



## 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 as 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.



## 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. or 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 milt, 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.

## **Rearrangement of jumbled words**

**Q.1 A] Rearrange the following jumbled words / phrases to make meaningful sentences.**

- (a) Rome / have heard/ gladiators you must /of /in ancient
- (b) men/powerful/ slaves/ they/ usually
- (c) spectators / lions/ looked on / they/while/ thousands of / fought /with
- (d) gladiator / lasted / nearly / thousand / a / the /games / years /for

**2 B] Rearrange the following jumbled words / phrases to make meaningful sentences.**

- a) India / Phenomena/ is /strange/ in/a/ summer
- b) Summer/ hot/ during / the northern plains / extremely /are / the
- c) Weather/by sea / surrounded/ pleasant /has a / the lower region
- d) Hot/ and / sun / of are /its/winds/ scorching/inseparable / two/ constituents.

**Q. C] Rearrange the following jumbled words / phrases to make meaningful sentences.**

- a) can be / two /blamed / persons / the murder/ for
- b) to the / there are / culprit /many clues / real / pointing
- c) the/ find/ murderer / who /real / out /is
- d) rewarded / will / for / correct / the/ you / be / answer

**3** There are many forces in our country that bind us together and foster the spirit of national integration. Write an article for your school magazine on the topic “ Factors promoting National Integration”. You can take ideas from the Unit National Integration in the Main Course Book and from the clues given below. You are Riya Verma / Rohit Verma of class X ( 100- 120 words)

- The Indian constitution and its provisions
- Culture – customs , beliefs , and practices, art literature and music
- Languages
- National symbols – flag ,anthem , song
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**Ans Factors promoting National Integration**

Indian society is unified by certain forces which foster national integration. The concept of nation arises when national consciousness emerges among individuals.

The Indian constitution treats all citizens as equal before the law. Various cultural elements flourishing in our country binds us together. Each group follows its own culture in a harmonious manner. Culture includes customs, practices and beliefs, forms of arts, literature and music. All these factors promote a spirit of oneness.

There are several languages flourishing in our country. Several races inhabit our country and contribute to its unity in diversity. National symbols such as the national flag, national song and national anthem invoke national consciousness. Thus all of us are bound together in a bond of brotherhood by these forces of national integration





**Poetry – 1**  
**DUST OF SNOW**

By **Robert Frost**

**New words**

Rued

Mood

Dust of snow

Hemlock tree

**Word Meanings**

Mood = A state of mind

Rued = Held in regret



**Q.1 Answer the following extract based questions:**

i) “ The way a crow.....a hemlock tree”.

a) **What do you mean by “ The dust of snow “ ?**

Ans : It means the flakes or particles of snow.

b) **Where was the crow sitting ?**

Ans :The crow was sitting on branch of the hemlock tree.

c) **What does the hemlock tree signify ?**

Ans :The hemlock tree signifies death and fear . It does not signify any thing positive.

d) **How does the dust of snow affected the poet ?**

The dust of snow changed poet’s mood from bad to good and gladdened his heart

ii) “ Has given my heart..... I had rued “.

a) **Why did the crow changed the poet’s mood ?**

Ans : The crow changed the poet’s mood by making him feel Refreshed.

b) **What does the poet try to suggest ?**

Ans: .The poet is trying to suggest that small things can bring changes in life and unexpected happiness



**c) What saved some part of the day ?**

**Ans :** The dust of snow shaken down by a crow from the hemlock tree on the poet saved his heart by making him feel happy. The poet felt better and more positive for the rest of the day.

**d) Why had the poet rued the day ?**

**Ans:** The poet had rued the day as he was in a sad and depressed mood.

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

**i) How has the poet observed ‘ nature ‘ in the poem ‘ Dust of Snow’?**

**Ans:** Robert frost is a nature lover . The crow and the hemlock tree are associated with bad omens or death and fear. But, frost has presented them very beautifully.

**ii) Why was the poet standing under the hemlock tree ?**

**Ans:** The poet was feeling very depressed and hopeless. He was in a state of sorrow. As he was lost in his thoughts, he happened to be standing under a hemlock tree. The incident was not pre-planned.

**iii) What does the poet Robert Frost want to convey through the poem ‘Dust of Snow’ ?**

**Ans:** The poet Robert Frost , through this poem, ‘Dust of Snow’ ,wants to convey that the little things in life can make huge changes. In our life. The simple things we can make all the difference and brighten a person’s day.

