

Poem – 2 | Geography Lesson

QUIZ-01

1. What became clear when the jet sprang into the sky?
 - A. The earth's shape
 - B. The logic of geography
 - C. The unplanned development of cities
 - D. The presence of rivers (C)

Explanation : The poet observes that the city's development, which seemed unplanned from the ground, reveals a logical inevitability when viewed from above.

2. Why do cities exist where rivers run?
 - A. Rivers provide drinking water.
 - B. Rivers are natural boundaries.
 - C. Rivers attract human settlement.
 - D. Rivers are symbols of beauty. (C)

Explanation : The poet highlights the "logic of geography" that land and water attract human habitation, making valleys and rivers key areas for cities.

3. How did the jet's height change the perception of the city?
 - A. It appeared chaotic.
 - B. It looked perfectly planned.
 - C. It looked disorganized but logical.
 - D. It revealed hidden patterns of life. (B)

Explanation : From the height, the city appeared neat and proportionate, akin to a geometric design or map, unlike its seemingly chaotic ground view.

4. What did the poet find clear at ten thousand feet?
 - A. The roundness of the earth
 - B. The logical placement of cities
 - C. The uneven distribution of water and land
 - D. The vastness of the sky (B)

Explanation : At ten thousand feet, the poet recognized that cities are positioned where rivers flow and valleys support human settlements, reinforcing geographical logic.

5. What philosophical question arises in the third stanza?
 - A. Why are cities located by rivers?
 - B. Why does humanity build walls and hate?
 - C. Why is the earth more water than land?
 - D. Why do people settle in valleys? (B)

Explanation : The poet reflects on human conflicts, questioning why people hate, build walls, and kill, especially when viewed from the peaceful height of six miles.

6. What does the poet observe about the earth's surface from six miles high?
 - A. The earth is flat.
 - B. The earth has more land than sea.
 - C. The earth is round with more sea than land.
 - D. The earth is entirely covered by water. (C)

Explanation : The poet concludes that the earth's curvature and the dominance of seas over land are evident from six miles above.

7. Which phrase is NOT found in the poem?
 - A. "Logic of geography"
 - B. "Scaled six inches to the mile"
 - C. "Walls across cities"
 - D. "Chaotic rivers in the valley" (D)

Explanation : While the poem mentions valleys and rivers, it does not describe them as chaotic. Instead, they are shown as attractors of human settlement.

8. How does the poet describe the city as viewed from the jet?
 - A. Chaotic and unplanned
 - B. Neat and geometrical
 - C. Large and overwhelming
 - D. Beautiful but haphazard (B)

Explanation : From the jet's height, the city appears neatly planned and geometrically proportionate, a sharp contrast to its appearance from the ground.

9. What does the poet find unclear even from six miles above?
 - A. The geography of cities
 - B. The placement of rivers and valleys
 - C. The reasons for human hatred and conflict
 - D. The distribution of land and water (C)

Explanation : Despite the clarity of geographical patterns, the poet struggles to comprehend why humans harbor hatred and create divisions.

10. What message does the poem ultimately convey?
 - A. Geography dictates human actions.
 - B. A higher perspective clarifies everything.
 - C. Human conflicts are illogical.
 - D. Rivers are essential for human survival. (C)

Explanation : The poet suggests that while geographical logic is clear from a height, the irrationality of human hatred and conflict remains baffling.