey so that they can survive in the jungle.

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Poem - 5

The Ball Poem

(JOHN BERRYMAN)

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The Ball Poem

Q1. What does in the world of 'possessions' mean?

Answer : 'The world of possession' refers to the materialistic world. It means this world is full of such people who wants to possess more and more wealth, power and things.

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The Ball Poem

Q2. Why does the poet say, "I would not intrude on him"? why doesn't he offer him money to buy another ball?

Answer : The poet says so because the wants the boy to understand the menning of loss on his own. He doesnot offer the boy money to buy another ball because it is worthless. The boy has 'attachment with the lost ball. So the 'attachment' is important, not the ball.

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The Ball Poem

Q3. What is the message of the poem, "The Ball Poem"?

Answer : The poet wants to convey through the boy that we should not feel sorry over the loss of worldly things.

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Poem - 6

Amanda

(ROBIN KLEIN)

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Amanda

Q1. What could Amanda do if she were a mermaid?

Answer : If Amanda were a mermaid, she could move about in the green sea blissfully. She would be the sole inhabitant of the sea. There would be nobody to restrict her movement and she would enjoy full freedom.

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Amanda

Q2. How does Amanda behave in the poem throughout?

Answer : Amanda is ~~s~~ not sitting properly. She is biting her nails. She is bending his upper body forward and raising ~~his~~ her back and her shoulders.

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Poem - 7

The Trees

(ADRIENNE RICH)

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The Trees

Q1. What does the poet compare their branches to?

Answer : The poet compares their branches to newly discharged patients coming out of the clinic door. These twigs seem half-doze half-dozed to a great extant like the patients.

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The Trees

Q2. ~~Wh~~ What happens to the house when the trees move out of it?

Answer : Silence spreads in the house when the trees moves out of it. There are no whispers of lichens or rustling of leaves. It becomes free from the smell of vegetation.

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Poem - 8

Fog

(CARL SANDBURG)

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Fog

Q1. How does the fog come?

Answer : The fog comes silently, slowly and noiselessly on little cat feet.

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Fog

Q2. Why does the poet compare the fog with a cat?

Answer : The poet compares the fog with a cat because just as the cat moves silently on its ~~nimble~~ feet, in the same way, the fog creeps in silently into the harbour from the sea.

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Poem - 9

The Tale of Custard the Dragon

(OGDEN NASH)

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The Tale of Custard the Dragon

Q1. Who are the characters in this poem? List them with their pet names.

Answer : One human and four animale are the characters in this poem.

1. Belinda — The Girl The Kitten
2. Custard - The Dragon
3. Ink - The Kitten
4. Blink The Mouse
5. Mustard - The Dog.

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The Tale of Custard the Dragon

Q2. Why did Custard cry for a nice safe cage? Why is the dragon called cowardly dragon?

Answer : Custard cried for a nice safe cage because he thought that the house in which they lived was unsafe. The dragon is called 'cowardly dragon' because he always cries for a nice safe cage.

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The Tale of Custard the Dragon

Q3. What is the theme of poem "The Tale of Custard the Dragen"?

Answer : Humorous names, acts, situations and to expose and mock at the fair weather friends is the theme of the poem.

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Poem - 10

For Anne Gregory

(WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS)

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For Anne Gregory

Q1. What colour is the young woman's hair? What does she say she can change it to? Why would she want to do so?

Answer : The colour of the young woman's hair is golden she says that by dying she can change it into brown, black or carrot. She wants to attract youngmen by looking attractive.

She wants to show that outer beauty is changable.

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For Anne Gregory

Q2. What does the young man mean by "great honey coloured/Ram parts at your ear"? Why does he say that young men are "thrown into despair" by them?

Answer : The "great honey coloured/Ramparts at your ear" Refers to the beautiful golden hair that falls at the woman's ear and covers it like a wall around a fort. He says that young men are 'thrown into despair' by them because the lady, wants them to love her interior and not the exterior.

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For Anne Gregory

Q3. What is ~~the ther the~~ theme of the poem "for Anne Gregory"?

Answer : The theme of the poem is that a person should be loved for his/her mental and moral qualities and not by the outward beauty.