

POEM-1 | Dust of Snow

QUIZ-01

1. What is the main theme of the poem "Dust of Snow"?

- A. Nature's destructive power
- B. Nature's ability to transform mood
- C. Importance of hard work
- D. Symbolism of fire and ice (B)

Explanation : The poem highlights how a small moment in nature, like snow falling from a tree, can lift one's spirits and change their mood positively.

2. What is the significance of the phrase "dust of snow"?

- A. It represents sorrow.
- B. It symbolizes a light snowfall with a larger meaning.
- C. It signifies the harshness of winter.
- D. It indicates a crow's negative actions. (B)

Explanation : The "dust of snow" refers to the light snow falling from the hemlock tree, symbolizing a seemingly small event with a profound emotional impact.

3. How does the poet describe his change in mood?

- A. The hemlock tree made him regretful.
- B. The crow's action gave him a change of heart.
- C. The snowfall reminded him of sorrow.
- D. He remained indifferent to nature. (B)

Explanation : The poet's mood changes due to the simple act of a crow shaking snow onto him, emphasizing nature's role in altering emotions.

4. Why does the poet mention the "hemlock tree" instead of other trees like a maple or oak?

- A. To symbolize joy and beauty.
- B. To create an unusual setting with a poisonous tree.
- C. To emphasize winter's harshness.
- D. To focus on the crow's actions. (B)

Explanation : The hemlock tree, known for its toxicity, contrasts with typical symbols of beauty, representing sorrow or negativity transformed into hope.

5. What effect does the crow have in the poem?

- A. It creates an ominous atmosphere.
- B. It becomes a source of inspiration.
- C. It causes destruction by shaking snow.
- D. It signifies regret for the poet. (B)

Explanation : Though often viewed negatively, the crow's action becomes a source of inspiration by altering the poet's mood positively.

6. What literary device is used in "Shook down on me / The dust of snow"?

- A. Simile
- B. Alliteration
- C. Metaphor
- D. Personification (C)

Explanation : The "dust of snow" is a metaphor comparing the light snowfall to something transformative, symbolizing a significant emotional shift.

7. How does the poet describe the hemlock tree in the poem?

- A. As a symbol of beauty.
- B. As a source of sorrow.
- C. As a transformative agent despite its toxicity.
- D. As a representation of winter's hardships. (C)

Explanation : The hemlock tree is traditionally associated with toxicity, but here it plays a positive role in changing the poet's mood.

8. What emotions are transformed in the poet's heart in "Dust of Snow"?

- A. Regret to joy
- B. Happiness to sadness
- C. Anger to forgiveness
- D. Indifference to sorrow (A)

Explanation : The poet moves from a regretful, negative state to a more positive and uplifted mood after the incident.

9. Why is the crow an unusual choice for a poem about transformation?

- A. Crows symbolize grace and joy.
- B. Crows are not typically linked with positivity.
- C. Crows represent winter's beauty.
- D. Crows are commonly used in poetry. (B)

Explanation : The crow, often associated with negativity, surprises the reader by becoming a symbol of hope and transformation in this poem.

10. What does the poet mean by "saved some part / Of a day I had rued"?

- A. A part of his day was wasted.
- B. The moment redeemed a day he regretted.
- C. He saved time by observing nature.
- D. Nature helped him regret the day more. (B)

Explanation : The poet reflects on how the crow and the falling snow salvaged a day he had previously considered a failure.