

Solved Questions

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

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1. It takes much time to kill a tree,
Not a simple jab of the knife
Will do it. It has grown
Slowly consuming the earth,

a. Complete the sentence appropriately.

It is clear that personification is the poetic device used in 'It has grown/Slowly consuming the earth' because

b. Which of the following is closest in meaning to the word 'consuming' as used in the poem?

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| i. Swallowing | ii. Eating |
| iii. Absorbing | iv. Devouring |

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

It is difficult to kill a tree with a jab of the knife because one is not enough - it needs many more jabs to kill it.

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

The poet wants to highlight that unlike human beings,

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| i. trees are not so easy to destroy or kill. |
| ii. trees do not need so much looking after. |
| iii. it requires special tools to kill a tree completely. |
| iv. trees are dispensable items of nature. |

e. How does the lack of a rhyme scheme impact this extract?

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| i. It makes reading easier. |
| ii. It gives seriousness to the theme. |
| iii. It makes the structure better formed. |
| iv. It makes the poem less frivolous. |

2. So hack and chop

But this alone won't do it.

Not so much pain will do it.

The bleeding bark will heal

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

i. Sarcastic

ii. Matter-of-fact

iii. Knowledgeable

iv. Preachy

b. What is the message the poet wants to give through this poem?

c. Due to the subject of the poem, one would consider the poet to be

i. a woodcutter.

ii. an environmentalist.

iii. a surgeon.

iv. a gardener.

d. Complete the analogy about the speaker's description of the process of killing a tree.

hack and chop : collocation :: bleeding bark : _____

e. Select the sentence in which the word 'bleeding' is used in the same way as in the extract.

i. The boy was bleeding all over the floor.

ii. The doctor attended to the bleeding boy.

iii. The deep cut was bleeding steadily.

iv. The colour was bleeding into the water.

2. It is to be roped, tied,
And pulled out – snapped out
Or pulled out entirely,
Out from the earth-cave

- a. What is the poet's tone in the extract? Select the appropriate option.
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| i. Gloomy | ii. Dry |
| iii. Sober | iv. Critical |
- b. What is the message the poet wishes to convey through this poem?
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- c. How does the poet describe the end of the tree, according to the extract?
- As a death brought about by neglect.
 - As a death due to cutting off its food supply.
 - As a murder done swiftly and painlessly.
 - As a murder executed after painful torturing.
- d. Complete the analogy about how the tree is treated.
prisoner : handcuffs :: tree :
- e. Select the sentence in which an idiom gives the same meaning as what the 'pulled out' from the extract does.
- She pulled a face when I scolded her about what she had done.
 - He pulled himself together before going back to the room to confront them.
 - The doctors pulled the plug on that patient because they could not do anything more.
 - The dishonest employee pulled the wool over his trustful boss' eyes, and cheated him.