

Appreciation Questions With Explanation

1] Will no one tell me what she sings?

Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow "She" refers to

- (A) the poet's mother
- (B) the poet's sister
- (C) the poet's daughter
- (D) the solitary reaper**

Explanation:

The poetic line is from the poem "**The Solitary Reaper**". The poetic line tells that the poet doesn't know the language of the solitary reaper's song. But he knows that, the song was sad.

2] Answer the appreciation question.

The best little scrub by the side of the rill. What is meant by scrub?

- (A) Big trees
- (B) Bushes and small trees**
- (C) Grass
- (D) Tall trees

Explanation:

The poetic description of this line is "if you can't be on the top of hill, be the best scrub by the side of valley". Generally scrub means bushes and small trees.

3] "The globe's my world. The cloud's my kin" - Whom does 'my' refer to?

- (A) the poet
- (B) a bird**

- (C) a man
- (D) an animal

Explanation:

This poetic line is from the poem “The Migrant Bird”, whereas the bird compares his life with human being. The Migrant bird says that, this globe is his world and clouds are his close blood relatives.

4] “Had he and I but met
By some old ancient inn”
Whom does ‘he’ refer to here?

- (A) The poet
- (B) The soldier
- (C) An enemy soldier**
- (D) A friend

Explanation:

This poetic line is from the poem “The Man he killed”. The Poet met his enemy soldier in ancient hotel whereas the poet shot his enemy dead and justified it. So **he** refers to **An Enemy Soldier**.

5] “You make me sit on a cushion between your knees”.

The person who is talked about here is the.....

- (A) mother
- (B) grandmother**
- (C) the little child
- (D) father

Explanation:

This poetic line is from the poem “My Grandmother”, which describes the poet’s grandmother’s love and care. The poet’s grandmother made her to sit on her lap while combing hair. So the answer is **B**.

6] ‘Softy in the dusk a woman is singing to me’

What is the time mentioned in this line?

(A) Dusk

(B) Noon

(C) Dawn

(D) Night

Explanation:

Here the poetic line is taken from the poem “The Piano”. Here the word “**Dusk**” means **Sunset**. The line says, the poet looks back his past where his mother plays a piano and sings a song softly in a calm evening at his childhood days.

7] “Where the mind is led forward by thee”? Whom does the word ‘thee’ refer to?

(A) Soul

(B) Man

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“O no! it is an ever fixed mark

That looks on tempests and is never shaken”

What does the poet compare ‘true love’ to, ?

(A) An ocean

(B) A cyclone

(C) A Light house

(D) A tempest

Explanation:

The line is from the poem "Sonnet No.116". Here ever fixed mark refers to **True Love**, it cannot be shaken till the world ends.

8] A mirror of his changing moods

Now sure, now steeped in thought.

Who does the word "his" refer to?

(A) the Poet

(B) the Shilpi

(C) the Tourist

(D) the Dramatist

Explanation:

The lines are taken from the poem "**Shilpi**". The Shilpi immersed deeply on his work with full concentration. The changing moods was refers to rhythmic sound which differs from low to high.

9] Betrays me back, till the heart of me weeps to belong

To the old Sunday evenings at home,

Who does the word 'me' refer to?

(A) The Poet D.H. Lawrence

(B) The Poet H.W. Longfellow

(C) Archibald Lampman

(D) Douglas Malloch

Explanation:

The poet remembers the Sunday evenings in winter, when he was child used to sing songs in praise of God by playing piano.

10] We pierce your bosom with swords and spears
And you dress our wounds with oil and balsom.

What does the word 'you' refer to?

- (A) Water
- (B) Earth**
- (C) Trees
- (D) Man

Explanation:

These lines are taken from the poem "Earth". Here **we** refer to human beings. **You** refer to Earth. First line says, we human being destroy Earth's natural well beings and left her painful, but eventough the Earth shows her care for us.

11] With the teacups circling round me like the planets round the sun.

