

A Visit To Cambridge

RTC – Set 1

Excerpt:

“Growing up disabled, you get fed up with people asking you to be brave, as if you have a courage account on which you are too lazy to draw a cheque.”

1. State the feeling expressed by the speaker in this line.
2. Mention the attitude of society being criticised here.
3. Find a word from the passage that is a synonym of “exhausted or irritated.”
4. Name the figure of speech used in “courage account.”
5. Identify the tone of the speaker.

RTC – Set 2

Excerpt:

“Before you, like a lantern whose walls are worn so thin you glimpse only the light inside, is the incandescence of a man.”

1. State the central idea conveyed through this comparison.
2. Find a word from the passage that is an antonym of “dullness or dimness.”
3. Mention the quality of the man being celebrated here.
4. Name the poetic device used in the line.
5. Identify the emotion reflected in the narrator’s voice.

HOTQs:

1. “When your body is a claustrophobic room and the walls are growing narrower day by day, it doesn’t do much good to know that there are people outside smiling with admiration to see you breathing still.”
Evaluate whether admiration and sympathy from others are truly helpful in moments of deep personal struggle, or whether inner acceptance and self-driven purpose hold greater value. Support your answer with reasoned arguments.