

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

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1. Away, away in the Northland,

Where the hours of the day are few,

And the nights are so long in winter

That they cannot sleep them through;

a. Complete the sentence appropriately.

The poem is considered a ballad because

b. What does the line 'That they cannot sleep them through' suggest to the reader?

i. People started their day while it was still very dark.

ii. The entire winter consisted of dark days.

iii. It was so cold that people could not sleep.

iv. People had to make the most of the limited sunshine.

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

The use of repetition in 'Away, away' depicts how far Northland was to other countries.

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

Because of the climate in Northland, the people there

i. had a comfortable existence. ii. had become very lethargic.

iii. lived a difficult life.

iv. spent sleepless nights.

e. What is the effect of the rhyme scheme on the reader?

i. It makes the poem simple to read and memorize.

ii. It gives the reading an easy, chant-like feel.

iii. It maintains the abcb structure of a ballad.

iv. It makes it easy to set to music like other ballads.

Answers

a. it tells an old story in a narrative form.

b. i.

c. True

d. iii.

e. ii.

4. Therefore she kneaded another,
And still a smaller one;
But it looked, when she turned it over,
As large as the first had done.

a. What is the poet's tone in the extract?

Select the appropriate option.

i. Sarcastic

ii. Angry

iii. Critical

iv. Neutral

b. Why did the woman continue kneading cakes one after another?

c. Identify the reason for the woman's action, as per the extract.

i. She was too poor to spare the extra cake.

ii. She did not have respect for religious men.

iii. She was too uncharitable to give to the poor.

iv. She did not know who the stranger was.

- d. Complete the analogy about the cakes the little woman was baking.
first : another :: small :
- e. Select the sentence in which a synonym of the word 'kneaded' is not used with the same meaning as in the extract.
- Work the dough with your hand till the lumps have gone.
 - He massaged his foot which was sore and hurting.
 - She blended the two different liquids to create a new drink.
 - The children shaped the clay into small bowls and cups.

Answers

- a. iii.
b. She did this because each one that she baked seemed too large to give away to the stranger.
c. iii. d. larger e. iii.
5. And he said, "You are far too selfish
To dwell in a human form,
To have both food and shelter,
And fire to keep you warm.
- a. Complete the sentence appropriately.
Since the poem is a ballad, it has
- b. What had Saint Peter expected from the little woman?
- That she would invite him into the cottage.
 - That she would show him some charity.
 - That she would welcome him warmly.
 - That she would give him a good meal.
- c. State whether the following statement is True or False.
Saint Peter was provoked by the woman's insistence on keeping him waiting out in the cold.
- d. Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract.
The idea that a man of God would lose his temper and speak cruel words is rather
- unexpected.
 - ironic.
 - amusing.
 - unforgivable.

e. Besides calling the little woman selfish and greedy, what else did Saint Peter considered her to be?

i. Thoughtless

ii. Unkind

iii. Ungrateful

iv. Mean-spirited

Answers

a. a fixed rhyme scheme of abcb/short stanzas of four lines.

b. ii.

c. False

d. ii.

e. iii.

6. Then up she went through the chimney,

Never speaking a word,

And out of the top flew a woodpecker,

For she was changed to a bird.

a. What is the poet's tone in the extract?

Select the appropriate option.

i. Surprise

ii. Sadness

iii. Glee

iv. Disappointment

b. What did Saint Peter curse the little woman with?

c. Identify the reason why Saint Peter cursed her to such a life.

i. He wanted her to realise the mistake she had made.

ii. He felt she did not deserve to be a human being.

iii. He felt humiliated that she had not shown him respect.

iv. He was angry and did not stop to think of the consequences.

d. Complete the analogy about the things the woman had been blessed with.

food : nourishment :: fire :

e. Select the sentence in which an antonym of the word 'went' has not been used.

i. The plane arrived almost an hour ago.

ii. I requested him to come on time.

iii. She stayed there for many years.

iv. He quit his job and went on a holiday.

Answers

a. ii.

b. Saint Peter cursed her to live her life as a bird, to build her own nest, and get only scanty food by working for it the entire day.

c. ii.

d. warmth

e. iv.