

## English - FSC Part 1 English Chapter 23 Short Questions Online Test

Q1. Give a summary of the poem in your own words.

**Ans 1:**

It is a night time. Many fruits have been stalled in the street. A lamp is burning there. Some black children come there, buy fruits and eat them. They enjoy the sweet fruits and begin to glow like the lamp. They forget the dark street they are standing in.

Q2. What happens to the children when they eat fruit.

**Ans 1:** When the children eat fruit, its juice sticks to their mouths, fingers, cheeks, noses and chins. The wet juice reflects red-hot, gold-hot, silver or golden shades in the light of lantern.

Q3. Write a critical note on the poem.

**Ans 1:**

The poem tells us about the joys and troubles (w) of life. The night time, cannonballs, and the dark street refer to the troubles of life. But there is joy in the world as well. Fruit pulp (l), the glow of the lamp and the radiant faces of the children refer to the joys of the world.

Q4. What are the feelings of the poet standing in the dark.

**Ans 1:** The poet is standing in the darkness where only a dim and faint light of a lantern is visible. While standing, he is disturbed by the darkness but at the same time, he is enjoying the innocence of children who are playing in the fruit street.

Q5. Which fruit names are mentioned in the poem.

**Ans 1:** The poem has mentioned the names of guava, mandarin and melons in this poem.

Q6. What are the feelings of the poet standing in the dark?

**Ans 1:**

The poet is sad and gloomy. He is standing in the dark street. He is pondering over the hard (r) realities (30) of life.

Q7. How do fruits look like in the street of the fruit stalls.

**Ans 1:** The fruits like guava, mandarin and melons look like hot cannon balls in the light of lantern, they are neatly piled in pyramid shape.

Q8. What fruits does the writer mention.

**Ans 1:** The fruits which the writer describes in the poem are melon, guava and mandarin. They are lying there in the form of pyramids. They look like heaps of cannon balls.

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Q9. Why has the poet used "cannon balls" to describe the fruits.

**Ans 1:** The horror of war is hovering over different nations. The poet is so much worried in the light of the lantern, the piles of fruits seem him to be the "Cannon balls".

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Q10. What is the central idea of the poem "In the street of fruit stalls"?

**Ans 1:** After eating fruit, the little dark children feel happy and forget the dark street where the poet was standing.

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