

# ATTINGAL EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT

## Standard 10 ENGLISH

### Lesson 2: The Snake and the Mirror and Lines written in Early Spring Answer key

EWS 2

1. The periwinkle trailed its wreaths in the green bower.
2. The poet's faith is that every flower enjoys the air it breathes.
3. The birds around him hopped and played.
4. The least motion of birds.
5. played – made/wreaths – breathes

#### 6. Appreciation

Paragraph 1	Introduction	About the author Main theme of the poem
Paragraph 2	Literary meaning	Summary of the given stanzas
Paragraph 3	Poetic crafts used	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Images</li><li>• Rhyme scheme</li><li>• Alliteration</li><li>• Rhyming words</li><li>• Personification</li><li>• Hyperbole</li></ul>
Paragraph 4	Message and conclusion	Message conveyed Lines which impressed you the most Tone of the poem Comment on the style of writing of the poem.

#### Sample Appreciation

##### Lines Written in Early Spring

The poem 'Lines Written in Early Spring' is written by the well-known nature poet William Wordsworth. He wrote this poem during the times of French Revolution. The poem deals with the theme of coexistence, peace and pleasure in nature and the cruelties in the human world.

The poet could see how the new twigs spread out their tender leaves to catch the breezy air. The budding twigs are reaching out for happiness. One could see pleasure in each and everything in Nature. The poet says that coexistence is Nature's holy plan. But he laments over the cruelties of man towards Nature and his own kind.

‘The budding twigs spread out their fan’, ‘To catch the breezy air’ and ‘Nature’s holy plan’ are examples of personification. ‘Budding twigs’ create a visual image and ‘breezy air’ creates a tactile image in our mind. The use of alliteration could be seen in ‘What man has made of man’. The poem follows the rhyme scheme ‘ab ab’. The rhyming words employed in the poem gives a rhythmic quality to the poem. The poem follows a melancholic tone.

The poet has followed a very simple writing style. This poem is considered as one of the most marvellous and aesthetic poems in English.

## 7. Value points of character sketch

- Describe the character's physique/appearance.
- Describe the personality traits like manners, behaviour, values, etc of the character.
- Write about the character’s relationship with other characters in the story.
- Describe the role and significance of the character in the story.
- Quote details from the story to substantiate your views.
- Your impression about the character.

### Sample answer:

#### The Homeopath

The homeopath is the protagonist of the story ‘The Snake and the Mirror’ by the renowned Malayalam writer Vaikom Mohammed Basheer. The story is a humorous account of the doctor’s encounter with a cobra. He is a young and unmarried doctor who has recently set up his medical practice, and therefore, his income is very meagre. He is staying alone in a rented house, and there are lots of rats to share the room with him. He admires himself and often lives in a world of dreams. He believes that he has more acceptance in the society as he is a young, handsome bachelor and a doctor. He wants to be rich without much effort so he desires to marry a rich, young woman doctor having a good medical practice.

His humour sense is revealed when he says that he wants to marry a fat lady for a valid reason. The reason is that she should not be able to chase and catch him if he did some silly mistake and needed to run away. One night, when he was sitting in front of the mirror in his room in a flight of fancy, a big cobra slithered along his shoulder and coiled around his left arm. Though he had to sit like a stone image in flesh, he did not lose his presence of mind. In the helpless situation he could not but rely on the mercy of God, and he pathetically scribed the words ‘O God’ on the walls of his heart, though he had not been religious till then.

## 8. Value points of Notice

- Use appropriate lay out and format.
- Give title or subject of the event.
- Body: Mention the date, time and venue of the programme.
- Specify the agency/authority that issues the notice and the date of issue.
- Use clear and brief language

### Sample Notice

NOTICE  
ABC SCHOOL  
COVID 19 AWARENESS CAMP

This is to inform you that the Junior Red Cross Unit of our school is going to organise a Covid 19 awareness camp on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021 on World Homeopathy Day. The camp will be inaugurated by Dr.Sanjay C K, Consultant Homeopath at Niya Homeo Clinic. Students who wish to participate in the camp must register their names before 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Social distancing should be strictly followed.

DATE : 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
TIME : 8:00am to 12:00pm  
VENUE : School Auditorium

Place  
Date

Secretary  
Junior Red Cross Unit  
Sd/

9. a. turned up  
b. took off  
c. set up  
d. made up his mind  
e. came across
10. a) God  
b) saw  
c) do  
d) that  
e) admiring