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## Poem-1 | Dust of Snow

## Worksheet-2

## Multiple Choice Questions

- What can we say about Robert Frost from his poem Dust of snow?**  
(a) He is a nature lover (b) He is a pessimist  
(c) He hates to observe his surroundings (d) He is romantically inclined
- What is the central idea of the poem Dust of snow?**  
(a) Trivial things can have great impact on our lives.  
(b) Mental health is of greater significance than physical health.  
(c) Keep things simple.  
(d) Fitness is a way to lead a healthy life.
- How are crows symbolic of sorrow and despair?**  
(a) They have a very harsh voice (b) Owing to their black color  
(c) They are ordinary and undesirable (d) All of these
- Has given my heart  
A change of mood  
And saved some part  
Of a day I had rued**  
**Q. What is the rhyme scheme of this stanza?**  
(a) a, b, a, d (b) a, b, b, a  
(c) a, b, c, d (d) a, b, a, b
- The poet says, Of a day I had rued. What is the meaning of rued? (Dust of snow)**  
(a) Ruined (b) Conquered  
(c) Ruled (d) Held in regret
- What are the two negative creatures that Frost used as carriers of positivity?**  
(a) Hemlock tree, Snow (b) Hemlock tree, Crow  
(c) Snow, Dust (d) Snow, Crow
- What is the state of the poet's mood initially in the first stanza of the poem Dust of snow?**  
(a) Enraged (b) Good  
(c) Cheerful (d) Sad

**8. How did the dust of snow affect the poet?**

- (a) It made him happy (b) It made him superior  
(c) It made him energetic (d) It changed his mood

**9. What effect did the fall of dust of snow have on the poet?**

- (a) He got angry (b) He felt dejected  
(c) A negative entity (d) A mysterious entity

**10. Why does the poet call it the dust of snow?**

- (a) They felt like dust (b) Snow particles were too tiny  
(c) They looked like dust (d) They came over him like dust

**Fill in the blanks :**

11. The mood of the poet in the beginning was \_\_\_\_\_ in the poem  
12. \_\_\_\_\_ is a synonym of the word 'regret' in the poem.

**True / False**

13. Dust of snow changed poet's luck.  
14. Crow's part of the day has been saved by Dust of Snow.

**Very Short Type Questions**

15. It is our attitude towards a situation that makes it positive or negative. Do you agree with it? Express your views with reference to the poem, Dust of Snow.  
16. What mood of the poet is reflected in the poem Dust of Snow initially? What images are used by the poet to bring about the effect? Comment.

**Short Type Questions**

17. What did the poet think of the day before the fall of dust of snow on him?  
18. What happened when the dust of snow fell on Robert Frost?

## Essay Type Questions

19. Read the following extract and answer the question/complete the sentences that follow:
- The way a crow  
Shook down on me  
The dust of snow  
From a hemlock tree  
Has given my heart  
A change of mood  
And saved some part  
Of a day I had rued
- i. Where was the crow? What did it do? (2)  
ii. How is the poet's mood now? (1)  
A. Appreciative of nature  
B. Thoughtful  
C. Happy  
D. Cool
- iii. What does the word 'rued' mean?
20. Our attitude towards a situation evokes both negative and positive responses. Analyse this with reference to the poem, Dust of Snow to bring out the inherent valuable lessons.

## HOTS

21. **Assertion (A)** : The falling of the 'dust of snow' had a transformative effect on the poet's mood.  
**Reason (R)** : The 'dust of snow' symbolizes joy, positivity, and the healing power of nature, capable of uplifting a gloomy spirit.
- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.  
(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.  
(c) A is true, but R is false.  
(d) A is false, but R is true.



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## Answer &amp; Solution

1. (a)  
He has conveyed it through his poem that everything around us is beautiful. Nature has immense powers to heal us and can have a soothing effect on our mindset.
2. (a)  
Everything in this world is beautiful. Something as insignificant like snowflakes had the power to uplift the poet's gloomy mood and added loads of positivity in his mind.
3. (d)  
Because of all the facts stated crows are believed to possess a negative vibe and symbolize sorrow and despair.
4. (d)  
Alternate lines end at words with similar sound and hence the given rhyming meter holds.
5. (d) Held in regret
6. (b) Hemlock tree, Crow
7. (d)  
The poet is in a gloomy state of mind. He is feeling depressed, sad and lonely in this materialistic world.
8. (d) It changed his mood
9. (d)  
The poet was feeling very lonely and sad but as the snowflakes fell on him, his mood changed and he became happy and positive.
10. (b) Snow particles were too tiny
11. Sad
12. Rued
13. False
14. False
15. Whatever situation life throws at us, it evokes both positive and negative responses. The poet, in the poem, "Dust of Snow" was in a sorrowful mood. However, when a crow shook down the 'dust of snow' on him, his bitter mood changed into a more optimistic one. Now, being in a sorrowful or bad mood already, the poet could have gotten angry at the crow also. However, the dust of snow becomes a positive medium of change for him. It made him cheerful to some extent and helped him forget his sadness, at least for a few moments. Thus, we see that instead of seeing the negative aspect of a happening, one should see the positive aspect, and one's response may greatly affect the outcome of incidents.

16. In the poem "Dust of Snow," the poet was originally in a reflective and somber mood. He uses images of a crow and a hemlock tree to reflect his mood. The poet's mood shifts from sadness to upliftment when a crow shakes snow from a hemlock tree onto him. Though both the crow and the hemlock symbolize negativity, the falling snow helps the poet appreciate nature's beauty and realize the insignificance of his troubles, transforming his mood positively.
17. Before the fall of the dust of snow on him, the poet seemed to be in a depressed mood. He was holding the day in regret and was deeply saddened. However, after, the dust of snow fell on him, his mood lightened and he began to appreciate the beauty around him.
18. Robert Frost was unhappy. He was sad deep down in his heart due to some personal reasons. He rued the day. However, after the dust of snow fell on him, his mood lightened. He then looked at the surroundings and realised that his day could still improve due to the beautiful nature around him.
19. i. The crow was sitting on a hemlock tree.  
It shook dust of snow on the poet.  
ii. Option- c is correct.  
iii. The word 'rued' means 'held in regret'.
20. Any situation we face evokes both positive and negative responses. The poet in the poem, 'Dust of Snow' was in a sorrowful mood. However, when a crow shook down the 'dust of snow' on him, his bitter mood changed into a more optimistic one. Now, being in a sorrowful or bad mood already, the poet could have gotten angry at the crow also. However, the snow becomes a positive medium of change for him. It made him cheerful to some extent and helped him forget his sadness, at least for a few moments. One must not take things for granted and should be open and accept whichever way nature chooses to bless us. Hence, instead of the negative aspect, we should focus on the positive one, because our response may greatly affect the outcome of incidents.
21. (a)  
The text repeatedly mentions that the dust of snow "uplifted his gloomy mood," "changed his mood," and made him "optimistic and happy," confirming Assertion A. Reason R is also strongly supported by statements like "Dust of snow refers to the snowflakes in the literal sense and it symbolizes joy, positivity and happiness" and "Nature has immense powers to heal us and can have a soothing effect on our mindset." Therefore, R correctly explains A.