Why are the teacups circling?

- (A) Because of heavy gravitational force
- (B) Because of lack of gravitational force**
- (C) Because the speaker is dancing in circles
- (D) Because the teacups fell off the hand

Explanation:

This line was taken from the poem "Off to outer space tomorrow morning". As soon as the capsule door closed, there will be zero gravitational force. So the teacups circles around the poet.

12] In the world's broad field ,of battle,

In the bivouac of life.

What is the meaning of the phrase "Bivouac of life"?

- (A) A simple temporary stay in this world**

- (B) A permanent peaceful life in this world
- (C) A pitiable life in this world
- (D) A grand palace in this world

Explanation:

The word “**Bivouac**” means temporary camp without tents. It was compared with human’s life. A line was taken from the poem “A Psalm of Life”.

13] ‘O Ye wheels’

‘Stop! be silent for today’.

Identify the speaker of these lines

- (A) The children working in mines**
- (B) The children working in their houses
- (C) The children playing in the street
- (D) School-going children

Explanation:

The speaker of the above line is Children, who working in mines. The line was taken from the poem “The Cry of the Children”. The children in mines need permanent rest from their work. So, they asking the wheels to stop and get rid of child labor.

14] What was the source of inspiration to the Wright Brothers?

- (A) Animals
- (B) Flowers
- (C) Birds**
- (D) Fishes

Explanation:

The Wright brothers aspired to fly like Birds, where it fly freely and enjoy the fun of flying high.

15] “On the day of Sicilian July, with Etna Smoking

The voice of Education said to me ”

In these lines,

The word “Etna” refers to—.

(A) Volcano

(B) River

(C) Mountain

(D) City

Explanation:

Sicily is a place in Italy and **Etna** is a volcano in Sicily. This refers to bowel of the earth was too hot. The line was taken from the poem “Snake”

16] What does the phrase “Jarring voices” mean?

(A) Unpleasant sounds

(B) Real sounds

(C) Pleasant sounds

(D) Unreal sounds

Explanation:

Women dwell at home away from harsh, strife and jarring voices

The line was taken from the poem “Women’s Right”, where it describes that, women were kept away from world’s happening and struggles by putting them in their sweet home which makes them happy.

17] What is the meaning for 'Muskie'?

- (A) a type of Rose that smells like musk
- (B) a type of Lilly that smells like musk
- (C) a type of Jasmine that smells like musk
- (D) a type of Sunflower that smells like musk

Explanation:

Rosa Moschata, the Musk Rose cultivated in Himalayas.

"For oh, "Say the children, we are weary
And we cannot run or leap".

Who are weary?

- (A) Children
- (B) Village people
- (C) The old lady
- (D) The poet

Explanation:

The lines are taken from the poem "The Cry of the Children". The word **weary** means **tired**.
The child labors are too tired to run the wheels in mines.

18] What kind of world is described in the poem 'Migrant Bird'?

- (A) Disturbed world
- (B) Happy world
- (C) Peace world
- (D) Mysterious world

Explanation:

Migrant bird describes the world as **Disturbed world**, because the people of different nations with their own boundaries and norms where they can't move freely like us.

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- (A) rings
- (B) strings**
- (C) springs
- (D) brings

20] "And hymns in the cosy parlour, the tinkling piano our guide"

Here the 'parlour' is :

- (A) a room**
- (B) a hotel
- (C) a beauty clinic
- (D) a theatre

Explanation:

21] Here **cosy** means comfortable and **parlour** means room. The poet plays his piano and sings a song in a little comfortable room at his young age.

"I won't look down. No I will not"

'I' refers to :

- (A) a tiger
- (B) an ant
- (C) a giant
- (D) a migrant bird**

Explanation:

The Migrant bird crosses the unpleasant things around the world quickly without looking down while migrating across the countries.

