

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT

EWX 8

STANDARD X ENGLISH

I. Read the appreciation of the poem 'Blowin' in the Wind' and complete it using the words given below in brackets.

Bob Dylan's 'Blowin' in the Wind' is a ___(a)___ song and an appeal to the masses to fight for justice. It is a simple song sung accompanied only by a harmonica and a ___(b)___.

It is one of Dylan's most powerful songs. Through a series of ___(c)___ questions he raises issues such as war, ___(d)___ and Human Rights violations that goes on to trouble the world. He asks how long a man must ___(e)___ and needs to exist to be truly free. He further questions how many more wars should be fought before peace can be restored in this world plagued by ___(f)___. The ___(g)___ 'the answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind' suggests that the answers are ___(h)___ but the poet says that nobody is picking them up when it comes down. He continues to protest against the ___(i)___ of the people who turn a blind eye to the injustice and inequality of the people. The poet appeals for the ___(j)___ of inequality, injustice and violence. Injustice may be firm as ___(k)___ but can be washed away if we stand united. The oppressors cannot turn a deaf ear to the protest always. Change is imminent and ___(l)___.

The poet employs simple ___(m)___ like a man, dove, mountain sea and cannon balls. Man symbolizes the people who face injustice and hope for justice. Dove is an emblem of peace and reminds us of the enduring struggle for ___(n)___ and equality. The strong mountain is the symbol of ___(o)___ of human nature.

Sea represents change and true freedom that slowly erodes the rigidity of the mountains. Through a simple melody he presents us to the problems of our society which remains unnoticed. The soul stirring powerful lines add ___(p)___ to the poem.

(violence, endure injustice, rhetorical, guitar, protest, oppression, everywhere, refrain, mountains, inevitable, eradication, indifference, rigidity, imageries, poignance, harmony)

II. What do the following phrases mean? Find out the correct answers from those given below.

1. Before you call him a man.
2. Before she sleeps in the sand.
3. Before they're forever banned.
4. Before it is washed to the sea.
5. Before they're allowed to be free.

- a. When will the wars and weapons be fully stopped and peace restored?
- b. How many bitter life experiences man has to face before he is recognized as a man?
- c. How long can people of a nation be kept under slavery without letting them free by the rulers?
- d. Where can a dove find a peaceful place in this world to sleep?
- e. The mighty power of the rulers will one day be washed away by the sea of protest of the oppressed.

III. Match items in Column A with items given in the Column B.

A	B
1. How many times must a man look up Before he can see the sky?	a) Clearly known to all and is everywhere.
2. Slaves fighting for freedom.	b) Denial of Civil Rights
3. The answer is blowin' in the wind.	c) People
4. Before he can hear people cry.	d) Mountain
5. Mighty resistance to change.	e) Auditory image

IV. Fill in blanks using the words given in brackets.

1. You had better _____ my shoes. (using, use, used)
2. Would you mind _____ me your shoes? (give, given, giving)
3. If you had told father, he _____ us.
(would beat, would have beaten, will beat)
4. _____ is the junk collector's house from here?
(How often, How long, How far)
5. The junk collector _____ the shoes before Ali came back.
(had taken, taken, took)

V. Pick out the correct headlines from below for the following news.

1. A boy had lost his sister's mended shoes on his way back home from the vegetable store.
2. Kokab Khanom's sister had a surgery and she is fine.
3. Father doesn't have money to buy another pair of shoes.
4. A small group of men are waiting in a queue outside the bakery.
5. Zahra can use Ali's shoes when he comes back from the school to his house.

Hot Nans Ready for Sale

A Great Dilemma Solved

A Pair of Shoes Missing

Family in Severe Financial Crisis

Operation Proved Successful

VI. Given here is an interview with Bob Dylan. Prepare a profile of Bob Dylan after going through this.

1. Sir, Glad to be with you. Please tell us about the time and place of your birth. (24th May, 1941, Duluth, Minnesota, US)
2. In what all fields are you famous? (an American singer, song writer and also as an artist and a writer)

3. Which are your notable works? (Blowin' the Wind, The Times, They Are a-Changing (Anthem for the American Civil Rights and anti-war movements)
4. What are the awards you received? (Grammy, Academy and Golden Globe Awards the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nobel Prize for Literature - 2016)
5. Where are you residing now? (Malibu, California)

VII. 'My Sister's Shoes' is an extract from the Iranian film "Children of Heaven" directed by the famous director Majid Majidi. A review of the film is given below, but it is incomplete. Complete it with the help of word and phrases given below.

Children of Heaven is an inspiring film directed by the ____ (a) ____ Iranian filmmaker Majid Majidi. My Sister's Shoes is an extract from the screenplay of this film.

The story is of two siblings ____ (b) ____, who ends up sharing the torn sneakers to help their parents who were in a poor financial condition. The movie opens with a ____ (c) ____ repairing a pair of pink, girl's shoes. Ali, who is nine years old, pays the shoemaker and moves out of the shop. Ali goes to the grocer and hides the repaired shoes between ____ (d) ____, so that he can buy some potatoes. The ____ (e) ____ complains that Ali's mother has not paid her bill. While Ali is selecting the cheapest potatoes, a ____ (f) ____ pushing a junk cart passes and picks up the shoes.

When Ali realizes that the shoes are missing, he panics and spills the ____ (g) ____ while looking for his sister's shoes. He runs home and, with tears in his eyes, honestly tells his younger sister Zahra that he lost her shoes. Ali begs his sister not to say anything to their ____ (h) _____. They decide to share the old sneakers of Ali.

In this film, Majidi's strength lies in the ____ (i) ____ moments of the film. He is not only able to give a realistic portrayal of Iran's lower middle classes, but he also emphasises the fact that even small incidents like ____ (j) ____ can hold much more importance in one's life than expected.

(cobbler, silent, Ali and Zahra, renowned, the boxes, parents, losing a pair of shoes, grocer, vegetables, junk man)