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Poem-3 | Rain on the Roof

Worksheet-2

Multiple Choice Questions

- What does the poet attach the darkness with? (Rain on the Roof)**
 - Joyful mood
 - Pleasant
 - Soothing
 - Sadness
- Which quality has been associated with the rain? (Rain on the Roof)**
 - The quality of being polite
 - The quality of being harsh
 - The quality of being rude
 - The quality of being soft
- What weaves their air-threads into woof in the poem Rain on the Roof?**
 - A thousand recollections
 - A thousand raindrops
 - A thousand lilies
 - A thousand dreamy fancies
- Which figure of speech has been associated with the phenomenon of darkness? (Rain on the Roof)**
 - Personification
 - Irony
 - Alliteration
 - Anaphora
- What tinkles on the shingles? (Rain on the Roof)**
 - Raindrops
 - Brass-bells
 - Silver bangles
 - Hailstones
- Which of these words is the use of the literary device of onomatopoeia? (Rain on the Roof)**
 - Shingles
 - Bliss
 - Patter
 - Shadows
- What weeps in rainy tears? (Rain on the Roof)**
 - Poet
 - Poet's mother
 - Darkness
 - Poet's sister
- What produces an echo in the heart of the poet when he listens to the rain? (Rain on the Roof)?**
 - The sound of bangles
 - The ripples in the pool
 - The sound of the breeze
 - The tinkle on the shingles

9. Which figure of speech has been used in the phrase starry spheres? (Rain on the Roof)

- (a) Antithesis
- (b) Alliteration
- (c) Anaphora
- (d) Apostrophe

10. Raindrops are comparing with

- (a) dew drops
- (b) teardrops
- (c) droplets
- (d) shower of blessing

Fill in the blanks :

11. _____ the humid shadows hover. (Rain on the Roof).

12. _____ the rain is making a noise.

True / False

- 13. The poet titled his poem as 'Rain on the Roof' because the rain on the roof weaves the strings of the poem.
- 14. Woof rhymes with the roof.

Very Short Type Questions

- 15. What does each sound of shingle create? Write your answer in the context of poem Rain on the Roof.
- 16. When does the 'thousand dream fancies' begin to weave in the poet's mind? Write your answer in the context of the poem, 'Rain on the Roof'.

Short Type Questions

- 17. According to the poet, what is the nature's mood in the rainy darkness? Write your answer in the context of Rain on the Roof.
- 18. What is a bliss for a poet in the poem? Write your answer in the context of the poem, Rain on the Roof.

Essay Type Questions

19. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: [4x1 = 4 marks]

Every tinkle on the shingles
Has an echo in the heart;
And a thousand dreamy fancies
Into busy being start,
And a thousand recollections
Weave their air-threads into woof,
As I listen to the patter
Of the rain upon the roof.

- What makes an echo in the poet's heart?
 - What rises in the poet's mind?
 - What do the recollections do?
 - What does the poet listen to?
20. How is the rain a bliss for the poet? Describe. Write your answer in the context of the poem, 'Rain on the Roof'.

HOTS

21. **Assertion (A)** : The poet feels disturbed by the sound of rain.

Reason (R) : The pattering rain on the roof brings back memories of loss and sadness.

- 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

1. (d) Sadness
2. (d)
The poet lies on his bed and listens to the patter of the soft rain overhead.
3. (a)
Listening to the refrain made by the rain, a thousand recollections rush into the poet's mind and weaves their air-threads into a woof.
4. (a)
Darkness has been attributed with human qualities and hence has been personified in the poem Rain on the Roof.
5. (a) Raindrops
6. (c) Patter
7. (c) Darkness
8. (d)
The poet says that every tinkle on the shingles has an echo in the heart.
9. (b)
The repetition of the same sound at the beginning of consecutive words or nearly consecutive words is known as Alliteration.
10. (b) teardrops
11. Over all the starry spheres
12. On the roof
13. True
14. True
15. Every drop of the rain creates a musical effect as it falls on the tiles of the roof. It creates a rhythm with the poet's heartbeat and brings an echo in his heart. This evokes thousands of dreams and fancies. His mind starts weaving recollections of fond memories of years ago. He is lost in the memory of his mother.
16. When the poet is in his cottage and lies in his cosy bed listening to the soft music of rain on the roof, his mind is flooded with memories of his mother. He recalls his childhood. This is when a thousand dreamy fancies begin to weave themselves into the poet's mind.
17. The mood of the poem is sad and full of melancholy. All elements such as humid shadows, melancholy darkness, recollection of thoughts and reminiscence of mother suggest pensive mood of the poem. This sadness is further heightened when the poet shows the darkness to be weeping and shedding tears in the form of raindrops.
18. The poet finds it blissful to lie in his cosy bed, leaning his head against the pillow, and listen to the rain pattering down the roof's shingles. He likes the sound of nature, which stirs up memories and fantasies in his mind.

19. a. The sounds of raindrops on the roof make an echo in the poet's heart.
b. Thousands of fancies rise in the poet's mind lying in the bed.
c. The recollections weave their air-threads into woof.
d. The poet listens to the pattering sound of the rain made on the shingles.

20. Yes, dreams hold an important place in the poet's mind. Through this poem, the poet depicts his overall mood on a rainy night. During the night the humid clouds which are full of water create dark shadows over the star-studded sky. The rain fall from the sky, and the patter rekindles the memories of his mother through dreams. The poet dreams about his mother and the way she used to tuck him in bed. The poet's dream of his mother reminds him of her love for him.

He remembers how his mother used to tell stories to lull him into a sleep full of dreams. For the poet, the music of the raindrops that is being played on the rooftop is like the affectionate look that his mother had for him when he was a kid. Thus, dreams make him nostalgic and he recollects his memories of the past and also the things that miss. The rain is personified to show how important are memories and they can be brought to fore with the falling of the rain too and make us dream about our past.

21. (d)

The poet does not feel disturbed by the sound of the rain. Instead, he finds it soothing and comforting. However, it does bring back memories tinged with sadness, especially of his deceased mother, making R true but A false.

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