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Poem-2 | Fire and Ice

Worksheet-1

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Name the poetic device used in the line To say that for destruction ice is also great.
(a) Imagery (b) Oxymoron
(c) Metaphor (d) Alliteration
2. According to the poem Fire and Ice, what do some people think the world will end in?
(a) Rain (b) Fire
(c) Sun (d) Moon
3. Why does the poet hold with those who favour fire?
(a) Because love among people is increasing fast
(b) Because the lust for material things is decreasing quickly
(c) Because the lust for material things is increasing quickly
(d) Because hatred among people is increasing fast
4. What does fire symbolize metaphorically?
(a) Love (b) Sacrifice
(c) Avarice (d) Hatred
5. What is the meaning of perish?
(a) Bloom (b) Glow
(c) Die (d) Rise
6. What kind of a person does the poet seem to be from the poem?
(a) Pessimist (b) Optimist
(c) Realist (d) Self centric
7. What does the poet want to convey through this poem?
(a) Fire is powerful than ice
(b) Fire and ice will lead to total destruction of the world
(c) Fire and ice are harmless
(d) Ice is more destructive than fire
8. What will end one day? Answer in the context of the poem Fire and Ice.
(a) People (b) Fire
(c) World (d) Ice
9. Why are desires compared to fire?
(a) Both burn (b) Both consume rapidly
(c) Both are lethal (d) Both are related to heat

10. "Some say in ice." Which figure of speech has been used in this line in the poem Fire and Ice?

- (a) Personification
- (b) Simile
- (c) Hyperbole
- (d) Metaphor

Fill in the blanks :

11. 'Fire' stands for _____ in the poem 'Fire and Ice'.

12. 'Ice' stands for _____ in the poem 'Fire and Ice'.

True / False

13. In the poem 'Fire and Ice', the world will only end in fire.

14. Ice symbolizes hatred metaphorically.

Very Short Type Questions

15. According to the poet, what do ice and fire symbolise?

16. What do the people think of the world? Answer in the context of the poem Fire and Ice.

Short Type Questions

17. What does fire and ice stand for and what is the general opinion regarding the world?

18. The tone of the speaker contrasts with the seriousness of the subject matter. Justify.

Essay Type Questions

19. Which age old question does the poem Fire and Ice revolve around?

20. Discuss how extreme behaviour can hasten the end of the world with respect to Fire and Ice.

HOTS

21. **Assertion (A)** : The poet believes that desire is as destructive as hatred.

Reason (R) : He compares desire to fire and hatred to ice, both capable of ending the world.

- (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) Imagery
2. (b)
According to the poet, some people believe that the world will end in fire because of the violent desires of man.
3. (c) Because the lust for material things is increasing quickly
4. (c)
According to the poet, fire is symbolic of greed and other human desires.
5. (c) Die
6. (c)
He has a pragmatic outlook on life. He has provided a modern outlook of life in which everyone is part of the rat race heading nowhere.
7. (b)
Fire stands for avarice and ice stands for hatred. These human flaws have the capability of leading to apocalypse.
8. (c)
The poet is of the opinion that the world will end one day because of man's violent desires, greed and hatred for fellow humans.
9. (b)
Desires are powerful and can lead to a quick end. Just like fire, desire can spread and consume fast leading to apocalypse.
10. (a)
Personification is to give human qualities to inanimate objects. In this poem, "Fire" and "Ice" are capable of destruction. Therefore, the poet personifies fire and ice by giving them a mind which is capable of destroying almost anything.
11. Desire
12. Hatred
13. False
14. True
15. According to the poet 'ice' symbolizes hatred, coldness and rigidity, while fire symbolises unlimited wishes and desires of human beings.
16. The people think that the world will either end in fire or ice.
17. According to the poet, 'fire' represents desire and 'ice' represents hatred. I do agree with the poet. Desires like fire spread rapidly and engulf one's whole life. Similarly 'hatred' fills the whole life with poison. It makes one hard-hearted and cruel.

18. 'Fire and Ice' is a symbolic poem by Robert Frost. The poet wants to make humanity aware that everything will end one day as a result of human misdeeds. His aim is aphoristic brevity, for Frost truth remains ambiguous. That's why the tone contrasts with the seriousness of the subject matter.

19. The poem revolves around the age-old question of whether the world will end in fire or ice or the world will freeze to death or burn to death. The poet warns the readers to not let desire, lust, greed, dislike, envy and hatred grow within else it will lead to human destruction. The poet determines that either option would achieve its purpose sufficiently well.

20. Extreme behaviour always leads to destruction. In this poem, 'fire' symbolises 'desire' and 'ice' symbolises 'hatred'. Desire is a kind of intense love that insists that people possess and acquire something that they want. Such desires can lead people to destruction in the form of bankruptcy or even broken relationships.

Increasing desire triggers the wrong approach to achieve things. Frost's poem speaks on the issue of greed corrupting people and hence, society. The power of hate, which is symbolised by 'ice', is just as great as desire. It is strong enough to destruct the world twice. It is a weapon that causes greater devastation to the world and mankind than the destruction done by never-ending cravings of people. Moreover, it consumes the hater more than the person hated. It, thus, ruins lives

21. (a)

Robert Frost draws a parallel between human emotions and natural elements. He personifies fire as desire and ice as hatred, both equally capable of destruction, thus supporting the assertion

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