

**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

CLASS: X

**CHAPTER: FIRST FLIGHT [POEM]**

No. of PYQs:20

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1	<p>Where should the tiger have been according to the poet in the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo'? <b>[CBSE 2014, 2017]</b></p> <p>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.</p>	3
2	<p>How does the tiger act in the cage? <b>[CBSE 2016, 2018]</b></p> <p>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.</p>	3
3	<p>'Love for freedom is the natural instinct of every living being.'</p> <p>Comment. <b>[CBSE 2014, 2019 Sample Paper]</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	6
4	How has the poet observed 'nature' in the poem 'Dust of Snow'? <b>[CBSE 2011, 2015]</b>	3

	<p>Answer: In Robert Frost's poem "Dust of Snow," he portrays nature as a setting that has a positive emotional impact on an individual. The seemingly ordinary act of snow hitting the speaker's body due to a crow's movement on a tree gives him a better emotional state and brings happiness where before there was only negativity. At the end of the poem, the reader sees the speaker uplifted and hopeful for better hours in the day ahead.</p>	
5	<p>A simple moment proves to be very significant and saves the rest of the day of the poet from being wasted. Explain on the basis of the poem 'Dust of Snow'.  <b>[CBSE 2018, Sample paper 2016 ]</b></p> <p>Answer: Robert Frost tries to convey that even simple and ordinary incidents have great significance in our life. Nothing is good or bad. It is only our thinking that makes it so. Best things in life are free of cost. Life is full of problems and obstacles. We should try to solve them rather than sitting and regretting. Sometimes even the unimportant things change the meaning of life. A simple action of a crow, who shook off the dust of snow on the poet, taught him a great lesson. The poet realised that he had wasted his day in repenting rather than doing some useful activity. He understood how to take adverse seasons in stride and work for a better life.</p>	3
6	<p>What is the underlying message for us in our hectic life with reference to the poem, 'Dust of Snow' ?  <b>[CBSE 2016, SAMPLE PAPER 2018]</b></p> <p>Answer: The underlying message for us with reference to the poem 'Dust of Snow' is that we should always be optimistic towards life. In the grave hours of depression, the smallest act of nature can lead to a drastic positive change.</p>	3
7	<p>Fire and Ice projects a pessimistic outlook. Comment.  <b>[CBSE 2017, 2020]</b></p> <p>Answer: 'Fire and Ice' projects a realistic outlook rather than a pessimistic one. The poet brings forth the view that the world will soon end. It can be either by fire or ice. He mentions that he has tasted everything in life after World War I. So, it would soon end either with greed or indifference.</p>	6
8	<p>What does 'fire' and 'ice' stand for and what is the general opinion regarding the world?  <b>[CBSE 2012, Board Term-I, 2016-17]</b></p>	3

	<p>Answer: Fire stands for fury, desire, lust, anger, avarice, cruelty and greed. Ice is symbolic of hatred, coldness, rigidity, insensitivity and intolerance. The general opinion regarding the world is that the world will end in fire and some say ice. Both the two reasons contrast each other and one equally opposite to each other. People who favour fire believe that it will be the heat and passion which will end the world. On the other hand, some people think that it will be the ice which will freeze the world.</p>	
9	<p>State the key points in the poem Amanda. What do you learn from it? <b>[CBSE 2016, Sample Paper 2017]</b></p> <p>Answer: Every child is special in itself, and it requires a great deal of patience and love to make them understand this. Parents should give proper space to children, as they learn through experiences as well. Children do tend to learn certain bad habits, to undo that requires a great level of understanding and the right approach. One cannot teach their child everything in one day and expect them to behave properly henceforth. It is natural for a child like Amanda to seek freedom at her place, to curb that freedom means to make her angry and moody. Robin Klein points to the fact that Amanda is forbidden to do anything without seeking permission. Everything she does is corrected by her mother all the time, she cannot perform a single thing according to her will. She can't sit lazily around, she can't eat chocolate because that could cause acne. She yearns for freedom and choice. Her mother doesn't understand the fact that Amanda is innocent and naive, she is too small to understand the benefits of advice. Only thing that matters to Amanda's mother is what society will make of Amanda.</p>	6
10	<p>Give contrasting pictures of the tiger in his natural habitat and in the locked cage of the zoo. How does he feel and behave differently in both places? <b>[CBSE 2017, 2021 Sample Paper]</b></p> <p>Answer: The tiger in the forest is totally free with no restrictions. He waits for his prey lurking silently in the shadow of the trees. Then he slides through the long grass. He knows where he can find his favourite hunt, plump deer. It is the water hole where they come for drinking water and become easy victims of the mighty tiger. He roams around the houses which are situated on the edge of the jungle. With his open white teeth and powerful paws, he terrorises the villagers. However, it is a pathetic picture of the same tiger when he is locked in a concrete cell in the zoo. There he stalks in 'quiet rage' the length of his cage.</p>	6