22] “And in the valleys I have observed your tranquility”

‘I’ refers to

- (A) D. H. Lawrence
- (B) Shakespeare
- (C) Wordsworth
- (D) Ghalil Gibran**

Explanation:

Here **Tranquility** means calm. The poet has observed calm & peace in the valley of the Earth.

23] Choose the correct meaning of the word Underlined.

“As humble plants by country hedgerows growing that treasure up the rain” What are “humble plants”?

- (A) beautiful plants
- (B) ordinary plants**
- (C) extraordinary plants
- (D) rare plants

Explanation:

This line was taken from the poem “Women’s Right”. Here **As humble plants** was compared to **Women**. Generally Humble means respectful. So the answer is **B**.

24] The poem “A Psalm of life” underlines the need of:

- (A) Nationalism
- (B) Patriotism**

(C) Optimism

(D) Pessimism

Explanation:

The word “**Optimism**” means positive thinking and hopefulness whereas **pessimism** means negative thinking. Here the poet tells about life’s optimism.

25] “Are we discouraged, W?

Of course we are not O”!

‘O’ - here stands for

(A) Oscar Wilde

(B) Orville Wright

(C) O’ Henry

(D) Obama

Explanation:

These lines are taken from the poem ”A Flying wonder”,where Wright Brothers sung about their first flight experience. In the poem, **O** stands for Orville Wright and **W** stands for Wilbur Wright.

26] “Someone was before me at my water-trough,

And I like a second comer, waiting”.

Who was the second comer?

Pick out the correct answer from the options given below :

(A) D.H. Lawrence

(B) Lewis Carroll

(C) William Wordsworth

(D) Walt Whitman

Explanation:

The line was taken from the poem **Snake**. The line tells that, there was a snake at water trough before the arrival of poet, who too wanted some water. Thus the first comer was **Snake** and second comer was the **poet - D H Lawrence**

27] Read the poetic line and select answer for the question from the options given below:

'And not like a Craven, I Pray'

The word 'Craven' means——.

- (A) Selfish
- (B) Brave
- (C) Coward**
- (D) Shy

Explanation:

The line is from the poem "**Prayer of a Sportsman**" by Berton Braley. The word **craven** means coward.

28] From "going for water"

"Like pearls and now a silver blade"

The river seems to be silver because——

Choose the correct answer from the given options :

- (A) reflection of silver
- (B) reflection of stars
- (C) reflection of moon light**
- (D) reflection of sunlight

Explanation:

The silver blade is nothing but the glittering river in night. It happens because of the reflection of moonlight.

29] Read the poetic lines and select and answer the question from options given below :

Let me say : There they ride on whom laurel's bestowed.

Since they played the game better than I.

On whom are the laurels bestowed?

(A) to participants

(B) to luck people

(C) to winners

(D) to players

Explanation:

Here the **laurels** mean presenting award. Thus the awards to winner was described in the poem "**Prayer of a Sportsman**".

30] "If you can't be a Muskie, then just be a bass -

But the liveliest bass in the lake!"

What does the word **bass** mean?

Find out from the following options :

(A) Frog

(B) Snake

(C) Fish

(D) Duck

Explanation:

The Bass is a fish which commonly found in the lake of North America. The poet says be the best in whatever you are. Here be the best bass in the lake if can't be a Muskie.

31] What does H.W. Longfellow want to tell us in his poem 'A Psalm of Life'-'

Pick out the correct answer from the following options :

(A) Our present life is real

- (B) Life is to mourn
- (C) Life is unreal
- (D) Life is a dream

Explanation:

In the poetic line, the poet says life is not an empty dream and also life is real and serious. Future is unpredictable; working in the present will give good future.

32] “If we cared for any meadows, it were merely
To drop down in them and sleep”
Find the speaker of these words :

- (A) The Poet
- (B) The Narrator
- (C) The Millionaire
- (D) The Children**

Explanation:

The lines are from the poem “**The Cry of the Children**”. This line says, the children have no desires to play but want to sleep on the soft grass (meadows).

