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UNIT-I

Choose the Correct Answer

1. According to Shakespeare there are _____ stages in life.
 - a. six
 - b. seven
 - c. eight
 - d. five
 2. The extract “All The World’s a Stage” is taken from Shakespeare’s play _____.
 - a. “The Merchant of Venice”
 - b. “Taming of the Shrew”
 - c. “As You Like It”
 - d. “Much Ado About Nothing”
 3. The unwilling school boy goes to school like a _____.
 - a. snail
 - b. tortoise
 - c. bullock
 - d. tiger
 4. The soldier’s beard is like that of a _____.
 - a. goat
 - b. lion
 - c. tiger
 - d. leopard
 5. What is referred to as “second childishness”?
 - a. The second child born to a mother
 - b. When the child grows and admitted to school
 - c. The last stage in man’s life
 - d. The foolish act done by old people
 6. Robert Frost saw two divergent roads in a _____.
 - a. green wood
 - b. white wood
 - c. yellow wood
 - d. rose wood
 7. The poet wanted to travel down _____.
 - a. stone road
 - b. two roads
 - c. three roads
 - d. mud road
 8. Why did the poet choose the other road?
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- a. because it was clean
- b. because there were many trees on both side
- c. because there were many flowering plants
- d. because it was grassy and not much used by people

9. The first road ends up in a _____.

- a. river
- b. mountain
- c. forest
- d. valley

10. The message of the poem "The Road Not Taken" is that making a choice _____.

- a. is not as easy as it appears to be
- b. is as easy as it appears to be
- c. is as worthless as it appears to be
- d. . is as worthy as it appears to be

**Answers: 1.b 2.c 3.a 4.d 5. c 6. c 7. b 8.d 9. c
10. a**

Short Questions (2 marks)

1. What is compared to a stage? Who are the players on it?
2. What does Shakespeare mean by 'entrance' and 'exit'?
3. What is the complaint of the school boy?
4. How is the appearance of the magistrate?
5. How does the man conduct himself in his last stage?
6. . What did the poet see near the yellow wood?
7. Why is the wood yellow in colour?
8. How does the two roads look like?
9. Which road did the poet choose?
10. What was the thought of the poet after he made his choice?

Paragraph questions (5 marks)

1. How is the world a stage? Explain.
2. How is the child and the schoolboy described by Shakespeare?
3. . Explain the fourth stage as described by Shakespeare.
4. . How is the fifth stage of man described by the poet?
5. Write a short description of the last stage.

6. Describe the problem faced by Robert Frost while travelling.
7. Which road did the poet take? Why?
8. How does Frost use ordinary situation or images as powerful symbols of some deeper truth.
9. How did the poet deceive himself in “The Road not taken”?
10. Is Frost actually speaking of two roads or is he suggesting something else?
What can the two roads be?

Essay type questions (10 marks)

