

## English - ICOM Part 1 English Chapter 27 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. How many young ones are to be fed?

**Ans 1:** The sparrow mother wants to feed her ten young ones. But she has got only one grain in her beak. She cannot feed one grain to ten young ones.

Q2. Why is mother sparrow unable to feed her young ones?

**Ans 1:** The sparrow holds a grain of millet in her beak. One grain is to be fed to ten young ones. That is why, mother sparrow is unable to feed them all at a time.

Q3. What is the message of the poem "The feed"?

**Ans 1:** This is a symbolic poem. The grain of millet stands for resources of the world. The young ones of the sparrow are an emblem of hunger. This poem teaches us that we should not produce weapons but more and more food to save humanity from hunger.

Q4. Why is mother sparrow holding a millet in her beak.

**Ans 1:** The mother sparrow has come to feed her children with a grain of millet, that's why she is holding the millet in her beak.

Q5. Which line in the first stanza tells us that the young ones have no feathers?

**Ans 1:**  
The line "From head to toe they are beaks" tells us so. It means that their tiny bodies hide behind their open beaks when they cry for food. It shows that they have not grown feathers yet.

Q6. What has the poet described in the poem "The feed"?

**Ans 1:** The poet described the love of a mother sparrow for her young ones. He also advises man to share the sorrows and food to support the lives of people.

Q7. Write a critical appreciation of the poem.

**Ans 1:**  
The poem is symbolic. The grain stands for resources. The young ones of the sparrow stand for the hungry. It teaches us that we should not produce weapons. We should produce food instead.

Q8. What does the sparrow hold in her beak?

**Ans 1:**

She holds a grain of millet. She wants to feed her young ones. But she cannot feed one grain to ten young ones. She cannot split it even.

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Q9. Describe the chicks of the sparrow.

**Ans 1:** The chicks of the sparrow are very little., They are ten in number, From head to toe they are beaks.

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Q10. "One grain to be fed to the ten young ones." What does the line mean?

**Ans 1:** The line means that the mother sparrow has shortage of food. She has ten young children and only one grain to feed them. Now she is going to divide the grain among ten of them.

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