33] ‘I thought how paltry, how vulgar.
What a mean act? What is referred to as a ‘mean act’?

- (A) throwing a log at the snake**
- (B) killing the albatross
- (C) bringing water
- (D) allowing the snake to leave

Explanation:

The lines from the poem 'Snake' says that, the poet hate himself for trying to kill the snake and feel pettiness for the act of throwing a log at the snake, which was the honored guest.

34] 'To live unknown beyond the cherished circle'

The phrase 'Cherished Circle' refers to—

- (A) a big circle
- (B) family members and friends**
- (C) memorable days
- (D) dead people

Explanation:

The women cherish the family more than their own material benefits. Here cherish is nothing but protect & caring for someone or beloved.

35] "I try my best to be

A mother like the mom you were to me".

Find out the option that best explains the meaning of these lines.

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"Where the world has not been broken up into fragments/By narrow domestic walls"

- (A) fearlessness and dignity
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Explanation:

The poet wrote the poem on impact of Partition of Bengal in 1905, whereas Rabindranath Tagore feared of inequality among people. He wrote, to be equal and harmony in the poem **“Where the mind is without fear”**.

37] ‘Though hit for six,

In came their slogger’

Which game is referred to here?

Choose the right option from the following?

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Explanation:

The word **“Slogger”** means hit hard. Hit for six also seems to be cricket. Thus the answer is

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38] “O listen! for the vale profound

Is over flowing with the sound”.

Here the poet stops to listen to the song because

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Explanation:

The poet says that, girl’s tone was sorrowful and whole deep valley is echoing with her sweet song. Thus the poet stopped listening and arrested because of the melodious song.

39] What does Tagore suggest to lead us to perfection in the poem “Where the mind is without fear”?

- (A) Tireless striving
- (B) Equality and harmony
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Explanation:

The poet says, we should strive for perfection through reason and knowledge. The word, Tireless striving means trying endlessly to achieve something new for a reason.

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20) Is Life, But a Dream?

Choose the correct answer from the options to fill in the blank :

This poem is a/an — of the poet.

(A) Dream

(B) Trekking Experience

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44) In the poem "O Captain! My Captain!", What does Whitman mean by the line, "the prize we sought is won"?

(A) The North and South America got integrated

(B) The prosperity of USA had been secured

(C) The military sovereignty had been assured

(D) The safety and security of USA had been ensured

45) What does the poet wish for his country in the following lines?

"Where the world has not been broken up into fragments/By narrow domestic walls"

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46) If you can't be a muskie, then just be a bass.

What does the underlined word from the poem "Be the Best" refer to?

(A) A type of rose

(B) A type of lilly

(C) A type of lotus

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- 47) 'Though hit for six,
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 - (B) The 'demon' bowler
 - (C) The 'slogger' batsman
 - (D) The 'biased' umpire**
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without fear"?
- (A) Tireless striving**
 - (B) Equality and harmony
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- 51) Which among the responses best explains the following line : "Day light will be on the
switch and winter under rock".

- (A) Daylight will restrict the damaging impact of winter
- (B) Winter's chillness will be under the lock of the daylight's heat
- (C) Daylight will be turned on when winter is kept under lock
- (D) There will be a continuous switching over from day to night, and there will not be any changing seasons**

52) What did the "Last man in" in the story "Our Local Team" do and what was the umpire's reaction?

- (A) The Last man hit a sixer and the umpire raised his indicating finger
- (B) The Last man hit a boundary and the umpire levelled his hands on both sides
- (C) The Last man hit a boundary with his pad and was given L.B.W.
- (D) The Last man hit a boundary with his pad but the umpire maintained telling 'Not Out'**

53) "I care not where the skies begin".

Find out the option closest in meaning to the above line.

- (A) The migrant birds have many limitations
- (B) The birds have got a jurisdiction in the sky
- (C) The birds have got boundaries within which they can fly
- (D) The birds can have limitless jurisdiction and abundant freedom**

54) In the poem, "The Solitary Reaper", Wordsworth addresses this song to one 'Solitary Highland Lass'. What does the poet mean by the word, 'Highland'?

