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Poem-7 | On Killing a Tree

Worksheet-1

Multiple Choice Questions

1. **The strength of the tree is exposed what do these words convey? (On Killing a Tree)**
 - (a) Roots of the tree taken out of the earth
 - (b) Tree is withered
 - (c) Roots are withered
 - (d) All of these
2. **What is scorching done by? (On Killing a Tree)**
 - (a) The rain
 - (b) The earth
 - (c) The water
 - (d) The heat of the sun
3. **How is the strength of a tree exposed?**
 - (a) New leaves
 - (b) Yellow leaves
 - (c) Fruits
 - (d) Roots pulled out
4. **Where does the root remain hidden for years? (On Killing a Tree)**
 - (a) In the earth
 - (b) In the air
 - (c) In the water
 - (d) All of these
5. **What is related to the death of roots? (On Killing a Tree)**
 - (a) Scorching
 - (b) Chocking
 - (c) Pulling out
 - (d) All of these
6. **What is the first step to finally uproot a tree?**
 - (a) dig the earth
 - (b) tie a rope
 - (c) stop giving water
 - (d) pull it out
7. **When does the bark of a tree bleed?**
 - (a) hardened
 - (b) hacked and chopped
 - (c) roped and tied
 - (d) jabbed
8. **What has grown slowly consuming the earth in the poem, On Killing a Tree?**
 - (a) Tree
 - (b) Superstition
 - (c) Nature
 - (d) Love

9. What does the poet equate killing trees with? (On Killing a Tree)

- (a) Killing insects
- (b) Killing animals
- (c) Killing Peace
- (d) Killing human beings

10. What does the poet symbolize a tree with? a noble thing

- (a) a good tradition
- (b) a deep-rooted evil
- (c) a noble thing
- (d) all of these

Fill in the blanks :

11. The colour of the roots is _____.

12. _____ is not enough to cut a tree.

True / False

13. It is easy to kill a tree.

14. Scorching and chopping can finally kill a tree.

Very Short Type Questions

- 15. In the phrase consuming the earth, who consumes the earth and how? Write your answer in the context of Poem On Killing a Tree.
- 16. What does he mean by the strength of the tree exposed?

Short Type Questions

- 17. What is the meaning of anchoring earth and earth cave?
- 18. What type of poem is On Killing a Tree?

Essay Type Questions

19. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

Then the matter
Of scorching and choking
In sun and air,
Browning, hardening,
Twisting, withering,
And then it is done.

- a. Name the poem and the poet.
- b. What happens to the tree after it is pulled out?
- c. What happens to the tree after withering?
- d. What does the poet mean by 'then it is done'.

20. Critically appreciate the poem 'On Killing a Tree'.

HOTS

21. **Assertion (A)** : A tree cannot be killed by merely hacking or chopping it.

Reason (R) : The root is the true source of a tree's strength, and as long as it remains untouched, the tree can regenerate.

(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

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1. (a) Roots of the tree taken out of the earth
2. (d) The heat of the sun
3. (d)
When its roots are pulled out from the earth's cave, its strength is exposed.
4. (a) In the earth
5. (d) All of these
6. (b)
Tying a rope is the first step to uprooting a tree.
7. (b)
The bark of a tree bleeds when it is hacked and chopped.
8. (a) Tree
9. (d) Killing human beings
10. (b)
The poet symbolizes the tree as a deep-rooted evil.
11. white
12. A simple jab of a knife.
13. False
14. True
15. It is the tree that consumes the earth by drawing its nourishment from the soil through its roots. The nourishment required by the tree lies deep inside the earth and the root sucks and absorbs nutrients, which help the growth of the tree.
16. The real power of a tree lies deep inside the earth's surface i.e. in the roots. The poet, therefore, suggests a complete snapping of these in order to kill a tree. 'the strength of the tree exposed' is used by the poet in this context to signify the situation where the roots of the tree are completely pulled out of the earth and left exposed.
17. 'Anchoring earth' refers to the roots of the tree that are deep seated beneath the earth's surface and play the most pivotal role in the healthy growth and nourishment of the tree by supplying it with water and nutrients. "Earth cave" refers to the surface of the ground on which the basic structure of the tree is laid. It performs the significant function of holding the tree and helping it withstand different conditions of natural calamities.

18. "On Killing a Tree" is a protest poem, written by Indian poet Gieve Patel in stanzas of irregular length. It does not use the traditional devices of poetry such as rhyme, regular meter, or stanzas of equal length. Instead, it is written in what is called free verse.

19. a. The poem is 'On killing a tree' and the poet is Gieve Patel.

b. After being pulled out, the tree is exposed to sun and air, which scorch and choke it.

c. The tree dies after withering.

d. The phrase 'then it is done' means that the soul of the tree is dead and the tree is no more.

20. The poem is beautifully written to show us that trees are an important part of our lives and nature is supreme. The poem itself is modelled as a plant growing from the seed. The first line states "It takes much time to kill a tree to tell us that even if humans try to kill a tree it's not easy to do that.

The poet then describes the process of growth of the tree. It is presumed that the tree has grown from its seed and the seed develops the root. The root works its way through the rocks and stones of the soil. The trees grow slowly by feeding upon the earth's crust absorbing years of sunlight, air, and water. The development of the tree takes years and it is because of this slow process of growth that the tree is strong and sturdy and hence it is difficult to kill a tree. A short yet thought-provoking poem.

21. (a)

In the poem, the poet emphasizes that hacking and chopping the tree is not enough to kill it, as the roots remain intact and continue to supply life. The real life of the tree lies in its roots, and unless they are completely removed and exposed, the tree will continue to grow.

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