

ANALYSIS

"The Tiny Teacher" offers an insightful glimpse into the disciplined and organized life of ants, especially the common black ant. Though seemingly simple, the story presents a deeper message about learning from nature. The author highlights the ant's qualities—hard work, cleanliness, loyalty, and teamwork—which often surpass human behaviour in these areas. The ants are shown to live a structured life, with clear roles such as workers, soldiers, and queens, which reflects an ideal social system based on duty and cooperation.

The narrative cleverly uses a factual and observational tone to both inform and inspire. By calling the ant a "tiny teacher," the story encourages readers, particularly children, to observe and learn from the smallest creatures around them. It subtly criticizes human society's lack of discipline and unity while praising the ants' natural instinct for order.

Overall, the story is educational yet thought-provoking, promoting values like diligence and respect for all living beings. Its simplicity makes it accessible, while the underlying message about humility and learning from nature makes it meaningful and relevant for readers of all ages.

QA. Answer the following MCQs-

1. What is the story "The Tiny Teacher" mainly about?

- a) A school teacher
- b) A small child
- c) The life of ants
- d) A science experiment

2. The ant is called a "tiny teacher" because:

- a) It teaches in schools
- b) It is small and hardworking
- c) It trains children
- d) It writes books

3. Where do ants live?

- a) Trees
- b) Nests
- c) Anthills
- d) Holes

4. The queen ant's main role is to:

- a) Rule the colony
- b) Guard food
- c) Lay eggs
- d) Train workers

5. What do ants not do?

- a) Talk like humans
- b) Work together
- c) Build homes
- d) Store food

6. The duty of a soldier ant is to:

- a) Collect food
- b) Care for eggs
- c) Guard the nest
- d) Become queen

7. Ants are disciplined because:

- a) They follow rules
- b) They fight often
- c) They disobey
- d) They live alone

8. Ants sense smells with their:

- a) Ears
- b) Legs
- c) Feelers
- d) Eyes

9. What is special about the ant world?

- a) Ants can fly
- b) It is a peaceful society
- c) Ants never sleep
- d) They fight often

10. What can humans learn from ants?

- a) How to travel
- b) Politeness
- c) Hard work and discipline
- d) How to fly

11. The ant society is compared to a:

- a) Forest
- b) Kingdom
- c) Machine
- d) School

12. Young ants are trained by:

- a) Queens
- b) Older ants
- c) Soldiers

d) Humans

13. Ants show us:

- a) Laziness
- b) Dishonesty
- c) Unity and work
- d) Weakness

14. Ants greet each other by:

- a) Shaking hands
- b) Touching feelers
- c) Nodding
- d) Clapping

15. The queen ant's life is:

- a) Adventurous
- b) Short
- c) Lonely
- d) Productive

16. Ant colonies show:

- a) Conflict
- b) Disorder
- c) Cooperation
- d) Chaos

17. The word "tiny" means:

- a) Large
- b) Giant

- c) Small
- d) Huge

18. The ant is called a teacher because:

- a) It teaches math
- b) It is wise and neat
- c) It gives lectures
- d) It reads books

19. Which of the following is NOT a lesson from ants?

- a) Be disciplined
- b) Live in peace
- c) Fight for food
- d) Work as a team

20. What is stored in the nest?

- a) Weapons
- b) Gold
- c) Food and eggs
- d) Water

21. Synonym of "tiny":

- a) Large
- b) Giant
- c) Small
- d) Tall

22. Synonym of "neat":

- a) Dirty

- b) Messy
- c) Tidy
- d) Ugly

23. Synonym of “guard”:

- a) Protect
- b) Attack
- c) Hurt
- d) Escape

24. Synonym of “loyal”:

- a) Faithful
- b) Lazy
- c) Smart
- d) Friendly

25. Synonym of “wise”:

- a) Foolish
- b) Clever
- c) Rude
- d) Old

26. Antonym of “peaceful”:

- a) Silent
- b) Friendly
- c) Violent
- d) Neat

27. Antonym of “clean”:

- a) Dirty
- b) Bright
- c) White
- d) Small

28. Antonym of "hardworking":

- a) Sincere
- b) Lazy
- c) Busy
- d) Fast

29. Antonym of "disciplined":

- a) Orderly
- b) Regular
- c) Careless
- d) Obedient

30. Antonym of "organized":

- a) Planned
- b) Messy
- c) Peaceful
- d) Neat

31. Ants can lift heavy objects.

- a) True
- b) False
- c) Not mentioned
- d) Sometimes

32. Soldier ants collect food.

- a) True
- b) False
- c) Sometimes
- d) Always

33. All ants are queens.

- a) True
- b) False
- c) Some
- d) Most

34. The queen ant has wings.

- a) True
- b) False
- c) In summer
- d) At birth

35. Ants are trained from birth.

- a) True
- b) False
- c) Learn by themselves
- d) Only soldiers

36. Ants live in a highly _____ society.

- a) Disorderly
- b) Disturbed
- c) Structured
- d) Lazy

37. Correct plural of ant:

- a) Ant
- b) Ants
- c) Antes
- d) Antess

38. Ants are loyal to their:

- a) Friends
- b) Humans
- c) Colony
- d) Teachers

39. The queen ant's job is to:

- a) Teach
- b) Explore
- c) Lay eggs
- d) Collect food

40. "Feelers" are used for:

- a) Legs
- b) Ears
- c) Antennae
- d) Eyes

Answer Key

1. C
2. B
3. C
4. C
5. A
6. C
7. A
8. C
9. B
10. C
11. D
12. B
13. C
14. B
15. D
16. C
17. C
18. B
19. C
20. C
21. C
22. C
23. A
24. A
25. B
26. C
27. A
28. B
29. C
30. B
31. A
32. B
33. B
34. A
35. A
36. C
37. B
38. C
39. C
40. C