

AMITY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

Class X: ENGLISH

High Order Thinking Questions

THE TRIBUTE

- 1.] Babuli's giving away of his share of property is not a tribute but an attempt to overcome his guilt for forgetting his brother and his family. Comment.

- 2.] The four women who exist in Babuli's life and family are the embodiments of entirely different traits, Comment.

- 3.] Write an additional paragraph at the end of the lesson "THE TRIBUTE" beginning with
When at last I reached home my wife was waiting for me. Her hand was outstretched and her eyes were gleaming with anticipation.....

- 4.] Imagine you are Babuli's eldest brother [THE TRIBUTE]. Write an entry in your journal about your feeling on the partition of the property. Match the personality of the eldest brother.

- 5.] When Babuli reached home everything was different, everybody's behaviour was different. Describe how it was different ?

CUTIE PIE

- 6.] Suppose you are one of the scientists looking after Cutie Pie in his glass prison on planet Earth. Write an article in about 125 – 150 words for a science magazine recounting your expectations with the alien creature and highlighting your expectations, doubts and misgivings.

- 7.] Pick up instances from the story "CUTIE PIE" which show the habit of the media to sensationalise news and the habit of the public to forget.

- 8.] Cutie Pie returns home and tells his mother about his experience he had since he left home. Describe these experiences in not more than 150 - 175 words highlighting his fears and feelings, the strange life on earth and how much he had missed his mother.

- 9.] You are the reporter of an investigation magazine. Your editor entrusted you with the duty of collecting information about what had happened to Cutie Pie after he had escaped from prison. After the investigation you decide to write to a friend on what happened to Cutie Pie.

- 10.] Imagine you are ch-tsal, you happen to communicate to your mother from the glass prison. Write a letter to your mother telling her about your miseries.

THE LETTER

11.] The author carefully builds up an atmosphere of loneliness and grief in the story THE LETTER. How does he do so? Give instances from the story.

12.] Lakshmi Das is puzzled by the queer behaviour of the postmaster and his awkward questions about Ali. As Lakshmi Das narrate what happened that particular morning highlighting your arguments to convince him why Ali could not come there. Write your note in about 125 -150 words.

13] Lakshmi Das received Miriam's letter addressed to Ali. He got hold of her address and decides to write her a letter to give her the news of her father Ali's death. Imagine you are Lakshmi Das and write this letter to Miriam.

14] Imagine yourself to be the stern faced postmaster. You realize how inconsiderate a postman you were and how you ridiculed Ali. Now you understand the essential human worth of a letter. Prepare a speech encouraging everyone to perform their duty with utmost sincerity and passion.

15] The entire story revolves around this one word 'letter'. Substantiate your answer with evidence from the text.

16] Coachman Ali's unfailing visits to the post office touched the heart of Lakshmi Das, the clerk. He writes a letter to his own daughter describing Ali's plight and appreciating the fact that his own daughter writes to him regularly. Write the letter on behalf of Lakshmi Das.

THE ULTIMATE SAFARI

17.] Give a brief account of the circumstances under which the refugees were forced to leave their native land.[THE ULTIMATE SAFARI].

18.] Why has the author chosen a nine year old girl to narrate the events in the story.

19.] Imagine that the mother arrives at the camp. She narrates her sad and heart rendering experiences during her absence and how she came there . Write down these experiences as the mother would narrate them.

20.] Where does the story 'THE ULTIMATE SAFARI' start from and how does it end? Does it really end? The narrator , the young girl writes a letter to a friend on what happened answering the above questions. Write the letter in not more than 150 words.

21] The white woman who visited the refugee camp was inspired by the grandmother's determination to give a better future to her grandchildren. She decided to write an article titled 'A WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE', bringing out the strength of the grandmother
Write the article in about 150 words.

