

English (New Book) - ICOM Part 1 English Chapter 22 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. Who does the rider represent in the poem?

Ans 1: The rider is symbol of bravery and courage. He is not afraid of anything. In spite of many unseen hazards of the way, he is ever ready to undertake daring steps.

Q2. Who does the reader represent.

Ans 1: The reader represents such a character who is full of awe and reverence. It is a character who is full of fear and horror.

Q3. How does the reader try to frighten the rider in the poem "O Where are you going"?

Ans 1: The rider wants to go on a long journey. The negative force threatens him about the dangers. The reader is inactive, lazy and cowardly person, whereas the rider is a bold, courageous and active person. He is ready to face every challenge.

Q4. What do you feel after reading the poem "O Where are you going"?

Ans 1: After reading the poem, we feel confident and determined. As the poem reveals "Will-power" beats all the difficulties and misfortunes. So we should pay no heed to the hurdles that come on our way to success.

Q5. What is meant by the phrase "When furnaces burn"?

Ans 1: The phrase "When furnace burn" indicates "volcanic activity". It means when volcanoes erupt, its lava goes straight to the valley and the valley becomes fatal.

Q6. What does the horror say about the spot on the hearer's skin?

Ans 1: The horror says to the hearer that the spot on the hearer's skin is a sign of a shocking disease.

Q7. What is personification who are the two imaginary persons personified in the poem.

Ans 1: When a non-living thing is attributed the characters of a living thing, it is said to be personified. There are two imaginary characters who have been personified in the poem viz. the reader and the rider.

Q8. How does the rider shake off the superstition and dangers.

Ans 1: The rider is a brave and fearless person. He rejects all the apprehensions and undertakes the adventure.

Q9. What does "The Reader" tell the rider about the valley.

Ans 1: The reader points out that the valley is full of dangers. It is fatal when the furnaces burn. There are heaps of dungs and rubbish whose nasty smell may drive him mad.

Q10. What kind of feeling does the poet create in the mind of the reader in the poem "O, Where are you going"?

Ans 1: First the poet creates feelings of fears, in the minds of the readers. Then he motivates them to undertake lofty challenges in life. He advises them not, to become a victim of baseless fears.
