

# Fire and Ice

## Previous Year Questions

**Q.1.** Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow

Some say the world will end in fire  
Some say in ice.  
From what I've tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favour fire.

But if it had to perish twice,  
I think I know enough of hate  
To say that for destruction ice  
Is also great  
And would suffice.

(i) Complete the analogy with reference to the text.

wish : desire :: die : \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Complete the sentence appropriately.

It is clear that alliteration is the poetic device used for 'world will...' because \_\_\_\_\_ . (Clue - explain how alliteration applies here )

(iii) State whether the following statement is True or False.

The poet believes that both feelings like indifference and jealousy, and violence and rage will end the world one day.

(iv) Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract.

I \_\_\_\_\_ those who favour ice.

(a) disbelieve

(b) support

(c) betray

(d) belittle

(v) Complete the analogy with a word from the extract.

construction : destruction :: \_\_\_\_\_ : dissatisfy

**Q.2.** How does Frost in his poem "Fire and Ice" use symbolism to explore the destructive forces of desire and hatred ?