

**Grade 12 English Core**

**Question Bank**

**Poem Keeping Quiet**

Multiple Choice Questions

**Choose the correct option to answer each question:**

**1. What has been said to be *‘an exotic moment’* in the poem *‘Keeping Quiet’***?

 a) The moment of victory over the enemy.

 b) The moment of success in life.

 c) The moment of quiet introspection.

 d) The moment of enlightenment.

**2. How would it be ‘*without* *rush*, *without* *engines*?**

 a) During the moment of celebration all activities would be suspended.

 b) During the moment of celebration all activities would be started.

 c) During the moment of introspection, all activities would be suspended.

 d) During the moment of introspection, all activities would be started.

**3. How shall we feel in the moment of quiet introspection?**

 a) We shall feel ourselves free from all shackles and restrictions.

 b) We shall feel ourselves lost in the world.

 c) We shall feel ourselves estranged from all others.

 d) We shall feel ourselves as one with all others.

**4. How will quiet introspection help the individual and the world?**

 a) It will bring peace to the individual only.

 b) It will bring peace to the individual as well as to the world.

 c) It will create disorder and disharmony in the world.

 d) None of the above.

**5. What would the man gathering salt do?**

 a) He would leave the salt on the seaside.

 b) He would carry the salt to his home.

 c) He would look at his hurt hands.

 d) He would look out for another job.

**6. The phrase ‘*hurt hands*’ in the poem ‘*Keeping Quiet’* implies …….**

 a) The danger of being greedy and satisfied.

 b) The danger being greedy and unsatisfied.

 c) The danger of being selfish and greedy.

 d) The danger of being selfish and clever.

**7. “Now I’ll count up to twelve and you keep quiet and I will go.” Why does the poet wish to go at the end of the poem?**

 a) The poet does not believe people will be quiet.

 b) The poet has already invested enough time.

 c) The poet will move on and seek to inspire others.

 d) The poet is marking the end of the poem by leaving.

**8. What does the poet think to be a sad situation?**

 a) If we keep ourselves all the time busy in worldly activities.

 b) If we find no time for quiet introspection.

 c) Both (a) and (b).

 d) if we decide to declare war on others to be successful.

**9. What will happen if we go on with our endless activities?**

 a) We shall be able to understand ourselves.

 b) We shall never be able to understand ourselves.

 c) We shall be able to understand others.

 d) We shall never be able to understand others.

**10. According to the poet, we can understand ourselves through …………….**

 a) Meditation. b) Self-realisation.

 c) Quiet introspection. d) Mutual understanding.

**11. How shall we be threatening ourselves with death?**

 a) If we don’t work for our own success

 b) If we don’t do any work.

 c) If we don’t take care of our health.

 d) If we don’t interrupt our activities with a deep silence.

**12. Choose the INCORRECT set of options about what the poet wants all of us to do.**

 i. To count to twelve.

 ii. To sing a patriotic song.

 iii. To say a prayer.

 iv. Not to speak any language for about 12 seconds.

 v. Don’t move your arms.

 vi. Keep still.

 a) i, iv b) v, iv c) iv, vi d) ii, iii

**13. Choose the set of options that lists the outcome of silence of the people.**

 i. People will feel the power.

 ii. People will feel isolated.

 iii. They will experience their separate identity.

 iv. They will feel hot.

 v. They will experience the strange feelings of togetherness.

vi. they will realise the value of quiet introspection.

 a) i, ii b) iii, iv c) v, vi d) ii, iv

**14. Choose the set of options that do not fall in the list of what the poet wants to describe in this poem.**

 i. Inactivity.

 ii. Death.

 iii. Life.

 iv. How can we improve the quality of our activities.

 v. Importance of introspection.

 vi. Importance of refreshing our mind.

 a) i, ii b) iii, iv c) v, vi d) iii, vi

15. What statement does Neruda make about wars?

 a) Wars are of varied kinds: internal and green wars.

 b) Wars are useful and helps to add on to a country’s property and life.

 c) Wars are of varied kinds and never yield any true winners, and the loss is far greater than what can be measured.

 d) Wars are unavoidable in the enduring struggle for human dignity and power.