

POEM-1 | The Peacock

QUIZ-01

1. What does the peacock's call in the poem sound like?
- A. A soft whistle
B. A deep growl
C. A loud sharp call
D. A rhythmic chant
- (C)

Explanation: The poem begins with "His loud sharp call," emphasizing the sudden and piercing nature of the peacock's cry.

2. What is the color mentioned in the poem to describe the peacock's appearance?
- A. Crimson
B. Turquoise
C. Sapphire
D. Emerald
- (B)

Explanation: The poet uses "a flash of turquoise" to depict the vibrant color of the peacock.

3. What natural element changes when the peacock is near?
- A. The color of the sky
B. The wind direction
C. The scent of flowers
D. The position of the sun
- (B)

Explanation: The poet writes, "The wind will change direction," indicating a subtle atmospheric shift with the peacock's arrival.

4. What must the observer be doing to possibly see the peacock?
- A. Waiting quietly in the garden
B. Watching the sky from a rooftop
C. Reading a favorite book with great concentration
D. Sleeping in the veranda
- (C)

Explanation: The poem suggests that being lost in a book allows the peacock to appear unexpectedly.

5. What signals the end of the peacock's presence?
- A. A loud rustle of leaves
B. A fading call
C. A glimpse of the end of its tail
D. The appearance of clouds
- (C)

Explanation: The poem notes that as the peacock darts away, only the "very end of his tail" is seen.

6. What reaction does the cat have when the peacock approaches?
- A. It runs away
B. It begins to purr
C. It awakens and stretches
D. It hides in the bushes
- (C)

Explanation: The line "The cat will awaken and stretch" suggests a subtle environmental alert to the peacock's presence.

7. What does the peacock do with its tail at the end of the poem?
- A. Spreads it wide open
B. Hides it under its body
C. Gathers it to shut the eyes
D. Drops feathers on the ground
- (C)

Explanation: The poet writes that the peacock gathers its tail "to shut those dark glowing eyes," linking the tail with vision.

8. What poetic device is central to describing the peacock's tail in the poem?
- A. Hyperbole
B. Metaphor
C. Onomatopoeia
D. Irony
- (B)

Explanation: The poem uses metaphor in describing the eyes on the peacock's tail as if they blink — "the tail that has to blink."

9. In which anthology is the poem "The Peacock" published?
- A. Honeydew
B. Woven Words
C. First Flight
D. Beehive
- (B)

Explanation: The PDF is from the NCERT anthology Woven Words, where the poem is included.

10. What form does the poem take in terms of structure?
- A. Sonnet with 14 lines
B. Haiku with 3 lines
C. Traditional rhyming couplets
D. Free verse with no fixed structure
- (D)

Explanation: The poem follows a modern, free verse style with no rhyme scheme or fixed meter.