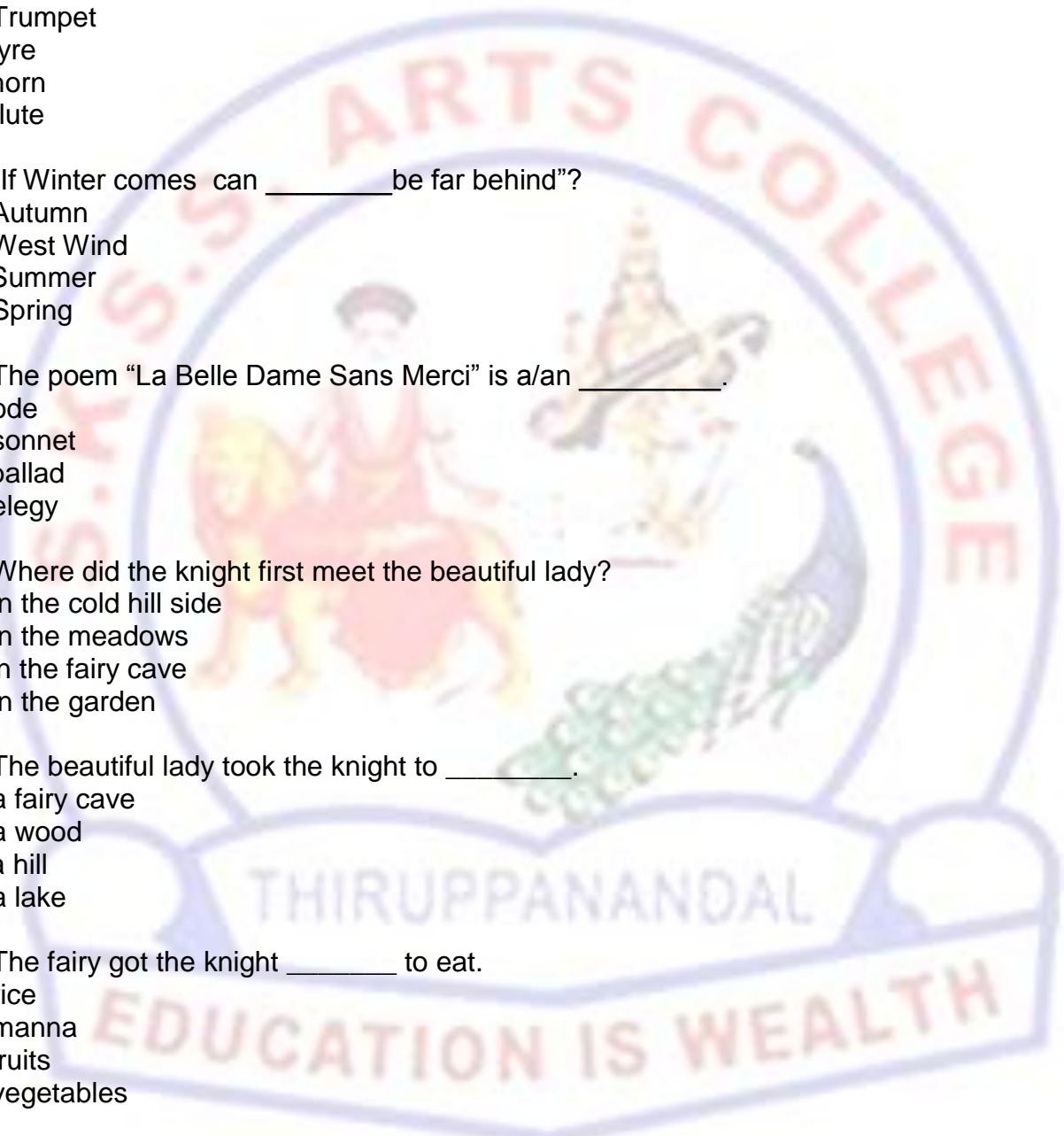
1. How does Shakespeare satirize man in different stages?
2. Give an account on man’s different stages as portrayed by Shakespeare in “All the World’s a Stage”.
3. What is the contrast between the soldier and the justice? Explain.
4. Why is the sixth stage of a man called a pantaloon? Explain with illustrations.
5. Write a brief account of the different stages in a man’s life according to Shakespeare.
6. Describe the symbolic significance of the poem “The Road not taken”.
7. Write the experience of the poet in the yellow wood.
8. Comment on Robert Frost’s message regarding choices in his poem “The Road not taken”.
9. . In what extent Robert Frost illustrate the theme ‘longing is a part of life’ in “The Road not taken”.
10. Illustrate ‘the choice made the difference’ with the reference of Frost’s “The Road not taken”.

UNIT-II

Choose the Correct Answer

1. The west wind comes in _____
 - a. Winter
 - b. Summer
 - c. Autumn
 - d. Spring
2. Shelley calls the West Wind a _____.
 - a. giant
 - b. great authority
 - c. powerful force
 - d. wild spirit

3. _____ are angels which bring rain.
- Trees
 - Mountains
 - Clouds
 - peacocks
4. The poet asks the West Wind to make him its _____.
- Trumpet
 - lyre
 - horn
 - flute
5. "If Winter comes can _____ be far behind"?
- Autumn
 - West Wind
 - Summer
 - Spring
6. The poem "La Belle Dame Sans Merci" is a/an _____.
- ode
 - sonnet
 - ballad
 - elegy
7. Where did the knight first meet the beautiful lady?
- in the cold hill side
 - in the meadows
 - in the fairy cave
 - in the garden
8. The beautiful lady took the knight to _____.
- a fairy cave
 - a wood
 - a hill
 - a lake
9. The fairy got the knight _____ to eat.
- rice
 - manna
 - fruits
 - vegetables
10. The knight in his dream saw a large number of _____.
- animals
 - birds
 - kings
 - swords



