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CLASS - X

ENGLISH

First Flight

POEM - 1

A TIGER IN THE ZOO

Part – 2

Thinking About The Poem

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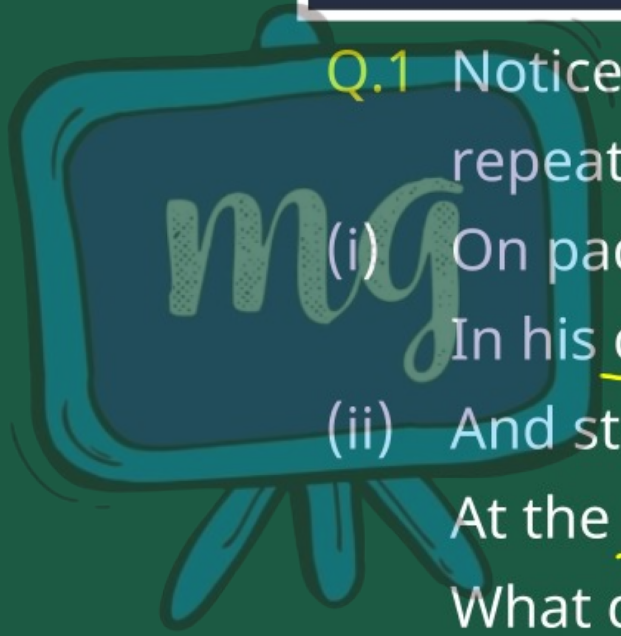

Q.1 Notice the use of a word repeated in lines such as these:

(i) On pads of velvet quiet,
In his quiet rage.

(ii) And stares with his brilliant eyes
At the brilliant stars.

What do you think is the effect of this repetition?

Ans. This repetition is a poetic device used by the poet in order to increase the intensity of the tiger's rage and his helpless silence.

'velvet quiet' refers to the quiet velvet pads of the tiger. They can only walk around the limited space in the cage.

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The use of 'quiet rage' symbolises the anger that is building up inside the tiger, his anger is quiet because he is locked in the cage.

There is a repetition of the word brilliant in the poem. It stresses the importance of 'brilliant'. It also increases the images of the eyes of the tiger. It does so of the shining stars also. The tiger's eyes look like the shining stars.

This repetition creates a wonderful effect in the poem and make it more beautiful and of artistic use.



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Q.2 How does the tiger walk in the cage? How is he ?

Ans. The tiger, at present, is in the cage. He stalks in the cage. He is quite angry due to his imprisonment in the cage. He can't do anything for his freedom. He is helpless due to the iron bars of the cage and can't break it. So he walks in silence.

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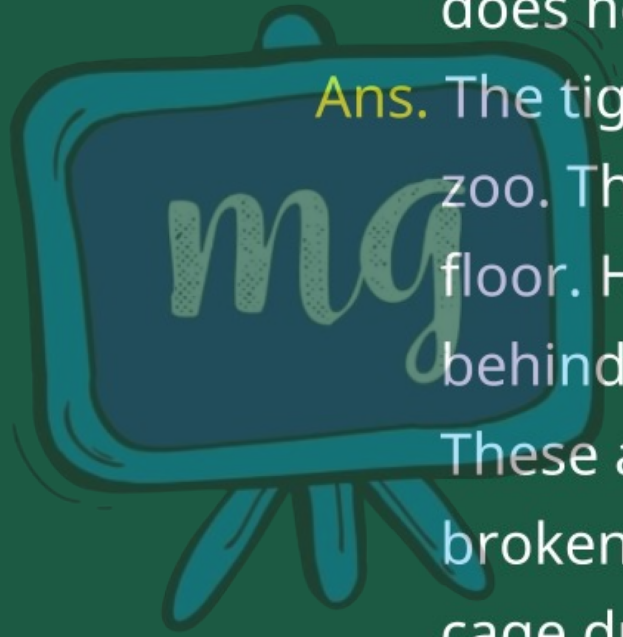

Q.3 How is the tiger in the cell? How does he react to the visitors ?

Ans. The tiger is now in the cell of the zoo. The cell has a concerete floor. His strength is now locked behind the bars of his cage. These are of iron. These can't be broken. He walks in rage in his cage due to helplessness. He ignores the visitors.

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Q.4 What message does the poem give ?

Ans. The poem gives out the message that the animals in the zoo do not live happily. They lead a miserable life in the cages. They want to be in their habitats. They can do so only in their natural habitats. We should not lock these animals behind the bars for our enjoyment.

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Q.5 What does the poet think where should the tiger be ?

Ans. The poet thinks that the tiger should be in the jungle. It is his natural habitat. He should be moving in the long grass near a water hole. He should lurk in shadow to hunt the plump deer for his food.

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Q.6 How does the tiger terrify the villagers ?

Ans. The tiger terrifies the villagers. He does so by showing his white fangs and long claws. He also snarls around the houses situated near the jungle.

Q.7 How does the tiger behave at night ?

Ans. The tiger is helpless inside the cage. So he looks at the shining stars with his shining eyes.