	He ignores the visitors. He keeps on staring at the brilliant stars in the vast sky. The vastness of the sky and the brilliance of stars only intensifies his loss of freedom.	
11	<p>What is so weird about the Hyena and the crocodile [How to Tell Wild Animals]? <b>[CBSE 2014, 2019]</b></p> <p>Answer: Some animals such as the hyena and the crocodile are famous for their weird behaviour. For example, a laughing hyena's voice resembles a human's laughing sound. Moreover, a hyena laughs while swallowing its prey, while a crocodile sheds tears.</p>	3
12	<p>'Humour is the best medicine for every ailment in life'. Comment with reference to the poem 'How to Tell Wild Animals'. <b>[CBSE 2013, Sample Paper 2017]</b></p> <p>Answer: Humour is infectious. When humour is shared, it binds people together and increases happiness. Humour strengthens our immune system, boosts our energy, diminishes pain and protects us from the damaging effects of stress. It is the priceless medicine for every ailment in life. The poet, in the poem 'How to tell Wild Animals' creates humour by describing various beasts of prey. The way the poet explains things is very funny yet interesting. The poet has depicted the wildlife very vividly and in a lively manner. While reading the poem, the readers enjoy the poet's work and it leaves them refreshed and happy.</p>	6
13	<p>How does the poem 'The Trees' make a strong plea against deforestation? <b>[CBSE 2013, 2018 Sample Paper]</b></p> <p>Answer: The poem, 'The Trees' sends home a strong message against deforestation. It highlights the importance of trees when the poet says that without trees there will be no shadow, no forest, no place for birds to sit, no place for insects to hide. As a sapling, the plant adds to the beauty of the surroundings when it spreads its branches, leaves and roots around. Thus, in the poem, the trees are welcomed by the strong winds and the moon. The poet does not want to mention the departure of the forests as she feels guilty for merely looking silently at them as they depart. This way, she subtly points out the thanklessness of man towards forests.</p>	6
14	'Departure is painful'. So is the departure of the trees for the poet. What will happen after their departure?	6

	<p><b>[CBSE 2016, 2019 Sample Paper]</b></p> <p>Answer: Just like the departure of someone close to us is painful, so also is the departure of a tree. When they are planted as a sapling, they look nice and enhance the beauty of our surroundings. But as they grow and spread out their branches, they look wild and require more space for their growth. The roots create cracks in the floor and the leaves stretch out as if to move towards the glass, perhaps in need of sunlight. The soft twigs become strong and stiff. So the trees need to be removed from the house. No more do the leaves cover the sky, but the trees breathe and they are welcomed by the wind. The moon resembles a broken mirror, reflecting off the leaves. The poet reveals that she will feel lonely after the trees' departure.</p>	
15	<p>Difficulties come but they are not to stay forever. They come and go. Comment referring to the poem 'Fog'. <b>[CBSE 2013, 2017]</b></p> <p>Answer: Difficulties, when faced by people, tend to leave them hopeless and shattered. It takes a lot of courage to overcome any problem and to solve it. If we take a clue from the poem and compare difficulties to fog, we find that just like fog, difficulties also come and go.</p> <p>One need not be hopeless and lose courage when problems come, one should rather think of it as fog, meaning that it has not come to stay but will always leave, like fog.</p>	6
16	<p>A simple moment proves to be very significant and saves the rest of the day of the poet from being wasted. Explain on the basis of the poem 'Dust of Snow'. <b>[CBSE 2013, 2018]</b></p> <p>Answer: Robert Frost tries to convey that even simple and ordinary incidents have great significance in our life. Nothing is good or bad. It is only our thinking that makes it so. Best things in life are free of cost. Life is full of problems and obstacles. We should try to solve them rather than sitting and regretting. Sometimes even the unimportant things change the meaning of life. A simple action of a crow, who shook off the dust of snow on the poet, taught him a great lesson. The poet realised that he had wasted his day in repenting rather than doing some useful activity. He understood how to take adverse seasons in stride and work for a better life.</p>	6
17	'But Custard cried for a nice safe cage. ' Who is Custard? Why	3

