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| Question Bank | **Topic: The Wind** | Type: EBQ, SAQ, LAQ |
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| I | **EXTRACT BASED QUESTIONS** |
| 1 | Wind, come softly.  Don’t break the shutters of the windows.  *Don’t scatter the papers.*  *Don’t throw down the books on the shelf.*  (a) How does a violent wind disturb and damage things?  Ans: A violent wind breaks the window shutters and scatters the papers. It also throws down the books on the shelf.  (b) What request does the poet make to the wind?  Ans: The poet requests the wind to blow gently and not cause any damage or destruction.  (c) Which poetic device has been used in these lines?  Ans: The poetic device used in these lines is ‘anaphora’ as the imperative ‘Don’t’ is repeated in three consecutive lines.  (d) What effect does this device create?  Ans: The imperative repetition of the word ‘Don’t’ at the beginning of three consecutive lines expresses the poet’s strong urge to the wind to be gentle and kind. It also creates a unique rhythm in the poem. |
| 2 | *There, look what you did – you threw them all down.*  *You tore the pages of the books.*  *You brought rain again.*  *You’re very clever at poking fun at weaklings.*  (a) Whom does the poet address as ‘you’?  Ans: The poet addresses the wind that has been blowing fiercely as ‘you’.  (b) What does ‘them’ refer to?  Ans: ‘Them’ refers to the books on the shelf.   (c) How have the pages of the books been torn?  Ans: The wind has blown so fiercely that the books placed on the shelf have fallen down and their pages have been torn when they fluttered because of the wind.  (d) How does the wind bring rain?  Ans: Wind accumulates and shakes up vapour-laden clouds to cause rain.  (e) How does the wind deal with the weaklings?   Ans: The wind harms and terrifies the weaklings with its fierce power and thus mocks their weakness. |
| 3 | *Frail crumbling houses, crumbling doors, crumbling rafters,*  *crumbling wood, crumbling bodies, crumbling lives,*  *crumbling hearts-*  the wind god winnows and crushes them all.  **(a) Why are the houses, doors, rafters etc. crumbling?**  **Ans:** The houses, doors, rafters etc. are crumbling because they are weak and cannot stand the onslaught of the destructive wind.  **(b) Explain the expression: “crumbling lives, crumbling hearts”.**  **Ans:** Many lives are lost when wind wreaks havoc. The lives of the survivors are shattered too because their loved ones are dead and their homes and property are destroyed. They are left with no hope in life.  **(c) Why has the wind been called ‘god’?**  **Ans:** Wind has been called ‘god’ because, like ‘god’, he uses his power to remove and crush undesirable, weak things.  **(d) What does the wind god do?**  **Ans:** The wind god, using its force winnows and crushes everything and everybody that comes in its contact. |
| 4 | He won’t do what you tell him.  So, come, let’s build strong homes,  Let’s joint the doors firmly.  Practice to firm the body.  Make the heart steadfast.  **(a) Who is ‘he’ in the first line?**  **Ans:** ‘He’ in the first line refers to the wind god.  **(b) According to the poet, what preparations should be made to face the fury of the wind?**  **Ans:** According to the poet, we should build strong homes and close the doors firmly to face the fury of the wind as he attacks and destroys the weaklings only.  **(c) What is his attitude towards people?**  **Ans:** He does not pay any heed to the requests and wishes of people and keeps blowing violently and causing destruction.  **(d) Why should the houses and doors be made strong?**  **Ans:** The houses and doors should be made strong to withstand the onslaught of the violent wind.  **(e) What is the poet’s advice to people?**  **Ans:** The poet advises people to strengthen their bodies as well as hearts to face the hardships that come their way. They should equip themselves with physical & mental strength, grit and determination so that they can remain unruffled and unharmed in difficult times. |
| II | **SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS** |
| 1 | Why does the poet ask the wind to come softly at the beginning of the poem?  Ans: The poet asks the wind to come softly at the beginning of the poem so that peace and order may be maintained. When the wind blows fiercely, it creates a mess all around. It disturbs everything and everyone in society. Therefore, the poet asks the wind to be soft so that it is harmless and enjoyable. |
| 2 | How does the wind cause rain?  When the wind blows violently, it appears as if a storm is coming. This storm brings dark rainy clouds from distant places and then causes them to make rain. Hence, the poet says that wind causes rain. |
| 3 | How does the wind make fun of the weaklings?  Ans. The strong wind, according to the poet, makes fun of weaklings. Its destructive power harms weak persons and delicate things without showing any mercy. It crushes all the weak and fragile things including houses, doors and even human hearts and lives. |
| 4 | What does crumbling suggest in the poem 'Wind'?  Ans. The word 'crumbling' as used in the poem means breaking things. In the poem 'Wind', it refers to the destruction caused by the strong winds. Its repetition signifies that wind will destroy, everything, weak around it. The weak people will be 'crumbled' by the difficulties that they face. |
| 5 | Why does the poet want people to have firm bodies and strong hearts?  Ans. The poet wants the people to have firm bodies and strong hearts to fight the wind and all the difficulties, struggles and obstacles of life. According to him, if people are unhealthy and weak, they will be defeated by these difficulties. But if they are physically strong and mentally confident, they can resist all the hardships boldly and successfully. |
| 6 | Who all are disturbed by the blowing of the wind and who are not?  Ans. According to the poet, all people who are physically weak and mentally not determined, are disturbed by the blowing of the wind. Self-confident and strong people do not get disturbed by the wind. In fact, they come out as stronger and more confident than before. |
| 7 | What does the wind symbolise?  Ans. The wind, in the poem, is a symbol of all difficulties, struggles and obstacles of life. Just like our houses have to face the strong winds, we as humans also face many hardships in life. We must face these hardships with confidence and boldness, otherwise, it will destroy us. |
| 8 | Give the Central idea of the poem 'Wind'.  Ans. The Central idea of the poem 'Wind' is that we should be strong in mind and body. The poem motivates us to face any difficulty and challenge with determination and inspires us to be courageous. The strong winds representing the difficulties of life teach us the value of unshakeable determination. |
| III | **LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS** |
| 1 | How is 'Wind' a symbolic poem? Compare it with 'The Road Not Taken'.  Ans. The wind is a symbolic poem as the wind in the poem is symbolic of all the difficulties, obstacles, struggles and obstructions that we have to face in life. Through the symbol of wind, the poet then teaches its readers an important lesson that one must be strong and bold. Only courageous and confident people can face these difficulties and emerge victorious. On the hand, in the poem 'The Road Not Taken' by Robert Frost, the roads represent the dilemma of choices that each one of us has to face in life. Just like it, the poem 'Wind' also contains a deeper, metaphorical meaning. From this comparison, it is justified that poems can have a deeper meaning than the obvious ones they show. Under an able teacher, a student finds more pleasure in tracking down the symbols and figurative meanings. In simple words, every word and every line in a poem can refer to different ideas and thoughts. |
| 2 | What destructive events are caused by the wind? How can we prevent these destructive events from happening?  Ans. In the poem, the violent winds cause many destructive events. It breaks the shutters of the windows, scatters the papers, throws down books from its shelves and even tears their pages. The wind, through it fierce force holds the capacity to cause a lot of destruction. Its power can destroy rafters, houses, door as well as people's hearts and lives. We can prevent these destructive events by being firm and steadfast. We need to be positive and strong both physically as well as mentally, besides making our houses stronger. By being strong, we will become friends with the wind. As a result, we will be easily able to tackle the wind as well as the difficulties we face in life. It then helps us in achieving success and in flourishing our lives. |