



## L 2 Fire and Ice

By Robert Frost

### New words

Perish  
Contrast  
Suffice  
Avarice  
Rigidity



### Words Meanings

Desire = Wish  
Favour = Incline towards  
Perish = Die  
Destruction = Wiping out

### Q1 Answer the following extract based questions:

i) "Some say the world..... who favour fire "

a) What is the poet's opinion of the world in these lines ?

Ans : In the poet's opinion the world will end in fire.

b) How will fire destroy the whole world ?

Ans: In these situations , the world can be can be destroyed by fire.

- i) Heating up of the earth to a very high level.
- ii) The poet relates fire with passion and desires.

c) What is the contradictory opinion of the public?

Ans: The contradictory opinion of public is the debate whether the World will end in fire or ice.

d) How are ice and fire similar to each other though they have contradictory traits ?

Ans : Both ice and fire are similar in the sense that both of them can destroy everything in the world.

ii) "But if it had..... is also great"

a) Who has written the above lines?

Ans : Robert Frost

**b) Hatred, coldness and rigidity are the symbol of .....?**

**Ans : Ice**

**c) Find the word from the passage which means as "to die".**

**Ans : Perish**

**d) The poet thinks of what ?**

**Ans : Hatred**

**Q.2 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words:**

**a) What does ' fire' and ' ice' stand for ? What is the general opinion regarding the world ?**

**Ans:** Fire stands for fury, desire, lust, anger, avarice, cruelty and greed. Ice is symbolic of hatred, coldness, rigidity, insensitivity and intolerance. The general opinion regarding the world is that the world will end in fire and some say ice .

Both the two reasons contrast each other and one equally opposite to each other. People who favour fire believe that it will be the heat and passion which will end the world.

**b) Write down two different views about the end of the world.**

**Ans :** There is a debate that is going on about the end of the world. People say That the world will end in fire or in ice. The world is transitory , nothing is Perennial in this universe.

**c) How does Robert Frost caution the common man ?**

**Ans:** Man is selfish, greedy, lustful, indifferent and hateful. Robert Frost caution the common man and says that he should not forget the bitter reality that everything in this world is transitory and death is inevitable.

**Q.3 Discuss how extreme behavior can hasten the end of the world with respect to ' Fire and Ice'.**

**Ans :** Fire symbolizes desire and ice symbolizes hatred. Desire is a kind of Intense love or want that focuses people on getting and possessing and acquiring. Our society is full of people who spend their lives working to get a bigger and better TV , more stylish car or a more extravagant house. This kind of desire lead people to destruction in the form of bankruptcy or even broken relationships. Frost's poem speaks on the issue of greed corrupting people and even society. The power of hate which is symbolized by ice, is just a great as desire. While desire consumes quickly, hate produces shy yet devastation. For instance , the is the root cause of racism and war. It can linger in people's mind for lifetime. Moreover it consumes the hater even more than the person being hated.

It thus ruins lives.

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## **L 1 A TRIUMPH OF SURGERY**

By James Harriot

### **Word meanings:**

Sausage – a thin tube like casing

Lolled – came out

Wrung – twisted

Tottering – walking weakly

Swooned – became unconscious

**Q1 Answer the following questions in 30 – 40 words:**

**a) Why did Mrs. Pumphrey make a frantic call to Mr. Herriot?**

Ans : Mrs. Pumphrey had a dog named Tricki. Indirectly, she was responsible for the dog's illness. She gave him little extra between meals i.e., malt, cod-liver oil, etc. He was not given any physical exercise. So, the dog fell ill and started vomiting also. It made Mrs. Pumphrey so much worried that she had to call the veterinary surgeon, Dr. Herriot for his treatment.

**b) Why was the narrator shocked at Tricki's appearance?**

Ans : The narrator was shocked at Tricki's appearance because he had become very fat. His blood red and rheumy eyes gazed straight. His tongue lolled from his jaws. He had become hugely fat, like a bloated sausage with a leg at each corner.

**c) Why was Mr. Herriot tempted to keep Tricki as a permanent guest?**

Ans : Mrs. Pumphrey used to send lots of things like eggs, wine, brandy etc., for Tricki. But nothing was given to Tricki. All the things were consumed by the doctor and the other members of the hospital. Hence, Mr. Herriot was tempted to keep Tricki as his permanent guest.

**Q2 Answer the following questions in 100 – 120 words:**

**1) How can you say that Mrs. Pumphrey was a rich lady?**

Ans : Mrs. Pumphrey was a rich lady who had a small dog, named Tricki. She had pampered the dog by providing him things like a raincoat for wet days, a whole wardrobe and full of tweed coats. There were separate bowls like breakfast bowl, lunch bowl, supper bowl etc. for his different meals. She had a lot of servants and maids to take care of him and to serve Tricki's favourite cushions, toys and rubber rings. Besides, she owned chauffeur driven long,

black car. All these things suggest that she was a rich lady. She used to give Tricki some extras between meals to build him up. Some malt, cod-liver oil and a bowl of Horlicks which only the rich can afford to feed their dogs. She also fed him with cream cakes and chocolates which he loved very much.

**b) What treatment was given to Tricki by Dr. Herriot?**

Ans : Tricki fell ill. Dr. Herriot was called upon. When he looked at the dog, he immediately made out that Tricki did not need any medicine. He was sick because he had taken excess food. So, he gave little food and stressed on lots of water and exercise which Tricki was not used to. He was served food with other dogs and was made to run and play also with

them. He joined them in their friendly scrimmages. Gradually, he learnt the art of hunting rats in the old den, house, fighting like a tiger for his share at mealtimes. In other words, he was leading a normal life which he never had done with Mrs. Pumphrey. Soon, Tricki became normal without taking any medicine. His progress was very rapid. He learnt to live an active and normal life, like other dogs. He had lot of fun and he had never had such a time in his life because of luxuries provided to him.

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