



Poem-7 | The Trees

Worksheet-2

Multiple Choice Questions

- The poem, The Trees highlights a serious problem in society. What is that serious problem?
 - Excessive Land Degradation
 - Excessive Land Erosion
 - Excessive Soil Erosion
 - Excessive Deforestation
- Why did the Trees inside the poet's house want to go out into the forest?
 - Because they didn't like Poet's house
 - Because they are not feeling Comfortable
 - Because the Real Nature is outside not in the Poet's house
 - Because the poet didn't want them anymore
- Who is going to depart from the Poet's house as mentioned in the poem, The Trees?
 - The Trees inside her house
 - Her mother
 - Her pet animal inside her house
 - She is departing from her house
- What did the poet notice while writing the letters in the Poem, The Trees?
 - Smell of the night plant
 - Smells of Leaves and Lichens
 - Beauty of nature
 - Length of Tree Trunks
- Which poetic device is used as a foundation for the downward virgule?
Its pieces flash now in the crown of the tallest oak.
 - Simile
 - Imagery
 - Hyperbole
 - Alliteration
- What do you know about the theme of the poem, The Trees?
 - Conflicts between Animals and Trees
 - Conflicts between Animals and nature
 - Conflicts between man and nature
 - Conflicts between God and Nature
- Which poetic device is constantly used as a foundation of the poem, The Trees?
 - Imagery
 - Metaphor
 - Repetition
 - Paradox
- When did the poet of the poem The Trees born?
 - 1929
 - 1926
 - 1927
 - 1928

9. Which one of the following is correct regarding the poem, The Trees?
- A. The Poem shows the conflict between Man and Nature.
B. According to the Poet; Real Nature is Outside.
- (a) Only 1 is true (b) Both the Statements are true
(c) Both the Statements are false (d) Only 2 is true
10. Which one of the following is correct regarding the poem, The Trees?
- A. The Tree in the poem wants to move outside into the forest.
B. The Poem is composed by John Berryman.
- (a) Only A is true (b) Only B is true
(c) Both the Statements are false (d) Both the Statements are true

Fill in the blanks :

11. The poet was born in 1929 in _____.
12. The poem is written in _____, without any rhyme scheme.

True / False

13. The poet blames humans for exploiting nature.
14. The poet sees hope in the movement of trees.

Very Short Type Questions

15. The poet uses trees as a symbol for women breaking patriarchal notions. Do you agree? Why/Why not?
16. What does the poet compare the branches of the trees to?

Short Type Questions

17. How does the poet describe the moon: (a) at the beginning of the third stanza, and (b) at its end? What causes this change?
18. In the poem The Trees, the poet compares the trees to newly discharged patients. Highlight any two reasons for the same.

Essay Type Questions

19. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (1 4 = 4)

The trees inside are moving out into the forest,

The forest that was empty all these days

Where no bird could sit no insect hide

no sun bury its feet in shadow

the forest that was empty all these nights will be full of trees by morning.

- Who has composed these lines?
 - Where are the trees moving out?
 - By what time will the forest be full of trees?
 - What does the poet mean by empty forest? Why is it empty?
20. Explain the phrase the forest that was empty all these days. After reading the poem, for whom do you think are the forests needed? Imagine yourself as a tree in a forest. (The Trees)

HOTS

21. **Assertion (A)** : The poet describes the moon breaking into pieces like a broken mirror at the end of the stanza.

Reason (R) : This imagery symbolizes the trees' successful liberation from the house and their movement back to the forest.

- Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A
- Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- A is true, but R is false
- A is false, but R is true

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Answer & Solution

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1. (d)

The problem about which the poet is highly concerned is also a serious societal problem : excessive deforestation.

2. (c)

Categorically, the trees desperately wanted to go out into the forest as they seek freedom and wanted a real natural environment in which they can grow happily and the real nature is outside and not in the poet's house; that is the reason why the trees inside the poet's house wanted to go out into the forest.

3. (a)

Trees inside her house are going to depart from her house as they feel suffocated inside her house. They like to grow in nature and the real nature is outside but not inside.

4. (b)

While writing the letters, the smell of leaves and lichens grasped the attention of the poet towards herself. She was highly fascinated with that smell.

5. (b)

This is imagery, as the context is entirely imaginative and it has nothing to do with the reality.

6. (c)

The poem's theme highlights the contradictory conflicts between man and nature, as these are the two most important elements on the planet. Man is unabashedly deteriorating nature for his greed, which is totally unacceptable to nature..

7. (a)

The poet has constantly used Imagery as a poetic device in the entire work as the context of the stuff is to make the society aware of a social cause. The content has nothing to do with reality; rather, it is just a piece of art which is created through the imagination only.

8. (a)

The poet of the poem is Adrienne Rich. She was born in the year 1929. She was famous and a renowned poet.

9. (b)

Both the Statements denoted as 1 and 2 are accurate. The poem definitely shows the conflict between man and nature and of course, according to the poet's perspective, the real nature is outside. Both statements are true.

10. (a)

The Statement denoted as A is completely accurate but the other one is not correct. In the poem, Trees wanted to go outside into the forest for sure but the creator of this masterpiece is Adrienne Rich, not John Berryman. Therefore, Only A is true.

11. U.S.A.

12. free verse

13. True

14. True

15. Indeed, the poet uses trees as a symbol for women breaking patriarchal notions. In a male-dominated society, women are in bondage. They are struggling to free themselves. Similarly, nature representing tree, and forests, is struggling to escape from the onslaughts of men to destroy it.

16. The poet compares the branches of the trees to newly discharged patients moving out of the clinic in a half-dazed condition. They move towards the hospital doors after a long illness and wait to get out of the hospital, stifled under the strain of confinement. They are desperate to stretch themselves in the open and get a breath of fresh air.

17. At the beginning of the third stanza, the poet states that the full moon is shining brightly in open sky. At the end of the stanza, the poet describes that the moon appears to break into pieces like a shattered mirror, shining on the heads of the tallest oak trees. This change is caused by the trees that have made their way from her home to outside.

18. The comparison converges two different aspects: Physical aspect; where the trees like woman, feel like patients who are on the way to recovery; and an emotional aspect; which is the optimism of full recovery and excitement of leaving the confines.

- 19.**
- a. Adrienne Rich has composed these lines.
 - b. The trees are moving out into the forest.
 - c. The forest will be full of trees by morning.
 - d. Empty forest means forest with no trees and it is so because humans have destroyed the forests for building cities and for other uses.

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20. In the poem, 'The Trees', poet Adrienne Rich subtly conveys the message about the importance of trees. The poet states that the forest has been empty all these days because trees have been cut and transported to the cities. Without trees, birds would not have a place to sit, insects would have no place to hide, and the sun would not bury its feet in shadow. As a tree in the forest, I enjoy being the home to baby birds whose mothers leave to get food for them. My twigs dance with the gentle blow of the wind. During the day, my sun-kissed leaves glow radiantly. The silver moon cast, its silvery charm every full moon night. I enjoy breathing freely with my fellow pals in the forest. Therefore, trees tend to thrive outdoors; that is where trees belong.

21. (a)

The assertion accurately describes the imagery of the breaking moon. The reason correctly connects this imagery to the trees' triumphant departure, indicating that the fractured moonlight reflects their movement and the disruption of the "artificial" indoor nature. Thus, R is a correct explanation for A.

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