

Comprehension Worksheet

Section 1: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)

1. Why does the poet repeat the phrase "When the jet..." at the beginning of each stanza?
 - A) To emphasize the speed of the jet
 - B) To show the different heights of the jet's journey and the changing perspectives
 - C) To describe how a jet works technically
 - D) To praise modern technology without criticism

2. What does the line "There seemed an inevitability about what on ground had looked haphazard" suggest about human settlements?
 - A) Cities are carefully planned and always symmetrical
 - B) What seems chaotic on the ground makes sense from a higher view
 - C) The poet dislikes the view from the jet
 - D) The poet thinks cities should not be built

3. What contrast does the poet draw in the last stanza between physical geography and human behaviour?
 - A) That human-made boundaries are as logical as natural ones
 - B) That people respect the earth's natural shape
 - C) That the earth's natural roundness contrasts with man-made divisions and conflicts
 - D) That human conflicts help define geography

4. Which idea about human nature is implied in "it was difficult to understand that the men on the earth found causes to hate each other..."?
 - A) Humans naturally live in peace
 - B) Human conflicts are irrational when seen from a broader perspective
 - C) Hatred is necessary for survival
 - D) The poet admires human conflicts

5. What does the poem mainly suggest about the relationship between geography and human life?
 - A) Geography determines only the natural features of earth
 - B) People ignore geography when settling cities
 - C) Physical geography influences where people live, but human divisions defy natural logic
 - D) Geography controls human emotions

Section 2: Short Answer Question (SAQ)

6. Frame one short answer question of your own based on the poem and write its answer.

Section 3: Higher Order Thinking (HOT) Question

7. The poet observes that from six miles high, the earth appears round and unified, yet human beings create divisions and conflicts on it. Do you think the poet's perspective suggests that changing one's point of view can help reduce human conflicts? Justify your answer with reference to the poem.