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CLASS-VIII

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Poem-12 : The Human Seasons

Theme: The theme of the poem 'The Human Seasons' by John Keats is the natural cycle of human life compared to the four seasons. Each season symbolizes a stage in a person's life — spring as youth, summer as adulthood, autumn as maturity, and winter as old age. The poem reflects how human emotions and experiences evolve with time, embracing change as a natural part of life.

Poetic Devices :

1. Metaphor: Comparison of human life stages to seasons.

Example: 'Four Seasons fill the measure of the year; / Four Seasons are there in the mind of Man'

2. Imagery: Vivid descriptions of nature and human emotions.

Example: 'He has his lusty spring, when fancy clear / Takes in all beauty with an easy span'

3. Personification: Attributing human qualities to seasons.

Example: 'Four Seasons' are described in relation to human experiences and emotions.

4. Symbolism: Seasons symbolize different stages of human life (youth, adulthood, old age).

Q. Answer the following questions.

a. What does Keats mean by the 'four seasons in the mind of man'? Discuss with reference to the poem.

- b. Explain the significance of 'Summer' in the poem and what it reveals about human maturity.
- c. Why does Keats say 'Or else he would forego his mortal nature' in reference to Winter?
- d. How does the poem reflect John Keats's philosophy of life and nature?
- e. What does the image of 'honied cud' symbolize about human experience?

Ch- 13: Journey to the Sundarbans

Theme: This chapter explores the natural beauty, ecological importance, and challenges of the Sundarbans, the world's largest mangrove forest. It highlights the impact of climate change, rising tides, and human struggles in the region. The chapter also shows how wildlife like tigers and dolphins adapt to the watery landscape. It blends storytelling with environmental awareness and local beliefs.

Q. Answer the following questions.

- a. Describe the landscape and environment of the Sundarbans as mentioned in the podcast.
- b. How do the tides play an important role in the life of the people in the Sundarbans?
- c. Why are the Royal Bengal Tigers considered special in the Sundarbans?
- d. What changes did Amitav Ghosh notice in the Sundarbans over time?
- e. How does the podcast combine travel, literature and environmental awareness?

Poem- 14: The Way Through the Woods

Theme: The theme of 'The Way Through the Woods' by Rudyard Kipling revolves around the power of nature to reclaim and heal over time. It highlights the mystery and enchantment of the natural world, where forgotten paths and human histories are slowly

erased. The poem evokes a sense of nostalgia, loss, and the quiet magic that lies hidden in the woods.

Poetic devices:

1. Personification: The woods are given human-like qualities, as if they can fear or not fear men.

Example- 'They fear not men in the woods, / Because they see so few.'

2. Imagery: These lines create vivid sensory experiences, evoking the sounds and sights of a horse's movement and a person walking.

Example:- 'You will hear the beat of a horse's feet, / And the swish of a skirt in the dew'.

3. Irony: The poem suggests the woods seem to know about the old road, but in reality, there is no road, highlighting the contrast between appearance and reality.

Example:- 'As though they perfectly knew / The old lost road through the woods... / But there is no road through the woods'.

4. Metaphor: Implied comparison between two unlike things.

Example :- The comparison of the environment to 'misty solitudes' equates the natural setting with a state of being alone and mysterious.

Q. Answer the following questions.

a. Describe how Rudyard Kipling presents the transformation of the old road through the woods.

b. What role does the 'keeper' play in the poem, and what does he symbolize?

c. Explain the meaning and significance of the line: '*You will hear the beat of a horse's feet and the swish of a skirt in the dew.*'

d. How does the title 'The Way Through the Woods' reflect the deeper meaning of the poem?

e. What does the poem reveal about the relationship between man and nature?