

A Tiger in the Zoo Previous Year Questions (with model answers)

Q1. The poem, “A Tiger in the Zoo” moves from the zoo to the jungle; and back again to the zoo. What effect does the poet want to bring out with this? Elaborate. [CBSE 2024]

Ans. The poet in “A Tiger in the Zoo” contrasts the tiger’s natural habitat in the jungle with its captivity in a zoo. This movement underscores the confinement and loss of freedom experienced by the tiger, highlighting the contrast between its wild, predatory nature and its subdued, restricted existence in captivity. It evokes a sense of pity for the tiger and raises awareness about the impact of human intervention on wild animals.

Q2. State any three disadvantages that the tiger faces inside a cage. [CBSE 2023]

Ans. He is locked, he cannot scare the visitors and he does not roar.

Q3. How would the tiger behave in the forest? [CBSE 2023]

Ans. He would roam around, baring his teeth and scaring the villagers. He would hide behind tall grass, waiting for the prey to pass.

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

*He stalks in his vivid stripes
The few steps of his cage,
On pads of velvet quiet,
In his quiet rage.*

*He should be lurking in shadow,
Sliding through long grass
Near the water hole
Where plump deer pass. [CBSE 2023]*

(i) 'Quiet rage' refers to the tigers

- (a) helplessness**
- (b) he has not been able to hunt**
- (c) his prey has not come to the water hole**
- (d) he is not free**

Ans. (a)

(ii) He is lurking in shadows because

Ans. He is lurking in shadows because he doesn't want his prey to notice him, which might drive them away before he pounces on them.

(iii) Complete the sentence appropriately:

It is clear that metaphor is the poetic device used for 'pads of velvet' because (clue-explain how metaphor applies here).

Ans. It is clear that metaphor is the poetic device used for 'pads of velvet' because as an analogy between the softness of velvet and the way his pads contact the ground, his paw pads are being compared to velvet in this instance.

(iv) Find a word from the extract which means – to walk with measured, stiff or haughty strides:

- (a) steps**
- (b) lurking**
- (c) pads**
- (d) stalk**

Ans. (d)

(v) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:
The tiger is stealthily waiting for the deer to come to the water hole.

Ans. True

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

*He hears the last voice at night,
The patrolling cars,
And stares with his brilliant eyes
At the brilliant stars. [CBSE 2020]*

Questions:

(a) The poet who wrote these lines was

- (i) Leslie Norris (ii) Robert Frost
(iii) Walt Whitman (iv) Robin Klein**

Ans. (i)

(b) 'The animal referred to in the extract is in_____.

- (i) the forest (ii) a zoo
(iii) a circus (iv) a wildlife sanctuary**

Ans. (ii)

(c) To go around an area at regular times to check that it is safe is called _____.

Ans. patrolling

(d) The word in the extract opposite in meaning to the word, 'dull' is ____.

Ans. brilliant

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