	<p>did he cry for a 'nice safe cage'? What did Custard look like?  <b>[CBSE 2014, 2016]</b></p> <p>Answer: Custard is Belinda's pet Dragon. He cried for a nice safe cage because he was a coward, who feared easily and looked for comfort and safety of himself. Custard looked really dangerous with spikes on his top and scales underneath. His mouth was like a fireplace and nose was like a chimney. His toes looked like daggers.</p>	
18	<p>"Money is external". What does the poet mean by this expression in 'The Ball Poem'?  <b>[CBSE 2014, 2019, Sample Paper 2017]</b></p> <p>Answer: The poet makes the boy understand about his responsibility as the loss is immaterial. Money is external as it cannot buy memories, nor can it replace the things that we love, the things that really matter.</p>	3
19	<p>Why is it important for everyone to experience loss and to stand up after it? <b>[CBSE 2014, 2020, Sample Paper 2018]</b></p> <p>Answer: It is important for everyone to experience loss and to stand up after it in order to be strong and to get on with life. One needs to stay strong no matter how much it hurts inside. Staying strong is the only way to survive. Moreover, one needs to learn to accept and let go and not cling to something that they can never have. One should understand that the past is gone and it will never come back. Experiencing loss sometimes helps us to grow up and face hardships, like loss. This helps us in breaking all the boundaries into freedom.</p>	6
20	<p>How does the poem 'The Tale of Custard The Dragon' differ from the traditional ballad ?  <b>[CBSE 2011, 2014, 2022]</b></p> <p>Answer: Traditional ballads are narrative folksongs and they tell all kinds of stories, including histories and legends. They are tales of adventures and heroism. "The tale of Custard - the Dragon" can be considered more of a fable than ballad as a fable is a fictitious narrative usually with animals, birds etc as characters and shares a strong message that can be silly or heroic. The Tale of Custard the Dragon contains animals as characters and surely has a strong message, and it is considered to be a fable.</p>	3

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CHAPTER: FOOTPRINTS WITHOUT FEET [Supplementary Reader]

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1	<p>State the events that took place on the night of the theft in 'The Thief Story'. <b>[CBSE 2013,2016]</b></p> <p>Answer: The night of robbery was quite eventful for Hari Singh. After stealing Anil's money and leaving Anil's house, Hari went to the railway station but didn't board the train to Lucknow. He walked slowly through the bazaar as he did not know anyone who would provide him shelter except Anil, for he didn't have any friends. He was forced to take shelter under the clock tower later when it started raining heavily. That is where he realised the importance of education and decided to go back to Anil.</p>	6
2	<p>How did the visible man become invisible? What did he do then? <b>[CBSE 2014 ,2017]</b></p> <p>Answer: Griffin who had developed a drug that could make a man invisible. He swallowed the concoction of certain rare drugs that made his body transparent like glass, and also, solid as glass. After making his body transparent he did many unlawful things. Griffin entered a big London store. Next he entered the shop of a theatrical company. He fooled Mrs. Halls and others. Finally he became a homeless wanderer without clothes.</p>	3
3	<p>Describe the landlord's and his wife's experience with the strange scientist in his room. <b>[CBSE 2013, 2016]</b></p> <p>Answer: Both Mrs Hall and her husband were surprised to find the scientist's room door open because normally it was always locked. So they peeped in, but found nobody there. The clothes and bandages that he always wore were lying about the room. Suddenly Mrs Hall heard a sniff close to her ear and the hat on the bedpost leapt up and dashed itself into her face. Then the</p>	6