**Q.3 Answer the following questions in 100 to 150 words:**

**i) Small things in life make significant changes in our life. Elaborate with reference to the poem ‘ Dust of Snow’ ?**

**Ans:** The poem , ‘Dust of Snow’ , reiterates that the little things in life can make huge changes in our future . It also shows that if we can take the hard times of life in stride, eventually something will happen to change our situation in to happier times.

The simple things that we do for others can make all the difference . Just think about those random acts of kindness we do and how much they brighten a person’s day and sometimes change their future.

Noticing and appreciating all the small things in life will make our life happier. It will cause us to have a spirit that is willing to change and therefore succeed.

**ii) What are possible themes of this poem ? What do you learn from them ? Cite evidence from the text to support your answer .**

**Ans:** ‘ Hope’ is one of themes of this poem. The speaker happily and quickly decides that the day is saved because of the dust of the snow that falls on him. He no longer thinks the day is wasted and instead has a hope that the day can be saved .

Another theme of the poem revolves around the positive perspective. The speaker’s perspective is changed by a small event .Perhaps the poem implies that we can either think positively or negatively about events depending on our perspectives and points of view.

However ,we should adopt the speaker ‘s outlook and maintain a positive perspective on life in general.

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<b>Sub-ENGLISH WORKSHEET</b>	<b>Grade -X</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Date :</b>

**Q A] Read the following passage carefully:**

Today the import duty on a complete machine is 35% for all practical purposes, where as the import duty on the raw materials and components ranges from 40 % to 80 %. The story does not end here . After paying such high import duties on components, once a machine is made , it suffers excise duty from 5% to 10 % ( including the custom duty already paid) at the time of sale . The machine tool suffer further taxation i.e , central sales tax or state sales tax which ranges from 4 % to 16 % . Another factor which pushes the cost of manufacturing of machine tool is the very high rate of interest payable to banks ranging up to 22 % as against 4 % to 7 % prevailing in the advanced countries .The production of machine tools in India being not of the same scale as it is other countries. The price which India's machine tool builders have to pay for components is more or less based on the patterns of high pricing applicable to the prices of spares . The above represents only a few of the extraneous reasons for the high cost of Indian machines. The machine tool industry in India has an enviable record of a very quick technology absorption, assimilation and development. There are a number of success stories about how machine tool builders were of help at most critical times . It will be a pity, in fact a tragedy , if we allow this industry to die and disappear from the scene . It is to be noted that India is at least 6000 km away from any dependable source of supply of machine tools. The Government of India has already given a great deal of importance to the development of small scale and medium scale industries. This industry has a so performed pretty well. Today they are in need of help from India's machine tool industry to enable them to produce quality components at reduced prices.

**On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following**

- According to the passage , assembling imported components into machine prove ultimately .....
- The disparity in the quantum of machine production in India and that in other countries lead to.....
- The availability of Indian machines tool industries help to small scale industry is most likely to result into .....
- According to the passage all the following factors are responsible for high cost of Indian machines except..
- Why do small and medium scale industries look for help from India's machine tool industry?

- f) Which of the following is the principal focus on the content of the passage ?
- The word “enviable means”
  - The word “wide spread”

**Q. B] Read the following passage carefully:**

Neem tree is a tropical tree native to India. Ancient medical treatise “Charak Samhita” And” Saruta Samhita” popularised the use of its seeds, bark and leaves used in ayurvedic medicine. Neem tree has also been used in Unani Mntiviral, anti-fungal and medicine for almost 4,000 years. The seeds , bark and leaves of Azadirachta Indica contain compounds with antiseptic, antipyretic, fungal and antiviral, and amous for its anti-inflammatory uses. Neem oil is famous for its insects repelling properties. Neem oil and leaves are also used for pest control as a natural pesticide and insect repellent. Neem leaves make for an excellent fertilizer. Neem extract is used in cosmetics for bath and body products like soaps and shampoos, balms, creams and toothpaste. Neem twigs are used as datum which helps prevent tooth decay and keep tooth disease at bay.

Due to its famed medicinal properties neem leaves are used to cure a host of skin infections and diseases. Acne scabies , psoriasis, eczema ,skin allergies and ulcers can be effectively cured by application of Neem leaf pastes. Neem leaves are also used in cooking in some Indian states . ‘Neem Begun’ is a popular Bengali dish made by frying neem leaves and brinjal sliced dipped in a paste of gram flour. Neem is rightly called ‘The village Pharmacy’ for its various uses.

**On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following**

**Q1 Give the scientist name for neem**

**Q2 Which are the two ancient books that popularized as a medicinal plant?**

**Q3 Neem twigs are used as a toothbrush called .....**

**Q4 Neem is called ..... Due to its long list of uses .**

**Q 5 Find out the antonym of attracting from the given passage**