**Answers: 1. c 2. d 3.c 4. b 5. d 6. c 7. b 8. a 9. b
10. C**

Short Questions (2 marks)

1. What is an 'Ode'?
2. How does Shelley address the West Wind?
3. What does the West Wind possess in it?
4. How is the Mediterranean described by the poet?
5. What does the poet want the West Wind to do?
6. What is the meaning of "La Belle Dame Sans Merci"?
7. How does the knight described the beauty of the lady?
8. What did the knight do to pleased the lady and show the love for her?
9. What kind of food does the lady offer to the knight?
10. What did the knight see in his dreadful dream?

Paragraph questions (5 marks)

1. What happens to the Mediterranean when the West Wind blows over it?
2. How are the flight of the leaves and seeds described by Shelley?
3. How are the clouds of Autumn described by the poet?
4. What is the appeal made gy Shelley to the West Wind?
5. What is the optimistic outlook of Shelley told in "Ode to the West Wind"?
6. Write an account on the appearance of the knight in "La Belle Dame Sans Merci".
7. Whom did the knight meet? What happened afterwards?
8. Describe the dream that the knight saw.
9. Explain the mysterious behavior of the strange lady.
10. Write a note on the style and form of the poem "La Belle Dame Sans Merci".

Essay type questions (10 marks)

1. Trace the evolution of thought in the poem "Ode to the West Wind".
2. How is the West Wind both destroyer and preserver?
3. Bring out the central thought of the poem "Ode to the West Wind".
4. Write an account on Shelley's attitude to nature.
5. Describe the various functions of the West Wind.

6. How does Keats create the atmosphere of magic and witchcraft in the poem “La Belle Dame Sans Merci”?
7. Write a critical appreciation of Keats poem “La Belle Dame Sans Merci”.
8. “La Belle Dame Sans Merci” is a folk ballad-Discuss.
9. Discuss on the supernatural element in the poem “La Belle Dame Sans Merci”.
10. How does Keats fuse together of tragedy, sadness and pathos in his poem “La Belle Dame Sans Merci”?

UNIT-III

Choose the Correct Answer

1. Ulysses is the king of _____.
 - a. Carlydon
 - b. Ithaca
 - c. Olympia
 - d. Sheba
2. Ulysses feels he must go on and face more challenges and seek more _____.
 - a. wealth
 - b. wives
 - c. knowledge
 - d. power
3. _____ is the son of Ulysses.
 - a. Oedipus
 - b. Nestor
 - c. Timotheus
 - d. Telemachus
4. Whom could the dead sailors meet in the islands of bliss?
 - a. Julius Caesar
 - b. Mark Antony
 - c. Achilles
 - d. Hercules
5. The speech of Ulysses reveals his love for _____.
 - a. nature
 - b. adventure
 - c. his son
 - d. his kingdom
6. The wonderful painting of the Duchess was drawn by _____.
 - a. Fra Pandolf

- b. Andrea del Sarto
- c. Fra Lippo Lippi
- d. Claus of Innsbruck

7. What kind of lady was the Duchess?

- a. an immoral lady
- b. an innocent lady
- c. an arrogant lady
- d. a cruel natured lady

8. "My Last Duchess" is a/an _____.

- a. elegy
- b. Ode
- c. soliloquy
- d. dramatic monologue

9. In the statue of Neptune, the God is seen taming a _____.

- a. sea horse
- b. wild elephant
- c. fierce tiger
- d. ferocious lion

10. What does the Duke expect from his second wife, whom he has intended to marry?

- a. only her kindness
- b. a piece of land
- c. the best steed
- d. a large dowry

Answers: 1.b 2. c 3. d 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. b 8. d 9. a 10.

Short Questions (2 marks)

1. Who was Ulysses?
2. What did Ulysses do after the Trojan War?
3. What is the desire of Ulysses?
4. Why Ulysses unhappy in his kingdom?
5. What is the philosophy of life told in the poem "Ulysses"?
6. In what form is the poem "My Last Duchess" written by Browning?
7. What does the poem "My Last Duchess" reveal?
8. What could delight the Duchess according to the Duke?
9. Why was the Duke got angry with the Duchess?

