



## L 1 THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

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### Vocabulary

Doubted  
Trodden  
Choice  
Undergrowth  
Condition

### Word Meanings

Diverged = Separated  
Traveller = A person who travels  
Lay - Placed  
Trodden = Passed over  
Sigh = Long deep breath

### Q1 A] Read the following lines and answer the questions that follows:

“ Then took the other, just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as far that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same..

a) Why did the poet take the other road ?

Ans :The poet took the other road because he thought that it was more challenging to Travel on it as only a few had used it.

b) What did the poet discover while travelling on the other road ?

Ans The poet discovered, while travelling on the other road, that the second was almost equally used as the first one.

c) Find a word from the passage that is opposite to foul ?

Ans : Fair

B] “ Two road diverged in yellow wood  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveller, long I stood  
And locked down once as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

a) At which point had the poet reached?

Ans: The poet is standing at a point where two roads diverged in the yellow wood.

b) **Why was traveller feeling sorry ?**

**Ans:** The poet is feeling sorry because he could not travel on both the roads.

c) **Give the opposite to 'met at a point'.**

**Ans :** Diverged

**Q 2I Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words:**

a) **Was the poet doubtful or clear ?**

**Ans:** Throughout the poem and the poet's journey, he faces an archetypal delimita. He doubts if he would ever be able to come back to take that other road which might have given him some other more lucrative options in life. The poet believes and we all know that one road leads to another. So going back to original path is not easy.

b) **Does the speaker feel that he has made the wrong choice in taking the road less travelled by ? If not , why does he 'sigh' ? What does he regret?**

**Ans :** No, the speaker does not feel that he has made a wrong decision by taking the road less travelled. The poet wanted to explore both the roads . He tells himself that he will explore one and then come back and explore the other , but he knows that he will probably be unable to do so.

c) **And that has made all the difference. What is your opinion of the difference.... Was it for the better or the worse? Substantiate your answer .**

**Ans:** The poem does not clearly state whether the choice made by the poet made him happy or sad. However, if examined the way of the world , we find that the individuals who have achieved recognition and fame have always eschewed the beaten track. Hence we can reason that the poet traveller was made happy by choosing the less travelled path, not the beaten path, not the beaten track. The concluding line of the poem- ' and that has made all the difference' connotes the poet's joy.

**3 Answer the following question in 100 – 150 words :**

a) **Difficult situations mark the development of certain qualities in us . Explain with reference to the story the lost child.**

**Ans :**It is true that difficult situations mark the development of certain qualities in us. What we require is that we must have courage in our heart, trust over ourself and tolerance . It comes to be true in the story the lost child . Before separation, the child was very happy and excited at the fair. He was fascinated with all the things that were displayed at the stalls . H wanted to have all the things like his favourite toys, sweet, flowers etc, but after separation, the boy just wanted to be with his parents. He takes him to every other place which the child had desired earlier but, he denies and only wants to meet his parents. In this way , it is seen that certain qualities develop in difficult situation.

b) **Compare the attitude of the child before and after his separation from his parents.**

**Ans:** Before separation the child was very happy and excited at the fair. He was fascinated with all the things that were displayed at the stalls . He wanted to have all the things like his favourite toys, sweets , flowers, etc. He also wanted to go for a ride. But after separation the boy just wanted to be with his parents . He was not interested in any of those things which he kept asking to have from stalls. In the absence of his parents these things did not give him any satisfaction.