

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE, PRAYAGRAJ

SESSION: 2020-2021

CLASS 9 - A, B, C, D, E,

WORKSHEET NO. 3

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LITERATURE

INSTRUCTIONS:

Parents are requested to ensure that the student spends two days to read and understand the story and thereafter answer the given questions.

Note: Books

1. Treasure Trove A Collection of ICSE Poems and Short Stories for classes 9 & 10.
2. Workbook: Treasure Trove A Collection of ICSE Poems – Selina
3. Workbook on Treasure Trove Volume – I: Poems ICSE – Xavier Pinto

The students can visit the following sites:

4. <https://enlicist.com>notes>the.co>
5. The Cold Within by James Patrick Kinney: Summary/Englicist
<https://www.litbug.com> (2010/12/08)
6. The Cold Within: Summary and Analysis - Litbug

Q1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Six humans trapped by happenstance

In bleak and bitter cold.

Each one possessed a stick of wood

Or so the story's told.

- a. What happened to the six human beings?
- b. Describe the season and the surroundings?
- c. What are the positive things that you see in their condition?
- d. Give the meaning of 'happenstance' and 'possessed'?
- e. What does the poet mean by 'Or so the story's told'?

Q2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Their dying fire in need of logs,
But the first one held hers back,
For ,of the faces round the fire,
She noticed one was black.

- a. Why is the fire called the 'dying fire'.
- b. What was the need of the hour?
- c. Who is 'the first one' in the above extract and what does 'held hers back' mean?
- d. What is her feeling towards the black man? What do you call it?
- e. Where were all these people? How have they come together?

Q3. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

The next man looking 'cross the way'
Saw one not of his church,
And could not bring himself to give
The fire his stick of birch.

- a. 'The next man' usage means that someone has been mentioned already. Who is that person and what has been said about him/her?
- b. What does the poet mean by 'not of his church'. What is the poet critical about the second person?
- c. What does 'cross' mean? What is the scene?
- d. What does the second man do and why?
- e. Had he given the fire something that he had, how would the end have been different?

Q4. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

The rich man just sat back and thought

Of the wealth he had in store,

And how to keep what he had earned

From the lazy, shiftless poor.

- a. Where is the rich man now? Whose thought was expressed in the previous stanza?
- b. How do you describe the condition of the rich man?
- c. What were the two thoughts in his mind?
- d. Is 'lazy shiftless' an accurate expression for the poor? Give your reasons?
- e. In what way was the rich man similar to the poor man?

Q5. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

The last man of this forlorn group

Did nought except for gain.

Giving only to those who gave

Was how he played the game.

- a. How many people were there in all? Who were they? Where were they?
- b. What does 'forlorn' mean? Is the word correct to describe the group? Give reasons?
- c. Who is the last man in this group? What is his attitude?
- d. What does 'Did nought except for gain' mean?
- e. What happened to the group? What was the reason?

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