10. What is the future plan of the Duke?

Paragraph questions (5 marks)

1. Why is Ulysses dissatisfied with his life as king?
2. Write an account on Telemachus.
3. How does Ulysses persuade his fellow mariners to join him in his last adventure?
4. Describe Ulysses's restlessness and his goal of life.
5. Describe the manner in which Ulysses recalls the services of his mariners.
6. How does the Duke explain the portrait of the Duchess to the messenger?
7. What kind of lady was the Duchess?
8. What angered the Duke? Why does he not correct the behavior of the Duchess?
9. Why was the smile of the Duchess not please the Duke? What did he do afterwards?
10. Why did the Duke command his servant to murder the Duchess?

Essay type questions (10 marks)

1. Analyze the speech of Ulysses and point out what light it throws on his character.
2. In what extent Browning's poem "Ulysses" a dramatic monologue?
3. Compare and contrast Ulysses with Telemachus.
4. Describe in detail on Ulysses's quest for knowledge.
5. Comment on Ulysses's philosophy of life.
6. Sketch the character of the speaker, the Duke, in "My Last Duchess".
7. Describe Browning's "My Last Duchess" as a dramatic monologue.
8. Analyze the character of the Duchess.
9. Describe the Duke's criticism on the Duchess.
10. In what way the Duke's speech reveal his vanity and selfish pride.

UNIT-IV

Choose the Correct Answer

1. For whom does the poet Yeats pray?
 - a. Mrs. Georgia Lees
 - b. Annie Butler
 - c. Maud Gonne
 - d. Helen
2. The poet and father wishes his daughter grow up to be _____.

- a. not at all beautiful
- b. more beautiful
- c. moderately beautiful
- d. more lovely