- (A) England
- (B) Ireland
- (C) Scotland**
- (D) Iceland

55) If you can't meet with triumph and disaster;

And treat those two impostors just the same:-

Find out the word nearest opposite in meaning to 'Impostor' from the options.

- (A) Pretender

(B) Quack

(C) Expert

(D) Sham

56) 'Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul'.

Which of the following options best explains the above lines?

(A) We are born from the dust and we return to dust

(B) Human life is not immortal

(C) The question of mortality does not apply to soul

(D) The soul-is dead when the body is dead

57) Steady throb

Then staccato rhythm

Harmonic cacophony to oblivious ears.

What is the meaning of the underlined word?

(A) Mellifluous music

(B) Rowing notes

(C) Melodious but noisy music

(D) Irregular and jarring notes

58) "Imagine if your precious nose is sandwiched in between your toes"

What does the word "sandwiched" mean here?

(A) Become like a food item

(B) Trapped

(C) Replaced

(D) Pressed between two things

59) Who do you think is these lines addressed to:

You cannot rob us of the rights we cherish,

Nor turn our thoughts away

From the bright picture of a 'women's mission'

Our hearts portray

(A) An individual reader

(B) Tho poet's companion

(C) Society at large

(D) A particular misogynist group

60) In the poem "Going for Water", why did the children have to go to the brook?

(A) To relish the sylvan atmosphere in the dense woods

(B) Because the well was dry beside the door

(C) To enjoy the natural beauty of the brook

(D) To find whether there is water in the brook

61) "Laugh till the game is played" - What is the game referred to here?

(A) Hockey

(B) Exam

(C) Dice

(D) Life

62) Only bloodshot eyes betray

Deep pride, then reverence,

Lo! God in man's image.

Who is referred to as "God in man's image" in the above lines?

(A) Goldsmith

(B) Divine Artist

(C) Sculptor

(D) Blacksmith

63) Behold her, single in the field,

Yon solitary Highland Lass!

The underlined word in the above lines of "The Solitary Reaper" refers to

(A) England

(B) America

(C) Scotland

(D) Ireland

64) Find out the meaning of the underlined word in the following lines from Sonnet No. 116 :

“Let me not to the marriage of true minds Admit Impediments

(A) Obstacles

(B) Victory

(C) Success

(D) Happiness

65) “Good luck is around the corner” : What does this line suggest in the poem “Keep your spirits High”?

(A) Do anticipate luck

(B) Do think that luck would favour you

(C) Be positive and optimistic in all your attitudes

(D) Do have the frame of mind that you are fortune’s minion

66) “The present seems all dreary

The future very grim“.

The Underlined words mean and respectively.

(A) confusing and dark

(B) dear and lovely

(C) boring and sad

(D) damp and weak

67) A Boat beneath a sunny sky

Lingering onward dreamily

What is lingering onward?

(A) a ship

(B) a sunny sky

(C) a fish

(D) a boat

68) 'In solit'ry confinement as complete as any goal'.

Solit'ry refers to

(A) being alone

(B) a pain

(C) a group

(D) a dormitory

69) 'And the grave is not its goal'

The word 'grave' refers to

(A) Winning

(B) Death

(C) Defeat

(D) Victory

70) 'For I'm off to outer space tomorrow morning'.

Where is the poet going?

(A) office

(B) abroad

(C) outer space

(D) home

71) 'Or, all day, we drive the wheels of iron'

What do the children do all day?

(A) drive the car

(B) play with the wheels

(C) drive the wheels

(D) beat the iron

72) "But he's locked in a concrete cell,

His strength behind bars".

Which animal is kept in cage pathetically which would have been marching with the grandeur and ferocity in its natural habitat?

