



INDIAN SCHOOL DARSAIT DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



Subject :English

Topic : A Tiger Tn the Zoo.

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SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS (30-40 words)

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- (a) Describe the tiger in the cage.
Answer:The tiger in the cage is just a diminished form of his original self. He paces up and down in the cage restlessly. He is confined in the narrow cell and keeps staring the stars as if longing for freedom. He is helpless and draws pity for his condition.
- (b) Describe the tiger in the wild.
Answer:The tiger in the wild is majestic. He is free and lies under the shades and hunts for prey. He moves near the water because food is in plenty there. Sometimes he growls and terrorises the villagers.
- (c) Why does the tiger express his rage quietly?
Answer:The tiger expresses his rage quietly because there is nothing he can do from behind the bars of his cage. He is helpless as his strength now lies inside the cage. He is no longer free as he was in the jungle.
- (d) Where should the tiger have been according to the poet?
Answer:The poet thinks that the tiger should have been in the jungle, lurking in the shadow of long grass to prey on the deer near the water hole. He should also be on the outskirts of the jungle snarling around houses and terrifying villagers.
- (e) How does the tiger make his presence felt in the village?
Answer:The tiger makes his presence felt by snarling around houses at the jungle's edge and by showing his white fangs and claws.
- (f) What does the tiger do in his cage?
Answer:The tiger is locked in a concrete cell where he can hardly take a few steps along the length of the cage. He doesn't take any notice of the visitors who come there. With his shining eyes, he keeps staring at the bright stars in the sky.
- (g) Why do you think the tiger looks at the stars?
Answer: The tiger feels very helpless in the cage. He stares with hope at the brilliant stars shining in the sky. He hopes for the day when he would be able to run free in the wild. The brilliant stars, thus, provides him with some sort of comfort.
- (h) What is the effect of the repeated use of the word 'brilliant' in the poem?
Answer:The repeated use of brilliant shows the contrast. The brilliant stars are free while the brilliant eyes are inside the cage.

LONG ANSWER QUESTION (100-120 words)

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i) Love for freedom is the natural instinct of every living being. Comment.

Answer:It is rightly said that love for freedom is the natural instinct of every living being. Everyone loves freedom and does not want to live in confinement. Similarly, the tiger also longed for freedom. He was so fed up being caged that he even ignored the visitors. He took to and fro steps in the cage as if trying to while away the time. The tiger wanted to escape this captivity.

God has made all living beings equally and thus, the animals too have the right to freedom. They should not be caged. It is their right to enjoy their natural habitat i.e. the forest and run freely in the wild. We should, thus, respect their freedom and should not put them in the zoo.

ii) Is it right to confine wild animals into cages? Why or why not?

Answer:Wild animals are meant to live in the wild. They are not meant to be caged and displayed in the zoos. We all know that the majestic species of tiger is on the verge of extinction. There used to be a time when they used to roam proudly and freely in the jungle. They are not meant to live a life in confinement. They also have the right to freedom like all other living beings. Confinement leads to depression and misery. Moreover, their offsprings lose the hunting capabilities as they are not trained to hunt in the wild. As a result, they would not be able to feed themselves. Furthermore, confining wild animals disturbs the whole ecological balance. We should, thus, let the animals run free in the wild. They belong to the forest and not to the cage.