3. Helen eloped with _____.

- a. Achilles
- b. Ulysses
- c. Atlas
- d. Paris

4. Yeats wishes his daughter would be as merry as the _____ bird.

- a. linnnet
- b. thrush
- c. swallow
- d. nightingale

5. According to yeats the worst hatred is that of the mind which comes from being _____.

- a. foolish
- b. angry
- c. arrogant
- d. stupid

6. The journey of the Magi symbolizes a _____ journey.

- a. spiritual
- b. holy
- c. difficult
- d. mental

7. According to the Bible the three wise men of the East came to honour _____.

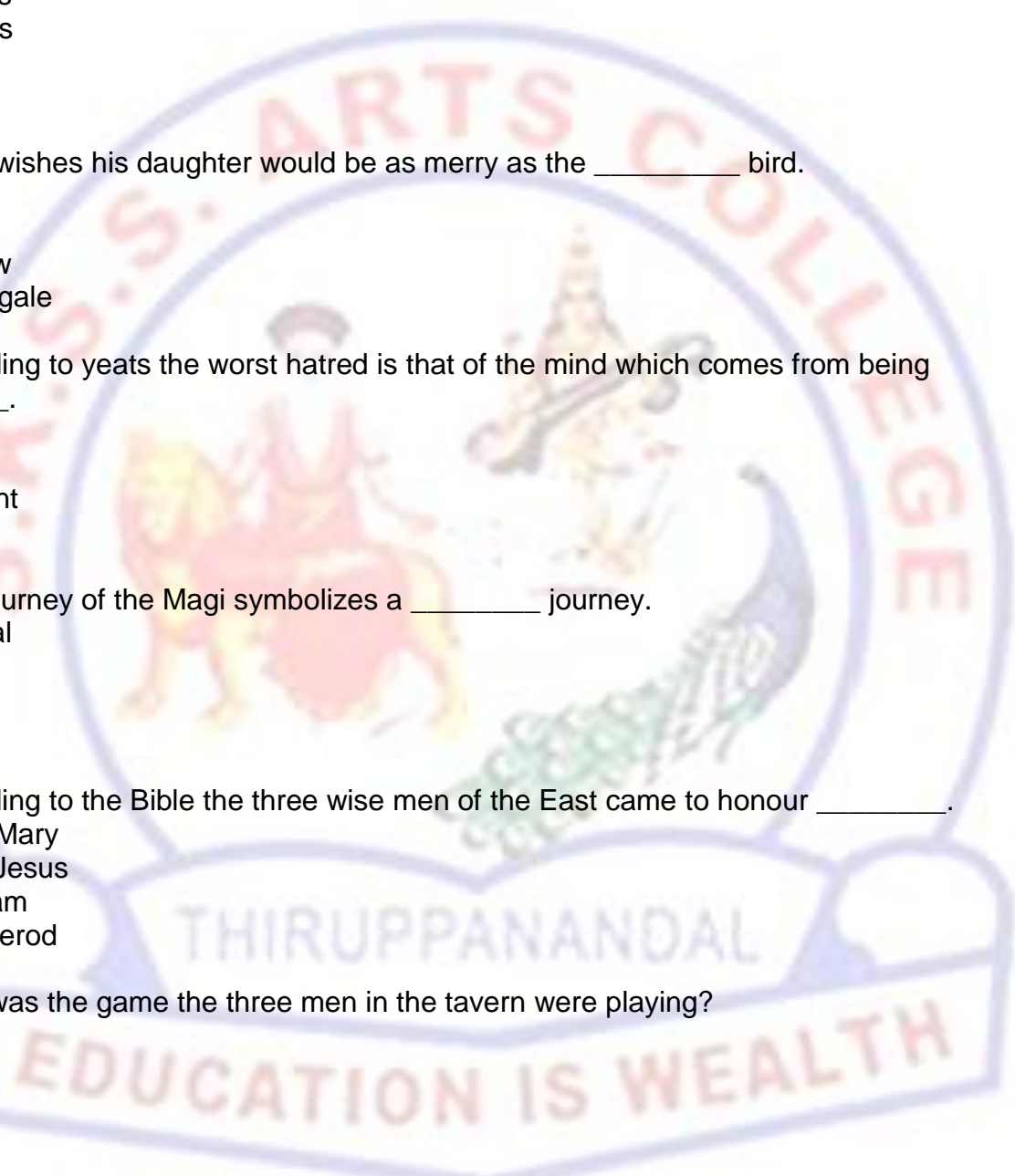
- a. Virgin Mary
- b. Infant Jesus
- c. Abraham
- d. King Herod

8. What was the game the three men in the tavern were playing?

- a. card
- b. chess
- c. carom
- d. dice

9. The 'three trees' mentioned in the poem refer to _____.

- a. the three wise men
- b. three stars
- c. the crucifixion of Christ
- d. the trinity of God



10. The Infant Jesus is a symbol of _____.
- a. new religion
 - b. knowledge
 - c. awareness
 - d. holiness

Answers: 1. b 2. c 3. d 4. a 5. c 6. a 7. b 8. d 9.c 10.a

Short Questions (2 marks)

1. Why does the poet sad in “A Prayer for My Daughter”?
2. Who was Maud Gonne?
3. What was the wish of the poet?
4. Why does not Yeats desire much beauty in a woman?
5. What is worst hatred according to Yeats?
6. Who are the Magi?
7. What was the journey of the Magi about?
8. What happened to the camels used by the Magi?
9. Why was the journey of the Magi arduous for them?
10. What did the Magi witness inside the tavern?

Paragraph questions (5 marks)

1. Describe the prayer of Yeats for his daughter.
2. How does Yeats compare his daughter’s life to that of a laurel tree?
3. What are the qualities that a girl must possess, according to Yeats?
4. What does Yeats think is wrong with a woman who is too beautiful?
5. Describe Yeats’s opinion on ceremony and custom.
6. What were the hardships faced by Magi on their journey?
7. Write an account of the Magi’s arrival at the destination.
8. What was the new experience of Magi after seeing infant Jesus?
9. When did the journey of the magi took place? What is the meaning of it?
10. What is the real significance of the journey the Magi undertook?