(A) A Lion

(B) A Bear

(C) A Fox

(D) A Tiger

73) Read the lines and choose the answer to fill the blank from the options given below :

“O! ye wheels

Stop be silent to-day”,

The children want the wheels to stop because —

(A) they want to repair the wheels.

(B) they want to break the wheels.

(C) they are very weary and tired.

(D) they have to oil the wheels.

74) “Man’s little Day in haste we spend ”

Man’s little Day in this line refers to—

(A) One day

(B) Whole day

(C) Entire life time

(D) Eighty eight years

75) “Was out of work-had sold his traps”

The word ‘traps’ in this line means

(A) Two-wheeled bullock carts

(B) Two-wheeled tractor

(C) Two-wheeled horse carriage

(D) Two-wheeled bicycle

76) Tell me not, in mournful numbers

‘Numbers’ here refer to

(A) Even numbers

(B) Fractional numbers

(C) Rhythmic metres

(D) Odd numbers

77) "Like 'gnomes' that hid us from the moon".

What does 'gnome' mean?

(A) Giant

(B) Home

(C) Dwarf

(D) Fame

78) What is meant by 'Shilpi'?

(A) Writer

(B) Sculptor

(C) Painter

(D) Constructor

79) Citizens of those border states -

Brothers of her brother's sons

What is mentioned through the line "Brothers of her brother's sons"?

(A) National brotherhood

(B) Regional brotherhood

(C) Universal brotherhood

(D) Interstate brotherhood

80) The knocking softens, fades to a mild judicious tap.

What is the knocking sound?

(A) Knocking at the door

(B) Carving of the statue

(C) Hitting the ball

(D) Boxing at the nose

81) Now drops that floated on the pool

Like pearls, and now a silver blade.

What is the “Silver blade”?

- (A) Drops of water
- (B) Moon
- (C) Brook**
- (D) Pool

82) A child sitting under the Piano, in the boom of the tingling strings.

The child mentioned in the poem is---

- (A) The Poet’s Child
- (B) A Child on the Road
- (C) The Poet himself**
- (D) The Singer’s Child

83) Love’s not time’s fool, though rosy lips and cheeks within his bending sickle’s compass come;

These lines refers to the ---

- (A) Destructive power of love
- (B) Destructive power of time**
- (C) Permanency of external beauty
- (D) Constructive power of beauty

84) Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls

What world does the poet dream of?

- (A) Broken world with fragmented walls
- (B) Unbroken world with fragmented walls
- (C) The world without fragmented domestic walls**
- (D) Broken world with narrow minded people

85) I shot him dead because-

Because he was my foe.

Give the meaning of the word ‘foe’.

- (A) companion

(B) enemy

(C) traitor

(D) spy

86) 'It' in the following lines stand for—

“O, no! it is an ever fixed mark,
That looks on tempests and is never shaken”.

(A) light

(B) love

(C) time

(D) storm

- Captain! My captain! our fearful trip is done.

The fearful trip refers to—

(A) a journey of war

(B) the end of civil war

(C) an adventurous voyage

(D) the death of the captain

87) The reddest flower would look as pale as snow.

The poet compares the flowers to

(A) pale

(B) red

(C) children

(D) snow

88) “And I thought of the albatross”

What is an albatross?

(A) a humming bird

(B) a fish

(C) a sea-bird

(D) a sea-animal

89) Explanation:

90) albatross -> a sea-bird common in the Pacific and Southern Oceans.

91) But once within the wood, we paused

Like gnomes that hid us from the moon.

In the above quoted lines gnomes mean---

(A) Fire flies

(B) Dwarfs

(C) A large African antelope

(D) Small-two-winged flies

92) 'On the day of Sicilian July, with Etna smoking'. What is the 'Etna'?

(A) an earthquake

(B) a tsunami affected city

(C) a volcanic mountain

(D) a tempest

93) 'I mark'd where on a little promontory it stood isolated'. 'It' here stands for

(A) the poet

(B) the web

(C) the spider

(D) a raised land

94) Read the given poetic lines and answer the question that follows :

"A Geode can split to reveal

A dazzling sight to view!"

