

Exam Practice

Extract Based Questions

Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow.

1 I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,
And a small cabin build there, of clay and
wattles made:
Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for
the honeybee,
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

- (i) The fact that the poet of the given lines wants to go to a Innisfree shows that
 - (a) his childhood is spent in Innisfree.
 - (b) he wants peace and quiet.
 - (c) he loves nature.
 - (d) he is an old man.
- (ii) The last line of the stanza shows that the author wants to live
 - (a) alone
 - (b) among his friends
 - (c) with his mother
 - (d) in his town
- (iii) The kind of a house that the poet wants to live in reflects
 - (a) luxury
 - (b) ancient times
 - (c) simplicity
 - (d) All of these
- (iv) From the given description of the place, Innisfree is a place
 - (a) with tranquility
 - (b) of natural beauty
 - (c) where his family lives
 - (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (v) What is the rhyme scheme of the given stanza?

- Ans.** (i) (b) he wants peace and quiet.
(ii) (a) alone
(iii) (c) simplicity
(iv) (d) Both (a) and (b)
(v) The rhyming scheme of the poem is abab.

2 And I shall have some peace there, for
peace comes dropping slow
Dropping from the veils of the morning to
where the cricket sings;
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a
purple glow,
And evenings full of the linnet's wings.

- (i) Who is the poet of this poem?
 - (a) William Wordsworth
 - (b) W.B Yeats
 - (c) James Williams
 - (d) P.B. Sheley
- (ii) In the given lines, 'there' refers to
 - (a) in a town
 - (b) in a village
 - (c) on mountains
 - (d) at Innisfree Island

- (iii) What kind of sounds did the poet hear 'there'?
 - (a) Horrible
 - (b) Irritating
 - (c) Pleasing
 - (d) None of these
- (iv) What is the poet most likely to do 'there'?
- (v) How will you most probably describe the night 'there'?

- Ans.** (i) (b) W.B Yeats (ii) (d) at Innisfree Island
(iii) (c) Pleasing
(iv) The poet most likely to do gardening there.
(v) The night 'there' can be described as charming and glimmering.

3 I will arise and go now, for always night and day
I hear the lake water lapping with low sounds by
the shore;
While I stand on the roadway, or on the
pavements grey,
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

- (i) Why did the poet want to go to Innisfree?
 - (a) He wanted to relive his past.
 - (b) To enrich his spirit and feel light away from the noise of the city.
 - (c) To have a change of mood.
 - (d) To explore something new.
- (ii) Which figure of speech has the poet used in the above lines?
 - (a) Anaphora
 - (b) Alliteration
 - (c) Repetition
 - (d) Oxymoron
- (iii) 'Lake water lapping with low sounds' what image do these words draw in the mind?
 - (a) Flowing stream
 - (b) Sound of flowing stream
 - (c) Low soft sound of lake's water washing the shore
 - (d) None of the above
- (iv) What does the poet shows in the given lines?
 - (a) a desire for peace.
 - (b) a desire to go back to Innisfree.
 - (c) a love for natural beauties.
 - (d) a need to go away from the city.
- (v) What sounds does the poet hear even when he is away from Innisfree?

- Ans.** (i) (b) To enrich his spirit and feel light away from the noise of the city.
(ii) (b) Alliteration
(iii) (c) Low soft sound of lake's water washing the shore
(iv) The poet shows a desire to go back to Innisfree.
(v) The poet, even when he is away from Innisfree, hear the sound of lake water.

Short Answer (SA) Type Questions

1 Where does the poet want to go and why?

Ans. The poet wants to go to Innisfree, a rural island, because it will provide him everything that he desires. Most of all, he will get peace there. He envisions a simple life in a cottage surrounded by a garden instead of the dull pavement of the city.

2 Why does the poet repeat 'I will arise and go now'?

Ans. The repetitions of 'I will arise and go now' emphasises that the poet is extremely keen on abandoning the city and leave for the Lake Isle. The use of 'arise' and 'go' reveal the intensity of his longing to escape from the restlessness and noise of the cities and reach the quiet, idyllic harmony and serenity of the world of nature available on the Lake Isle of Innisfree.

3 How shall the poet live at the isle of Innisfree?

Ans. The poet will live at the Isle of Innisfree peacefully and freely in a cabin made of clay and fences. The poet would cultivate beans and gather honey from the honeybees there.

4 How will the poet have peace at Innisfree?

Ans. The poet is a lover of nature. He will enjoy the natural beauty of Innisfree, undisturbed by the hustle and bustle of the city where he is nowadays. Thus he will have peace at Innisfree.

5 How would the poet enjoy his time at Innisfree?

Ans. The poet would enjoy his time at Innisfree by spending his time in nature.

He would wake up in the peaceful morning where he would only hear the cricket singing. In the evenings, he would see the linnets flapping their wings. At midnight, he would watch the stars shining in the sky. All these are enjoyable to him.

6 How is the roadway in the city different from the Isle of Innisfree?

Ans. In the poem, the poet compares and contrasts country life to the city life. In city and its roadways, life is dull and grey.

However, there is nature's beauty all around at Innisfree. The poet hears the soft lapping of lake water, the singing of the cricket and sees linnets flapping their wings in the country side.

7 Explain the words, 'lake water lapping with low sounds'?

Ans. These words describe the beautiful natural environment at Innisfree, where the lake water strikes the island with a soft sound on its shore. As there is no noise around, one can hear this soft sound also. The poet says that he can hear this soft sound even in the hustle-bustle of the city life.

8 Why does the poet miss the Isle of Innisfree?

Ans. The poet lives in a busy city, most probably of London wherein he desires peace and calm. However, he is unable to find it in the restless city life. In such a situation, he remembers and misses the Lake Isle of Innisfree.

He keeps on hearing the soft sounds that he had heard at that place and feels that it is calling to him. Thus, he wants to escape from the city and go there.

Long Answer (LA) Type Questions

1 The poet presents an idyllic picture of the lake Isle of Innisfree as compared to the dull-grey life of the city. Justify using illustrations from the poem.

Ans. It is true that the poet in the poem "Lake Isle of Innisfree", presents an idyllic picture of the lake Isle as compared to the dull and grey life of the city. The poet had spent some part of his life in the rural island of Innisfree and finds his present city life to be boring. Thus, he compares and contrasts his present condition to the life he lived at the Island. According to the poet, the Lake Isle of Innisfree is

most suitable to lead a carefree, serene and a self dependent life. Therefore, he desires to go to Innisfree and lead a life of simplicity and peace. He feels that he will be fully contented if he lives there alone listening to the nature's music and admiring its beauty. Further, he would live in peace in Innisfree as peace comes naturally at every place on the island.

In contrast to this serene land, is the city life where the roadways and pavements are grey and dull, life move on in hustle and bustle. But even in these scenario, he can hear the sound of nature of the Lake Isle of Innisfree.