

Class Test
English Literature

F.M.- 15

A. Read the following extracts and answer the questions:
(3x3=9)

a) Narrator: And in the palace too the courtiers could discuss nothing but Hilsa-fish.

Courtier 1: Your majesty, you should have seen, the huge fish I caught, it was...

King: Stop it! Are you a courtier or a fisherman?

Narrator: The courtier fell silent with downcast eyes, the king felt guilty.

1. Why were the courtiers talking about Hilsa fish? (1)
2. Why did the king get angry? (1)
3. Write one antonym of 'downcast'. (1)

b) There's a dusty old window around at the side
With three cracked panes of glass,
I often think there's someone staring at me
Each time that I pass,
I'll peep through that window one day.

1. Describe the atmosphere depicted in the lines. (1)
2. How does the condition of the Shed affect the poet? (1)
3. Write the meaning of the word 'staring'. (1)

c) Can't you make your own
mind up about anything ?

1. Why does, according to you, children face this question? (1)
2. According to you, how does this line explain the relationship between grown-ups and children? (1)
3. What does 'make your mind up' mean? (1)

B. Answer the following question within 120 words: (1x6=6)

1. If you become a grown-up, how would you like to help children to learn various things to make them socially acceptable? Explain with reasons.