22] Imagine yourself to be the narrator of 'THE ULTIMATE SAFARI'. You felt greatly moved when the grandmother spoke to the white woman. 'There is nothing. No home' Write down your feelings in your diary, how are you spending your life in the refugee camp and what are your hopes and aspirations. (150-175 words)

THE NIGHT OF THE SCORPION

23] Is the poem 'The Night Of the Scorpion' a mere narration of an incident or does the poet want to make a comment on people's attitude as well? Give reasons for your answer.

24] 'They may be superstitious but they are full of love and compassion'. Explain the statement with reference to the poem 'Night of the Scorpion'.

25] 'The Night of the Scorpion' is a poignant expression of a mother's selfless and self- sacrificing love'. Discuss

26] 'The peasants came like swarms of flies and buzzed the name of God a hundred times'. Comment on th beliefs, actions and way of life of the villagers in the light of the above.

27] How is the poem a true expression of the Indian sensibility?

28] Explain the high philosophy of the peasant's prayers with reference to the '---- peace of understanding on each one's face'.

29] Is it right to say that whenever our near and dear are in pain or problem we are willing to try out everything that is possible. Elucidate with example from the poem.

ODE TO THE WEST WIND

30] In the poem 'Ode to the West Wind' what does the poet mean by ' fallen upon the thorns of life' Quote how he phrases his desire to escape these thorns of life and to be free of life's burden.

31] How is the poem 'The Night Of The Scorpion'a true expression of Indian sensibility. Write your answer in about 50-75 words.

32] What is an ode? Give textual evidence to show that 'Ode to the West Wind' has all the major characteristics of an ode.

33] The poem 'Ode to the West Wind' is a mixture of Shelly's pessimism and optimism. Comment.

34] How does the poem 'Ode to the West Wind' reflect the poet's resolve for liberty?

35] Comment on the structure of the poem "Ode to the West Wind".

36] In 'ODE TO THE WEST WIND' the west wind is symbolic of both death and rebirth. Find examples from the poem to bring out this symbolism.

37] West Wind as presented by the poem 'ODE TO THE WEST WIND' is the epitome of power, strength and vitality. Give evidence from the poem to show the omnipresence of the west wind over the land, sky and water bodies.

THE FROG AND THE NIGHTINGALE

38] The nightingale is herself to blame for her tragic end. Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons to support your answer.

39] 'In the world of art it is not enough to have just talent you also need to know how to exploit it successfully'. Comment on this statement with reference to the poem 'The Frog and the Nightingale'.

40] Explain the allegorical significance of THE FROG AND THE NIGHTINGALE.

MIRROR

41] Why do you think the mirror's view or reflection of life is difficult to accept for most people?

42] Do you think 'Mirror' is too pessimistic a poem? Give reasons in support of your answer.

43] Comment on the symbolic significance of the comparison of the woman with a terrible fish in the poem 'Mirror'

THE RIME OF THE ANCIENT MARINER

44] The old sailor's tale has a natural setting. It begins like a realistic story. How is the supernatural introduced?

45] Give a brief description of the ship's movement when pursued by the storm blast. What happened just after that?

46] What is the significance of the Albatross in the poem?

47] Attitude of the sailors in the poem 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner' reflects their fickle mindedness. Comment

THE CHRISTMAS CAROL

48] Scrooge was a selfish individual. How do you think he had become so?

49] THE CHRISTMAS CAROL depicts the transformation of a selfish miser into a kind and benevolent man. Comment

50] Justify the title THE CHRISTMAS CAROL.

51] Explain the tenderness and the harshness associated with death with reference to the play.

JULIUS CAESAR

52] Julius Caesar's popularity was responsible for his death. Justify.

53] In the play 'Julius Caesar' the citizens prove to be fickle minded. How?

54] Brutus was indeed motivated by a passionate urge of patriotism when he joined in the conspiracy to kill Julius Caesar. Attempt a character sketch of Brutus as you can comprehend from his speech to the people of Rome.

55] Antony was indeed an excellent orator who would ignite the spirit of revenge in the minds of the Roman people. Describe how would he mould the mind of the Roman people and turn them against the conspirators.

56] Briefly analyse Antony's funeral speech and indicate its poetic and dramatic merits.