

## POEM-9 | The Tale of Custard the Dragon

## QUIZ-01

1. What are the names of the characters mentioned in the poem, along with their pet names?
- Belinda, Ink, Blink, Mustard, Custard
  - Belinda, Molly, Rinky, Buddy, Dragon
  - Belinda, Tink, Wink, Rusty, Firetail
  - Bella, Inky, Blinky, Musty, Custy

(A)

**Explanation:** The poem describes Belinda and her pets, giving each a unique name and personality: Ink (kitten), Blink (mouse), Mustard (dog), and Custard (dragon).

2. Why did Custard cry for a "nice safe cage"?
- Because he was afraid of the dark
  - Because he was a coward and felt insecure
  - Because he wanted to be protected from Belinda
  - Because he was tired of the others mocking him

(B)

**Explanation:** Custard is depicted as a cowardly dragon despite his fierce appearance, and he constantly craves a safe place to hide, contrasting with the bravery of the other characters.

3. How did Ink, Blink, and Mustard react when the pirate appeared?
- They all attacked the pirate together
  - They ran away in fear
  - They hid behind Belinda
  - They ignored the pirate

(B)

**Explanation:** Ink hid, Blink took cover, and Mustard fled, showing their true lack of bravery, despite their earlier claims of being courageous.

4. What action did Custard take when the pirate appeared?
- Custard hid in his cage
  - Custard fought and defeated the pirate
  - Custard asked for help
  - Custard tried to escape

(B)

**Explanation:** Custard, surprisingly, displayed great bravery by attacking and ultimately eating the pirate, proving himself to be the hero of the story.

5. What poetic device is used in the line "Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon"?
- Metaphor
  - Simile
  - Alliteration
  - Personification

(B)

**Explanation:** A simile is used here to compare the clashing sound of Custard's tail to irons in a dungeon, emphasizing his strength and the chaos during the fight.

6. Why did Belinda and her pets initially mock Custard?

- For his strange appearance
- For his cowardly nature
- For being too noisy
- For eating too much

(B)

**Explanation:** Custard was teased by Belinda and her pets for crying and wanting a safe cage, contrasting with their own claims of bravery.

7. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?
- ABAB
  - AABB
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(B)

**Explanation:** The poem follows a consistent AABB rhyme scheme, giving it a rhythmic and playful tone appropriate for its ballad style.

8. What is the tone of the poem The Tale of Custard the Dragon?
- Serious and dramatic
  - Humorous and light-hearted
  - Melancholic and reflective
  - Adventurous and thrilling

(B)

**Explanation:** The poem uses humor and irony to depict Custard's bravery and the contrasting cowardice of the other characters, making it an entertaining narrative.

9. What lesson does the poem convey through Custard's character?
- Appearance does not define one's true nature
  - Cowardice is shameful
  - Strength comes from size
  - Mocking others is always justified

(A)

**Explanation:** Custard's bravery in defeating the pirate contrasts with his earlier perceived cowardice, teaching that actions, not appearances, reveal true character.

10. What literary genre does the poem belong to?
- Elegy
  - Ballad
  - Sonnet
  - Ode

(B)

**Explanation:** The poem is a humorous ballad, telling a story with rhythm, rhyme, and a narrative structure, typical of this poetic form.