	bedroom chair sprang into the air and pushed them both out of the room and then appeared to slam and lock the door after them. Mrs Hall became hysterical and almost fell down the stairs. She thought that her furniture was haunted. They decided to confront the scientist next time when they met him.	
4	<p>Describe Ausable's reaction on seeing Max.  <b>[CBSE 2014, 2018]</b></p> <p>Answer: Initially Ausable got a shock to see Max in his room. But he remained calm. Max also had a pistol with him, so Ausable didn't try anything fishy. He just kept his cool and fooled Max by using his brain to invent stories.</p>	3
5	<p>For what unusual reasons was Bholi sent to school?  <b>[CBSE 2015, 2018]</b></p> <p>Answer: The Tehsildar Sahib put the responsibility of sending the girls of the village on Ramlal, the revenue official as he was the representative of the village. Ramlal had not the courage to disobey him. He also felt that there was a little chance of Bholi getting married due to her ugly face and lack of sense. Hence, he sent her to school.</p>	3
6	<p>Horace was a successful thief because he carefully planned his robberies. Should we call him a successful thief and still appreciate his work? Why or why not?  <b>[CBSE 2013, 2015]</b></p> <p>Answer: Yes, as a thief, Horace is successful because he carefully planned his robberies and completes them well. By stealing other people's valuables, he may have become successful but he is actually a criminal. He may be efficient in conducting his crimes so that he is successful, but we still cannot appreciate his work.</p>	3
7	<p>What information did Ausable give about the imaginary balcony? Why did he do so? <b>[CBSE 2013, 2017]</b></p> <p>Answer: Ausable created a detailed description of how his room was part of a bigger apartment and how the next room had a direct connection with a balcony. His statement that somebody else had also broken into his office through that balcony made it a convincing story.</p>	3
8	Whom did Horace Danby see in the kitchen? How did they greet each other? What tactic did Horace apply there?	3

	<p><b>[CBSE 2013, 2019]</b></p> <p>Answer: Horace Danby saw the family dog, Sherry, in the kitchen. The dog greeted Horace by stirring, making a noise and wagging its tail in a friendly way. Horace greeted the dog by tactfully calming it down, calling it by its name and showing love to it.</p>	
9	<p>Where was the safe at Shotover Grange? What was there inside it? What did Horace expect to get if he sold them one by one? <b>[CBSE 2012, 2017]</b></p> <p>Answer: The safe at Shotover Grange was kept in the drawing room behind a poor painting and had jewels worth about 15000 pounds kept in it. It had a poorly built burglar alarm, but could be opened only through a specific code. Horace expected to get 5000 pounds if he sold the jewels one by one.</p>	3
10	<p>Why was Horace Danby sure that his robbery at Shotover Grange would be a successful one? <b>[CBSE 2014, Sample paper 2018]</b></p> <p>Answer: Horace Danby was sure that his robbery at Shotover Grange would be a successful one because he had studied the house, the drawing room where the safe was kept, the wiring and its garden. He had also studied the movement of the servants, so he had planned well, thus ensuring that nothing could go wrong.</p>	3
11	<p>Do you think Mme Loisel had an enjoyable evening at the ball? Give reasons for your answer. <b>[CBSE 2014, 2019]</b></p> <p>Answer: Mme Loisel was the centre of attention at the ball. Her beauty, her grace, her joy and the gorgeous smile captivated all. Men sought to be presented to her. She danced happily at her conquest of all.</p>	3
12	<p>How did Mme Loisel now know the life of necessity? <b>[CBSE 2013, 2016]</b></p> <p>Answer: To pay the debt of eighteen thousand francs, Loisels let go of their decent living. They lived in impoverished neighbourhood. Matilda had to cook, clean, wash, mend, bring water and bargain with the butcher and grocer. Her husband worked day and night to save every penny. Thus, she knew the</p>	3