When does a Geode split? It splits when---

(A) it is broken with a stone

(B) flung against a wall

(C) water seeps inside it

(D) dried in the hot sun

95) If you can't be a muskie, then just be a bass But the liveliest bass in the lake.

In the above lines what does the word 'muskie' mean?

- (A) a Sweet smelling substance obtained from a cat
- (B) grapevine
- (C) a type of rose**
- (D) a large north American rodent

96) Identify the right option :

The poem, 'Beautiful inside' conveys the idea that---

- (A) anything that is buried deep into the earth is beautiful
- (B) a golden heart lies concealed within the rough appearance**
- (C) a sweet smile on the face hides the villainous heart
- (D) apparel decides the man

97) The poem 'Shilpi' is about

- (A) Farmer
- (B) Dancer
- (C) Sculptor**
- (D) Writer

98) "Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls"

Name the poet who dreamt of a world with equality and harmony.

- (A) Ruskin Bond
- (B) Robert Frost
- (C) Rabindranath Tagore**
- (D) Walt Whitman

99) 'To seek the brook if still it ran'.

The children mentioned in the poem search for

- (A) sea
- (B) stream**

(C) well

(D) lake

100) "If you can't be a muskier, then just be a bass".

"What's meant by "bass"?"

(A) fish

(B) Plant

(C) Seed

(D) Animal

101) In Sonnet-116 Shakespeare celebrates the constancy of

(A) Friendship

(C) True Love

(B) Lust

(D) Honesty

102) The barren boughs without the leaves.

The season mentioned here is

(A) Winter

(B) Autumn

(C) Summer

(D) Spring

103) 'Because the autumn, eve was fair'

The time mentioned in the line is —

(A) morning

(B) night

(C) evening

(D) noon

104) "Ready to run to hiding new

With laughter when she found us soon".

Who does 'She' refer to?

- (A) sky
- (B) stars
- (C) moon**
- (D) sun

105) "I care not where the skies begin

I spread my wings through all the din"

Who is the speaker?

- (A) The poet
- (B) A passer by
- (C) The citizen

(D) A migrant bird

106) "Virgin rock takes from

Rugged lines melt,"

What is meant by "Virgin rock"?

- (A) Volcano
- (B) Mountain
- (C) Raw stone**

(D) Building

107) Read the poetic line and answer the question given below : .

The globe's my world. The cloud's my kin.

Who claims the globe?

- (A) Snake
- (B) Migrant bird**
- (C) Tiger in the zoo

(D) Bat

108) "Yes; quaint and curious war is!

You shoot a fellow down"

What is the meaning of the phrase "quaint and curious war" is

(A) war is strange and old - fashioned

(B) war is praise worthy

(C) war is condemnable

(D) war is essential

109) If you can force your heart and nerve and Sinew

To serve your turn long after they are gone.

Find out the meaning for a underlined word from the options given below :

(A) limbs

(B) bone

(C) tendon

(D) Organs

110) Walt Whitman's, 'O Captain ! My Captain !' is a — written for the death of Abraham Lincoln.

(A) Dirge

(B) Sonnet

(C) Ballad

(D) Epic

111) Which will take place of fears when some one keeps trying in the poem "keep on keeping on"?

(A) worries

(B) Joy

(C) motivation

(D) success

112) " ...I'm not going to be an airport pilot, a dancer, a lawyer, or an MC". MC means

(A) Municipal Councilor

(B) Marriage Contractor

(C) Master of Ceremonies

(D) Master of Chemistry

113) "The ship is anchor'd safe and sound, its voyage closed and done,

From fearful trip the victor ship comes in with object won;"

What does Walt Whitman refer by 'object won'?

- (A) the end of voyage
- (B) the end Of the trip
- (C) the end of a battle
- (D) the end of the civil war**