

A Tiger in the Zoo

Previous Year Questions

Q.1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

He stalks in his vivid stripes
The few steps of his cage,
On pads of velvet quiet,
In his quiet rage

He should be lurking in shadow
Sliding through long grass
Near the water hole
Where plump deer pass.

(i) Complete the sentence appropriately.

The vivid stripes refer to the _____.

(ii) Which word from the extract is the opposite of 'loud' ?

(iii) The use of the phrase 'pads of velvet' means

- (a) neck
- (b) tail
- (c) skin
- (d) paws

(iv) State whether the following statement is True or False:

The confinement of the cramped space of the cage has restricted the tiger's steps.

(v) The tiger was lurking in shadow _____.

- (a) to catch its prey
- (b) as the cage was dark
- (c) as the velvet was quiet
- (d) as he was in a rage

Q.2. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

He hears the last voice at night.
The patrolling cars,
And stares with his brilliant eyes
At the brilliant stars.
He stalks in his vivid stripes
A few steps of his cage.

(i) Whose is the last voice heard by the tiger?

- (a) police jeep
- (b) patrolling cars
- (c) watchmen
- (d) roar of lion

(ii) Complete the sentence appropriately.

It is clear that 'Repetition' is the poetic device used for 'his brilliant eyes at the brilliant stars' because _____. (Clue : explain how repetition applies here)

iii) The main contrasting ideas in this extract are

- (a) tiger and deer.
- (b) cruelty and sympathy.
- (c) confinement and freedom.
- (d) master and slave.

(iv) The use of the word 'stalks' creates an image of

- (a) cowardice.
- (b) frustration.
- (c) lethargy.
- (d) purposefulness.

(v) State whether the following statement is True or False:

The poem uses 'staring at the sky to symbolize the freedom 'he' yearns for.

Q.3. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

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(i) 'Quiet rage' refers to the tigers _____

- (a) helplessness
- (b) he has not been able to hunt
- (c) his prey has not come to the water hole
- (d) he is not free

(ii) He is lurking in shadows because _____

(iii) Complete the sentence appropriately:

It is clear that metaphor is the poetic device used for 'pads of velvet because _____ (clue-explain how metaphor applies here).

(iv) Find a word from the extract which means to walk with measured, stiff or haughty strides:

- (a) steps
- (b) lurking
- (c) pads
- (d) stalk

(v) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:

The tiger is stealthily waiting for the deer to come to the water hole.

Q.4. State any three disadvantages that the tiger faces inside a cage.

Q.5. He stalks in his vivid stripes

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On pads of velvet quiet
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(i) 'He' is in a rage because he is

- (a) hungry
- (c) thirsty
- (b) tied
- (d) in a cage

(ii) He is lurking in the shadow because _____ .

(iii) The above lines express the tiger's _____ .

- (a) resignation
- (b) fear
- (c) anger
- (d) acceptance

(iv) Complete the sentence appropriately:

It is clear that metaphor is the poetic device used for 'pads of velvet' because _____ . (Clue : explain how metaphor is applied here.)

(v) The contrast in the above extract is between life in the forest and life in the

- (a) circus
- (c) cave
- (b) national park
- (d) zoo