	life of necessity.	
13	<p>Mme Forestier proved to be a true friend. Elucidate. <b>[CBSE 2015, Sample Paper 2018]</b></p> <p>Answer: Mme Forestier turns out to be an interesting character. As a friend to Matilda, we find her to be really genuine as she helps Matilda in the hour of her need. When Mme Loisel needs to borrow jewels, she turns to Mme Forestier. Mme Forestier does not refuse. Displaying her generosity, she opens up the entire array of her jewels for Matilda to choose from. Also, she is considerate when Loisel's delay the return of the necklace. Surprisingly, at the end of the story, she concludes the entire narrative. Without even a moment's hesitation, she reveals to Matilda that her necklace was just a fake. She is not at all worried in the light of the fact that she may have to return the necklace. It shows her honesty. Rather, she, like a true friend, feels bad for Matilda at her unnecessary suffering. We find her sympathising with Mme Loisel. She is indeed a gem of a friend.</p>	6
14	<p>'Hobbies play a very important role in one's life' elaborate this with reference to "The Making of a Scientist". <b>[CBSE 2016, Sample Paper 2014]</b></p> <p>Answer: Richard Ebright started collecting butterflies as a hobby. When his mother bought the book 'The Travels of Monarch X' which aroused his curiosity in the field of science. This led him to research and discover many things. Hence, hobbies play an important role in one's life.</p>	6
15	<p>What were the factors which contributed in making Ebright a scientist? <b>[CBSE 2014, 2017]</b></p> <p>Answer: Richard Ebright had some innate character traits that are the pre-requisites for the making of a scientist. He had, besides an intelligent mind, the curiosity to seek information, keen observing powers, perseverance, patience as well as self-discipline, which are the basic requirements for any scientific research. It was his mother as well who supported him in his journey.</p>	3
16	<p>Richard Ebright displayed a well-rounded personality. Do you agree? Elucidate in the context of the given text. <b>[CBSE 2016, Sample Paper 2013]</b></p> <p>Answer: Richard's genius was obvious by the time he was in his</p>	6

	second grade. He managed to collect all twenty-five species of butterflies around his hometown and classify them. He also loved to collect coins, fossils and rocks. Science was not his only passion. He was an active member of his school's oratory club and model United Nations club and was an effective debater and a public speaker. He loved photography as well. He was an enthusiastic canoeist and an all-around outdoors person. Learning was easy for him. So he found it simple to devote time and energy to many other interests. He became a champion in whatever he did. He believed in the spirit of competition to win. Thus, he displayed a well-rounded personality.	
17	What made James Herriot expect a call from Mrs Pumphrey? [CBSE 2015, 2019, Sample Paper 2013]  Answer: James Herriot's encounter with Mrs Pumphrey and Tricky made him expect a call for help. He was sure that the extra diet and no physical activity would soon put Tricki's health in danger. Just as anticipated, Mrs Pumphrey called the vet a few days afterwards.	3
18	How did a book change Think-Tank's opinion about the Earthlings? [CBSE 2011, 2014, 2018]  Answer: Think-Tank totally misunderstands the book. Phrases like 'shell', 'silver', 'garden' gave him a false idea that earthlings grew silver and weapons. He starts thinking that earthlings are very advanced technologically. The Martians thought that earthlings were planning to invade Mars. So, they cancelled their invasion of Earth and went back.	3
19	Discuss the role of Ebright's mother in making him a scientist. [CBSE 2011, 2015, Sample Paper 2018, 2020]  Answer: Ebright's mother played a big role in making him what he was as it was she who supported him throughout his journey. She would take him on trips to encourage learning. He was a single child. After his father died, his mother made him the focus of her life. She would buy him all kinds of microscopes, telescopes and other equipment. After dinner, she gave him problems to solve. This helped Richard to learn a lot. She was his only companion for a long time. It was his mother who got him the book 'The Travels of Monarch X'. This book opened the world of science for Richard. She also wrote to Dr Urquhart to guide her son. Thus, his mother actually shaped him into an	6

	extraordinary scientist.	
20	<p>Education is always a great asset in the life of a woman. How did Bholi, an educated girl, face the challenge posed by Bishamber's greed?</p> <p><b>[CBSE 2013, 2015, 2023, Sample Paper 2018]</b></p> <p>Answer: Education is one of the most critical areas of empowerment for women. Offering girls basic education is one sure way of giving them much greater power of enabling them to make genuine choices over the kind of lives they wish to lead. This is exactly what happened with Bholi. At first, Bholi had agreed to marry an old man because of her father's honour, thereby placing her family's interest over her own. However, later she refused to marry him because she saw how mean, greedy and contemptible he was. This is why she rejected the marriage and silenced everybody who called her shameless. Education gave Bholi the confidence to be bold in her life.</p>	6

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