

# The Blind Boy (Memorization Poem)

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Previous Years' Questions - Solved

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## Multiple Choice Questions - Solved

1. You talk of -----

Select the appropriate option to complete the line from the poem 'The Blind Boy'.

A) blessings of the sight,

B) wondrous things you see,

C) sun shines bright;

D) my hapless woe;

(2021)

Answer: B) wondrous things you see,

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## 2 Mark Questions - Solved

**1. What is the message of the poem, "The Blind Boy"? (April 2017)**

**Answer:** The poem 'The Blind Boy' conveys the message that people with disabilities experience life differently and that it can still be good. The positive outlook of the blind boy is an attitude that everyone should learn to adopt.

**2. What is the blind boy's understanding of day and night? (June 2018)**

**Answer:** The blind boy doesn't understand how the sun changes night to day as he can feel the sun's warmth but not see its light. For the boy, it is night when he goes to sleep and day when he is awake.

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## 4 Mark Questions (Quote from Memory) - Solved

### 1. Quote from memory:

"With heavy sighs ....."

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.....

..... a poor blind boy."

(April 2015)

**Answer:** With heavy sighs I often hear  
You mourn my hapless woe;  
But sure with patience I can bear  
A loss I ne'er can know.

Then let not what I cannot have  
My cheer of mind destroy:  
Whilst thus I sing, I am a king,  
Although a poor blind boy.

### 2. Quote from memory:

"O say ....."

.....

.....

..... day or night?"

(June 2015)

OR

"O say ....."

..... enjoy.

What ....."

..... boy!"

(June 2022)

**Answer:** O say what is that thing call'd light,  
Which I must ne'er enjoy.  
What are the blessings of the sight,  
O tell your poor blind boy!

### 3. Quote from memory:

"You talk ....."

.....

.....

.....night?"

(April, June 2016); (April 2019)

OR

"You talk ....."

..... bright;

I feel ....."

..... night?"

(April 2022)

OR

"You talk.....  
..... bright  
I .....  
..... night?"

(June 2019)

OR

"You talk .....  
.....  
.....  
..... or night?"

(June 2023)

**Answer:** You talk of wondrous things you see,  
You say the sun shines bright;  
I feel him warm, but how can he  
Or make it day or night?

**4. Quote from memory:**

"My day .....  
.....  
.....  
..... always day."

(April 2017); (June 2017); (April 2018)

OR

"My day or .....  
.....  
.....  
..... always day."

(September 2020)

OR

"My day or night .....  
.....  
.....  
..... always day."

(August 2024)

**Answer:** My day or night myself I make,  
When'er I sleep or play;  
And could I ever keep awake  
With me 'twere always day.

**5. Quote from memory:**

"With heavy .....  
.....  
.....  
..... can know."

(June 2018)

**Answer:** With heavy sighs I often hear  
You mourn my hapless woe;  
But sure with patience I can bear  
A loss I ne'er can know.

6. Quote from memory:

Then .....

..... destroy:

Whilst .....

..... boy.

(April 2020)

OR

Then let not .....

.....

.....

..... blind boy.

(April 2023); (April 2024)

**Answer:** Then let not what I cannot have

My cheer of mind destroy:

Whilst thus I sing, I am a king,

Although a poor blind boy.

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