

A. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.

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1. When the humid shadows hover

Over all the starry spheres

And the melancholy darkness

Gently weeps in rainy tears,

a. Complete the sentence appropriately.

One identifies alliteration as the poetic device used in 'starry spheres' because

b. Which of the following best describes the speaker's mood at this particular time?

i. Remorseful

ii. Gloomy

iii. Fearful

iv. Indifferent

c. State whether the following statement is True or False.

From the information in the extract, one presumes that the poet's cottage is situated in the countryside.

d. Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract.

While lying in bed and pressing his pillow, the poet feels a sense of

i. pleasure and contentment.

ii. sadness and nostalgia.

iii. isolation and loneliness.

iv. belonging and affection.

e. How does the use of imagery impact this extract?

i. It permits the reader to enjoy the falling of the rain.

ii. It helps the reader to understand the mind of the poet.

iii. It allows the reader to visualize the setting of the poem.

iv. It helps the reader to understand the context of the poem.

4. And a thousand recollections

Weave their air-threads into woof,

As I listen to the patter

Of the rain upon the roof.

a. How does the poet feel when he thinks about a 'thousand recollections?'

1. Nostalgic
2. Miserable
3. Sentimental
4. Cheerful
5. Depressed

Select the correct option.

i. 2 and 4

ii. 3 and 5

iii. 1 and 3

iv. 4 and 1

b. According to the extract, what do the given lines suggest about nature?

c. Which of the following best describes what weaves 'air-threads into woof?'

i. The rain

ii. The clouds

iii. The recollections

iv. The shingles

- d. Complete the analogy about the poetic devices used in this extract.
 thousand recollections : hyperbole :: : onomatopoeia
- e. Select the sentence in which the word 'weave' is not used in the similar manner as in the extract.
- Weave your way carefully through the crowd.
 - They weave cloth out of silk and cotton.
 - She knew how to work the loom and weave thread.
 - This cotton garment is made of loose weave cloth.

Answers

- a. iii.
 b. They suggest that nature has beauty, and the power to affect man emotionally.
 c. iii. d. patter/patter of the rain e. iv.
5. Now in memory comes my mother,
 As she used in years ago,
 To regard the darling dreamers
 Ere she left them till the dawn:
- a. Complete the sentence appropriately.
 The poetic device used in 'darling dreamers' is alliteration because
- b. In which way is the rain a bridge to the poet's past?
- It reminds him of rainy days spent in the cottage in which he is.
 - He recollects sleeping with his siblings as a baby, on rainy days.
 - The sound of the rain makes him remember his mother's singing.
 - The weather makes him drowsy and he loses sense of time.
- c. State whether the following statement is True or False.
 The poet's mother used to stay up the entire night looking lovingly at her darling children.
- d. Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract.
 When the poet remembers his mother, he is filled with a sense of
- joy.
 - pain.
 - grief.
 - peace.
- e. How does the mention of the poet's mother add to the tone of the poem?
- It brings gentleness to the poem.
 - It adds nostalgia to the poem.
 - It brings an air of mystery to the poem.
 - It adds a hint of innocence to the poem.

Answers

a. both the words begin with the same sound.

b. iii.

c. False

d. iv.

e. i.

6. O! I see her fond look on me
As I list to this refrain
Which is played upon the shingles
By the patter of the rain.

a. The use of 'O' is indicative of the poet's for his mother.

1. agony
2. longing
3. grief
4. love
5. misery

Select the best option.

- i. 1 and 3
- ii. 2 and 5
- iii. 3 and 1
- iv. 5 and 2

b. What is the rhyme scheme of this poem, and how does it add to its tone?

c. What is suggested by 'As I list to this refrain?'

- i. The poet lives in a world of fantasy.
- ii. The poet tries to refrain from dreaming.
- iii. The poet is listening to the falling rain.
- iv. The poet is noting down his thoughts.

d. Complete the analogy about the sounds in the extract.

patter : rain :: : music

e. Select the sentence in which the word 'refrain' is used with the same meaning as in the extract.

- i. Please refrain from making so much noise in this area.
- ii. He was asked to refrain from addressing the workers.
- iii. 'Reuse and recycle' is the constant refrain of my mother.
- iv. You have to refrain from making a public nuisance of yourself.

Answers

a. iv.

b. The rhyme scheme is abcb. The rhyme adds to the rhythm of the falling rain.

c. iii.

d. refrain

e. iii.