Essay type questions (10 marks)

1. Why does Yeats not desire to have his daughter grow up to be exceptionally beautiful? - Explain.
2. Discuss the theme of the poem "A Prayer for My Daughter".
3. How does Yeats describe the internal and external storm in "A Prayer for My Daughter".
4. Write a critical appreciation of Yeats's poem "A Prayer for My Daughter".
5. What ideals of womanhood Yeats projects through "A Prayer for My Daughter".
6. Describe the religious significance of "Journey of the Magi".
7. Write an essay on the symbolic significance and the poetic devices in the poem "Journey of the Magi".
8. Describe the arduous journey of the Magi.
9. How is the Biblical episode expanded in the poem "Journey of the Magi".
10. Critically examine T.S Eliot's poem "Journey of the Magi".

UNIT-V

Choose the Correct Answer

1. The unknown citizen was an employee of _____.
 - a. Ford Motor Company
 - b. Fudge Motor Inc
 - c. Hondai Motor Company
 - d. Sconada Motors Inc
2. The unknown citizen was a member of the _____.
 - a. communist party
 - b. congress
 - c. Labour Party
 - d. Trade union
3. How many times was the unknown citizen admitted in the hospital?
 - a. twice
 - b. many times
 - c. thrice
 - d. once
4. How many children did the unknown citizen have?
 - a. five
 - b. three

- c. two
- d. four

5. The unknown citizen called a saint because _____.

- a. he was very helpful to others
- b. he was poor
- c. there was no complaint against him
- d. he was generous

6. Where does the scorpion hid itself?

- a. under a water pot
- b. under a sack of rice
- c. under a mat
- d. under a trunk box

7. Where did the scorpion go after parting poison?

- a. inside the hole in the wall
- b. under a wooden bench
- c. crawled out in the rain
- d. under a mat

8. The peasants chanted the name of God a hundred times to _____.

- a. to stop the scorpion from moving
- b. seek blessings
- c. to save the victim
- d. find out the scorpion

9. The father put some _____ on the bitten toe of the mother,

- a. turmeric
- b. ointment
- c. neem
- d. paraffin

10. The mother thanked god because _____.

- a. the pain had subsided
- b. the scorpion had escaped
- c. the scorpion had spared her children
- d. she is not die

Answers: 1. b 2. d 3.d 4. a 5. c 6. b 7.c 8. a 9.d 10. c

Short Questions (2 marks)

1. Why was the unknown citizen called a 'saint'?

2. How was the social behavior of the unknown citizen?
3. How was the health of the unknown citizen?
4. What position did the unknown citizen take during war and peace?
5. Who is a Eugenist? What was his report about the unknown citizen?
6. What made the scorpion to go into the house?
7. Why did the peasants chant the name of God?
8. Why did the father put paraffin to the bitten toe?
9. What did the peasant say to the woman to comfort her?
10. Why did the mother thank God?

Paragraph questions (5 marks)

1. Describe the significance of the title “The Unknown Citizen”
2. Write a note on the unknown citizen’s relationship with his employers and fellow workers.
3. Comment on the unknown citizen’s social behavior.
4. What were the information of the unknown citizen collected and filed by the Bureau of Statistics.
5. Why does the state regard the unknown citizen as the ideal citizen as the ideal citizen?
6. How do the peasants react to the mother’s pain?
7. Write a note on the reaction of the father and the holy man?
8. Describe the condition of the mother stung by the scorpion.
9. Describe the beliefs and prayer of the peasants.
10. Bring out a short note on the mother’s selfless love towards her children.

Essay type questions (10 marks)

1. Consider the poem “The Unknown Citizen” as a criticism of contemporary society?
2. Describe the satirical elements in the poem “The Unknown Citizen”.
3. W.H Auden’s “The Unknown Citizen” is a satire on the government’s control over its citizens-Elaborate with examples.
4. How does “The Unknown Citizen” satirize the lack of individuality of moderns?
5. In what way W.H Auden satirize the modern society through his poem “The Unknown Citizen”?
6. Describe the relationship of the peasants, the poet, his father and his mother to the sting of the scorpion.

7. In what way the theme of motherhood portrayed in the poem “Night of the Scorpion”?
8. How does the incident that is bite of the scorpion described by Ezekiel in “Night of the Scorpion”?
9. Show how “Night of the Scorpion” reflects a society that is full of ignorance and superstition but is saved by spiritual values like true motherly love.
10. Bring out the irony in Nizzim Ezekiel’s poem “Night of the Scorpion”.

