

Poetry

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Lesson 2 Fire and Ice

Q. 1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Some say the world will end in fire
some say in ice.

From what I have tasted of desire
I hold with these who favour fire?

- (a) What do 'fire' and 'ice' stand for?
(b) What is the rhyming scheme of the stanza?

(c) Why does the poet hold with those who favour fire?

[CBSE, Term 1, 2014]

- Ans. (a) 'fire' stands for vitality and 'ice' stands for 'indifference / cold behaviour'.
(b) The rhyming scheme is abaa.
(c) The poet holds with those who favour fire because they are optimists and have high hopes in life.

Lesson 3 A Tiger in the Zoo

Q. 1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

He should be lurking in shadow,
Sliding through long grass
Near the water hole
where plump deer pass.

- (a) Who is 'he' referred to here?
(b) Why is 'he' sliding through the long grass?

(c) Why does the poet refer to deer as 'plump deer'?

[CBSE, Term 1, 2015]

- Ans. (a) 'He' is referred to a tiger.
(b) 'He' is hiding in the long grass to attack a deer.
(c) The poet imagined the tiger to get a plump deer so that he could feast on it.

Lesson 5 The Ball Poem

Q. 1. Why does the poet not offer the boy money to buy another ball?

[CBSE OD, Set 3, 2020]

Ans. The poet does not offer the boy money to buy another ball because he wants the boy to understand that money cannot buy ev-

erything. He wants him to be responsible enough to let go of things which he lost and move on in life.

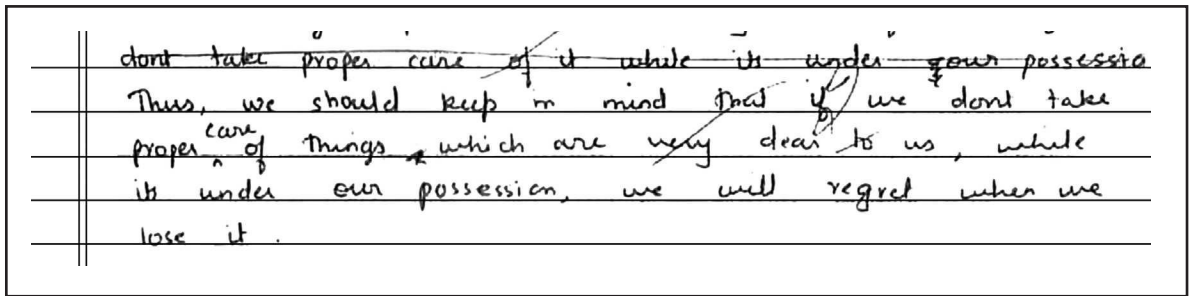
Q. 2. 'He senses first responsibility' – What responsibility is referred to here? (The Ball Poem)

[CBSE, 2018]



Topper's Answers

|| of all adversities waiting for you in this world. ~~that, we~~
~~should always keep in mind that nothing lasts forever if we~~



Ans. The responsibility referred to here is that in this world of possessions the boy has not only to learn to take care of his

things but also cope up with the loss of his favorite ball.

Lesson 6 Amanda!

Q. 1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

(There is a languide, emerald sea,
where the sole inhabitant is me
a mermaid drifting blissfully.)

- Who does 'me' stand for?
- How does 'me' feel?
- Who is 'me' compared to?
- Which word in the extract means opposite of 'sorrowfully'?

[CBSE Delhi, Set 1, 2019]

Ans. (a) 'Me' stands for the child, Amanda.
(b) She feels that she should also be free and relaxed as a mermaid sailing in the sea freely, but lovely.
(c) 'Me' is compared to a mermaid.
(d) 'Blissfully' is the word opposite to sorrowfully.

Q. 2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

I am an orphan, roaming the street.

I pattern soft dust with my hushed bare feet.

The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.

- Who is 'I' referred to here?
- Why does she want to be an orphan?
- Identify the figure of speech used here.

[CBSE, Term 1, 2016]

Ans. (a) 'I' is referred to Amanda.
(b) She wants to be an orphan in order to be able to roam freely.
(c) Alliteration: A pattern soft dust with my hushed feet, is used here.

Lesson 7 Animals

Q. 1. I stand and look at them long and long.
They do not sweat and whine about their condition.

(a) The poet who has written these lines is

- Robert Frost
- Carbolyn Wells
- Walt Whitman
- Ogden Nash

(b) Who are 'they' referred to here?

- Animals
- Tigers
- Amanda's friends
- Wanda's dresses

(c) The poet looks at them long and long because he.....

(d) Which word in the extract means 'complain'? [CBSE Delhi, Set 1, 2020]

Ans. (a) (iii) Walt Whitman

(b) (i) animals

(c) realises that they do not sweat and whine about their conditions.

(d) whine

Q. 2. Which qualities of animals has the poet lost and now wants to regain? Answer with reference to the poem, 'Animals'.

[CBSE OD, Set 1, 2020]

Ans. The poet wants to regain the qualities of animals as in, animals are natural and do not adapt to material goods like human beings do. This natural aspect of animals has helped them maintain their values. Humans, in order to possess more and more, have forgotten their kindness and innocence. Animals do not complain about their situation, they are considered to be

happier than humans. Animals live in natural surroundings, they accept their natural lives. Humans, on the other hand, have never accepted nature, *i.e.*, they complain about it and try to change it, leading to an unhappy life.

Animals are free from any possession and are also free from sins, worries and complaints.

The poet desires to imbibe these selfless and natural qualities of animals.

Lesson 10 The Tale of Custard the Dragon

Q. 1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Now the name of the little black kitten was Ink.

And the little gray mouse, she called him Blink.

And the little yellow dog was sharp as Mustard,

But the dragon was a coward, and she called him Custard.

- Name the poem and its poet.
- What is the colour of Belinda's dog?
- What were the kitten and the mouse called?
- Which word in the stanza is the antonym of 'dull'?

[CBSE OD, Set 1, 2019]

Ans. (a) The name of the poem is 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' and the poet is Ogden Nash.

(b) The color of the Belinda's dog is yellow.

(c) The kitten was called 'Ink' and the mouse was called 'Blink'.

(d) Antonym of the word 'dull' is sharp.

Q. 2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Belinda tickled him, she tickled him unmerciful, Ink, Blink and Mustard, they rudely called him Percival. They all sat laughing in the little red wagon

At the realio, trulio cowardly dragon.

(a) Who was tickled by Belinda?

(b) Why did she tickle 'him'?

(c) Who are Ink, Blink and Mustard?

(d) Why did they all laugh at 'him'?

[CBSE, 2018]



Topper's Answers

8) (a)	Custard, the dragon was tickled by Belinda
(b)	Belinda tickled him as because she wanted to make fun of him. The dragon was a naive and coward, and she wanted to make fun of him.
(c)	Ink is a kitten. whereas Blink is a mouse and Mustard is a dog. They all are the pets of Belinda.
(d)	They all laughed at Custard because he was a coward and he begged for a cage to keep himself safe.

Ans. (a) Custard, the dragon, was tickled by Belinda.

(b) She tickled him to tease him and make fun of him.

(c) Ink, a black kitten, Blink, the little

grey mouse and Mustard, a little yellow dog, are all Belinda's pets.

(d) Custard, the dragon was a coward, hence, they all laughed at him.