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Poem-3 | A Tiger in the Zoo

Worksheet-2

Multiple Choice Questions

1. **Where is the tiger supposed to be in the poem A Tiger in the Zoo?**
(a) Forest (b) Town
(c) Village (d) Zoo
2. **Which is the natural habitat of the Tiger?**
(a) Sea (b) Village
(c) Zoo (d) Forest
3. **Where should the tiger be snarling? (A Tiger in the Zoo)**
(a) Jungle's edge (b) Forest
(c) Town (d) Zoo
4. **How does the tiger walk in the cage? (A Tiger in the Zoo)**
(a) With confusion (b) With sadness
(c) With Happiness (d) With pride
5. **How should the tiger walk through the grass? (A Tiger in the Zoo)**
(a) With ease (b) With difficulty
(c) With great difficulty (d) With practice
6. **What describes tiger in a cell? (A Tiger in the Zoo)**
(a) Snarling around houses (b) Locked in a concrete cell
(c) Baring his white fangs (d) Shadow, long grass
7. **Does the tiger love his visitors?**
(a) Yes (b) No
(c) May be not (d) May be
8. **Why does the tiger express his rage quietly?**
(a) He is scared (b) He is feeling helpless
(c) He has a sore throat (d) He doesn't have enough strength
9. **What does the poet try to convey through his poem A tiger in the zoo?**
(a) All of these
(b) Wild animals should not be captivated
(c) He brings a contrast between life in captivity and freedom
(d) Need for freedom is the basic instinct of all living beings

10. In the poem, A tiger in the Zoo, the tiger snarls around

- (a) The cage
- (b) The jungle
- (c) The houses in the village
- (d) The park in the village

Fill in the blanks :

11. _____ is used in the line **In his quiet rage. (A Tiger in the Zoo)**
12. The tiger presented in a _____ in the poem A tiger in the zoo.

True / False

13. Leslie Norris is the poet of the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo'.
14. The tiger hears the patrolling cars at night.

Very Short Type Questions

15. The tiger in the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo' has some obvious limitations. Describe them in contrast to its natural habitat.
16. What do you understand by the tiger's strength behind bars? What kind of a cage is the tiger locked in?

Short Type Questions

17. What does the poet want to convey through the poem A Tiger in the Zoo?
18. "On pads of velvet quiet In his quiet rage". Who is referred to here? Why does he express his anger quietly?

Essay Type Questions

19. What does the tiger in the zoo do at night?
20. Do you agree that wild animals should be caged? Comment yes or no giving reasons.

HOTS

21. **Assertion (A)** : The poem "A Tiger in the Zoo" highlights the beauty of tigers in captivity.
Reason (R) : The poet describes the tiger's movements and surroundings in a zoo setting.
- (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 & Solution

1. (a)
The tiger is supposed to be in its natural habitat i.e. the forest according to the poem A Tiger in the Zoo.
2. (d)
Forest is the natural habitat of the tiger.
3. (a)
The tiger should be snarling around the houses at the edge of the forest.
4. (d) With pride
5. (a) With ease
6. (b) Locked in a concrete cell.
7. (b)
The tiger doesn't love his visitors. So he ignores them.
8. (b)
The tiger is enraged but is quiet as he knows that he is surrounded by men who are callous and won't help him and all his strength lies behind the bars.
9. (a)
The poet very impressively shows us the life of a tiger in a zoo and how he craves for his freedom. The supreme being has made all living beings equal and we humans have no right to confine any other being. All living beings desire to escape captivity.
10. (c) the houses in the village
11. Oxymoron
12. In a cage
13. True
14. True
15. The zoo is not the rightful place for the tiger. He is a denizen of the jungle. His real place is in the wild. He is angry that he can't move, hunt, and do what he pleases. He is forced to be a showpiece and the cage's bars obstruct his view of the starry night. This is all unlike his natural habitat where he hunts fiercely and sleeps soundly.
16. The tiger is not left free in the jungle but is locked in a cage made of cement and concrete in a zoo. His unbound strength is caged behind the bars. He is locked in a small cage where he is devoid of freedom. He feels unhappy, frustrated, restless and angry.
17. The poet exhibits the miserable life led by the animals in the zoo through this poem. He wants to convey that it is cruel to keep the wild animals in small enclosures of the zoo, away from their natural habitat. The animals feel angry, helpless and unhappy and remember their life and environment in the forest.

18. The reference is to the tiger who is in a cage in the zoo. The tiger expresses his anger quietly because he finds himself helpless as he is locked and his freedom has been curtailed. Thus, he is unable to show his anger and ferocity.
19. The tiger is in the cage and his movement is restricted. At night, the tiger feels lonely. He hears the sound of the patrolling cars. He looks through the bars at the shining stars. He looks at the shining stars.
20. I completely disagree with this statement that wild animals should be caged. In ancient times animals moved around freely in the forests. But today they are caged and left in the zoo for the entertainment of people. In fact, they are not meant for confinement. It is inhumane to treat animals in a way not befitting to them or to place wild animals in an enclosed environment against their will.

The animals also need their freedom. When they are in captivity, they get a limited amount of water and food. Animals should not be kept in captivity because they need to be in their natural habitat and need to be in the wild surrounded by their own kind. They need to learn how to survive on their own and not rely on humans to find their food. By keeping animals in captivity one is depriving them of their basic instincts to kill.

21. (c) While the poem does describe the tiger's condition in the zoo, it does so to criticize captivity, not to praise it.

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