# ASSAM BOARD CLASS-9 | ENGLISH (Poem)





## Poem-3 A Legend of the Northland Worksheet-2



And yet you may learn a lesson

If I tell the tale to you.

(a) abcb

(c) abab

Mu	Itiple Choice Questions		
1.	How do the children wearing furry clothes look? (A Legend of the Northland)		
	(a) They look like bear's cubs	(b) They look like foxes	
	(c) They look like little pups	(d) They look like fawns	
2.	The saint cursed that greedy woman and made her - (A Legend of the Northland)		
	(a) Woodpecker	(b) Crow	
	(c) Nightingale	(d) Peacock	
3.	What made St. Peter angry with the woman?		
	(a) Her cakes	(b) She made a thin cake for him	
	(c) Her greedy actions	(d) All of these	
4.	Where did the story of this poem A Legend of the Northland occur?		
	(a) Northland	(b) Scotland	
	(c) Netherland	(d) Switzerland	
5.	Why can't people sleep the winter nights through in Northland? (A Legend of the		
	Northland)		
	(a) Because the nights are too long there		
	(b) Because there is no night there		
	(c) Because it is all the time night t	there	
	(d) Because the nights are too sho	rt there	
6.	Find out the rhyme scheme of the given stanza:		
	They tell them a curious story		
	I don't believe it is true;		

(b) abcd

(d) abba

7.	What message does this poem A Legend of the Northland convey?  (a) Don't help the poor  (b) All of these  (c) Don't be greedy and help the poor and hungry people  (d) Be greedy		
8.	Which literary device has been used in the poem A Legend of the Northland?  (a) Irony (b) Alliteration (c) All of these (d) Personification		
9.	What did the woman do when Saint Peter asked for a cake?  (a) She started making the smallest cake  (b) She refused to give him cake  (c) She gave the largest cake from the bakery  (d) She gave him some fruits		
10.	Why did Saint Peter ask for a cake?  (a) Because he was weak and hungry  (b) Because he purchased cake  (c) He wanted to gift cakes to the children  (d) Because he loved cakes		
	in the blanks:		
11.	The poet employs in the last line by repetition of the word "boring".		
12.	The people of Northland harnessed the swift to the sledges, when it snowed.		
Tru	e / False		
13.	The poem "A Legend of the Northland" is a dramatic narrative.		

- The poem teaches a moral lesson about greed and selfishness. 14.

#### **Very Short Type Questions**

- **15**. What kind of days and nights are there in the Northland?
- 16. What happened to the old lady when Saint Peter cursed her?

#### Short Type Questions

- **17.** The little woman's refusal to part with the cake is a mirror of her character. How?
- 18. What means of transportation are used in the Northland and why?

#### **Essay Type Questions**

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

Where they harness the swift reindeer

To the sledges, when it snows;

And the children look like bear's cubs

In their funny, furry clothes:

- a. How did the children look in their furry clothes?
- b. What kind of clothes do the children wear?
- c. How did the people drive their sledges when it snowed?
- d. Write the antonym of swift.
- **20.** Write the story of A Legend of the Northland in about ten sentences.

#### HOTS

**21. Assertion (A):** The old woman's clothes were burnt to ashes and she was left with a cap on her head when she transformed into a woodpecker.

**Reason (R):** Saint Peter cursed her to become a woodpecker and find her food with difficulty.

- (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)** They look like bear's cubs.
- 2. (a) Woodpecker
- **3. (c)** Her greedy actions
- 4. (a) Northland
- **5. (a)** Because the nights are too long there
- 6. (a)
  The rhyming scheme of the given stanza is abcb.
- 7. (c) Don't be greedy and help the poor and hungry people
- **8. (b)** Alliteration
- 9. (a)
  She didn't want to give him a large cake so she made a small cake for him.
- 10. (a)
  Saint Peter had eaten nothing the whole day and was faint with hunger. That's why he asked for a cake from the woman.

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- 11. repetition
- 12. reindeers
- **13.** False
- **14.** True

- Northland, the days are very short and the nights are very long. Closeness to the North Pole makes the nights exceedingly cold and uncomfortable. The people in the Northland are not able to sleep throughout the night because the nights are intensely cold and much longer than the days.
- 16. Saint Peter became angry at her greed because she did not give a piece of cake to Saint Peter. When he cursed the lady, she turned to a bird. She flew through the chimney. Finally, she became a woodpecker. Now she had to keep boring the trees for her little food.
- 17. The little woman first made a small cake but when she laid it to bake, it seemed much too big to be given away. So she kneaded a still smaller cake but it too seemed as big as the earlier one. Then she took a small bit of dough and rolled it as thin as a wafer but still could not give it away. This shows her extreme greed and selfishness.

- 18. The Northland is situated in a severely cold area which is covered with snow throughout the year. Hence, the means of transportation used here are sledges which are driven by reindeers found in this area. People tie the reindeers to sledges and then the reindeers pull the sledges.
- **19.** a. They looked like a bear's cubs.
  - b. Children wear furry clothes.
  - c. They drove them with the help of reindeer.

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d. Slow is the antonym of swift.

- 20. The poem is the story of an old woman. She is asked by Saint Peter for alms who has become weak in fasting and travelling. But her greed forces her not to give him anything. He becomes angry and makes her a woodpecker who bores hard, dry wood to get food. Her clothes are burnt to ashes and she is left with a cap on her head. She continues boring into hardwood for her little food.
- Both the assertion and the reason are true statements based on the text. The assertion describes what happened to her clothes during the transformation.

  The reason explains why she was transformed (due to Saint Peter's curse and her greed). However, the curse itself (R) does not directly explain how her clothes specifically turned to ashes and she was left with a cap (A). These are separate outcomes of the transformation.

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