

## **A Roadside Stand Previous Year Questions (with model answers)**

**Q1. How do the expressions 'polished traffic' and a stand that 'pathetically pled' depict the contrasting worlds that co-exist in the poem 'A Roadside Stand'? [CBSE 2025]**

**Ans.** The polished traffic indicates the bright polished cars which carry the rich city people. On the contrary, the shed that pathetically pled refers to the rural farmer's shed which is shabby and which is owned by the poor farmers who request the city people to stop and buy some farm produce so that they get some money.

**Q2. 'A Thing of Beauty' and 'A Roadside Stand' are poetic expressions of human relationships. The first engages with nature while the latter highlights the individual's place in society. Describe with reference to the two poems. [CBSE 2024]**

**Ans.** The poem 'A Thing of Beauty' acknowledges the creation of nature and addresses them as things of beauty. These beautiful creations of nature are eternal and give us immense joy. The poet highlights the various reliefs and respites provided by the shady bower, the cool rills, the warm Sun and the sheep. He is grateful for the pretty flowers and the tales of brave men. All such objects of beauty bind us to the earth and give us a reason to live and survive in this otherwise greedy world.

The poem 'A Roadside Stand' presents the plight of the rural poor who crave for some money from the urban populace. They display farm produce on sheds by the highways and expect the rich people who pass by in cars, to stop and buy the goods. The poet also mentions how these innocent poor people are fooled by the politicians and authorities who are like beasts. They grab their land and shift them to further off places. They force them to live in such poverty-ridden conditions. No one really wants to help these people. Both the poems highlight the nuances of human relationships and emotions and lay importance on maintaining a balance.

**Q3. Imagine you are Pablo Neruda of 'Keeping Quiet'. He advises Robert Frost in the context of his conflict and pain at the plight of the roadside stand owners. Pen down your advice in a letter to Robert Frost. You may begin.**

**Dear Frost,**

**You seem very pained at the plight of the roadside stand owners, and I would like to advise you... [CBSE 2024]**

**Ans.** Dear Frost,

You seem very pained at the plight of the roadside stand owners, and I would like to advise you that death is not a solution to any problem. Please do not feel dejected that you consider death as the only solution to end the plight of the rural poor. We must aim to reach at a solution which solves their problems and provides them growth and prosperity.

I suggest that you must organise these rural folks. The organization should be registered as a co-operative union. All the products like farm produce, dairy items, handicrafts, handloom goods should be sold through this organization. Then the rural workers will get a better price for their products and they can even market the items at various exhibitions and fairs. This will definitely uplift them. Also, please arrange volunteers who can educate them and guide them on health and sanitation. Cleanliness is also essential to ensure better living conditions. Once the rural people will earn better and live better, they will become a happy lot and you will experience joy by bringing a change in their lives. I hope you will find my advice useful.  
Your friend  
Pablo

**Q4. What was the expectation of the people who had set up the roadside stand? [CBSE 2023]**

**Ans.** The people who had set up the roadside stand expected to attract city dwellers who would stop by, buy their farm produce, and provide them with some financial support. They hoped to gain some economic relief from their struggling livelihoods.

**Q5. What are the probable causes of the passing cars to stop near the roadside stand? [CBSE 2020]**

**Ans.** They stop by the stand to ask directions, to reverse the car, to ask if they sell gas, to ask the prices of the goods on sale and to complain about the ugly shed which spoils the landscape.

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