

## English (New Book) - ICOM Part 1 English Chapter 27 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. "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.

Q2. 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.

Q3. 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.

Q4. 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 feather yet.

Q5. How does the mother sparrow solace her young ones.

**Ans 1:** The mother sparrow solace her young ones by splitting the grain of millet into tiny pieces and feeding them one-by-one.

Q6. 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.

Q7. 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.

Q8. 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.

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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. 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.

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