



**ATTINGAL EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT
STANDARD X
ENGLISH-WS-13**

Read the following lines from the poem 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan' and answer the questions that follow.

The old priest Peter Gilligan
Was weary night and day
For half his flock were in their beds
Or under green sods lay.

Once, while he nodded in a chair
At the moth- hour of the eve
Another poor man sent for him,
And he began to grieve.

1. Which line tells us that Father Gilligan was working relentlessly?
2. Find out the lines that stand for 'sickness and death'.
3. What is referred to as moth-hour of the eve?
(noon, evening time, midnight)
4. What did Father Gilligan do when another poor man sent for him?

5. Read the lines from the poem 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan' and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on the theme, poetic devices, figure of speech.(You may make use of the hints given below.)

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I have no rest, nor joy, nor peace,
 For people die and die;
 And after cried he, 'God forgive!
 My body spake not I!'

Paragraph1. Introduction		About the author Main theme of the song
Paragraph 2	Literary meaning	Paraphrase of the stanza
Paragraph 3	Poetic devices used	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Images • Alliteration • Rhyming words
Paragraph 4	Message and conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message conveyed • Lines which impressed you the most • Tone of the song • Comment on the style of writing of the song.