

SSLC-2022 BOOST DOSE A+ SCORER

FOCUS AREA BASED TEST PAPER

ENGLISH

Time:-45 Min

LINES WRITTEN IN EARLY SPRING

Marks:-20

1. Read the following lines from the poem 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and answer the questions that follow. (1× 4 =4)

I heard a thousand blended notes,
While in a grove I sate reclined.
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.
To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran
And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man.

- What does the poet mean by the expression 'a thousand blended notes'?
- Why did the pleasant thoughts bring sad thoughts to the poet's mind?
- Pick out an example of auditory image from the given lines.
- Identify the lines that tell us Nature is linked to the soul of human beings.

2. Prepare a profile of William Wordsworth, using the hints given below. Use appropriate linkers wherever necessary. (6)

Born : April 7, 1770 Cockermouth, England

Famous as : One among the trios of romantic revolution in poetry.

Notable works : The Solitary Reaper, The Prelude, Lyrical Ballads,

The World Is Too Much with Us, Ode : Intimations of Immortality, The Excursion.

Title : Poet Laureate (1843 - 1850)

Movement : Romanticism

Died : April 23, 1850 (aged 80) Westmorland, England

3. Read the following stanzas from the poem 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and answer the questions given below (5)

(A) Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.
The birds around me hopped and played,
Their thoughts I cannot measure:-
But the least motion which they made
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

- What does the poet think about the flowers?
- "Their thoughts I cannot measure." Whose thoughts are mentioned here?
- "The birds around me hopped and played." According to this line, where is the poet sitting?
- What seemed a thrill of pleasure to the poet?
- What is the figure of speech in the lines 'And 'tis my faith that every flower Enjoys the air it breathes.'?

4. Read the following lines from 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and write a note on appreciation focusing on the theme,imagery, and other poetic devices.

(5)

The budding twigs spread out their fan,
To catch the breezy air;
And I must think, do all I can,
That there was pleasure there.
If this belief from heaven be sent,
If such be Nature's holy plan,
Have I not reason to lament
What man has made of man?

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