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Class 10 English (First Flight) Notes

A Tiger in the Zoo



Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

Poem – A Tiger in The Zoo

Type – I Comprehension Passage

Solved Passage

The few steps of his cage
On pads of velvet quiet
In his quiet rage

(a) Name the poem and the poet.

(b) Who does 'his' refer to in these lines?

(c) Where is 'he'?

(d) Explain – 'Quiet rage'.

Answers

(1) Poem – A Tiger in The Zoo, Poet – Leslic Norris

(2) 'His' refers to tiger.

(3) He is in a cage.

(4) 'Quiet rage' means – since the tiger is locked in a cage, he cannot express his anger. He feels helpless there.

Passages For Practice

1. He should be lurking in shadow
Sliding through ling grass
Near the water hole
Where plump deer pass.

(a) Who is 'he' in the above lines?

(b) Where should he be sliding?

(c) What kind of life does he lead, as suggested in the stanza?

(d) What should he be hiding for?

Passage-2 (Unsolved)

He should be snarling around houses
At the jungles edge
Baring his white fangs, his claws
Terrorizing the village.

(a) What does the poet try to suggest through these lines?

(b) How will the tiger terrorise people?

(c) How does he show his strength?

(d) Is the tiger living a life of freedom? How can you say?

Passage 3

He is locked in a concrete cell
His strength behind bars
Stalking the length of his cage
Ignoring visitors.

(a) Explain – 'his strength behind bars'.

(b) What do you think is the mood of the tiger?

(c) What is the tiger doing in the cage?

(d) Why does he ignore visitors?

Passage 4

He hears the last voice at night
The patrolling cars
And stares with his brilliant eyes
At the brilliant stars.

(a) Which place is the tiger in these lines?

(b) When does he hear the last voice?

(c) What does the tiger look at?

(d) What do you think are the feelings of the tiger.

Type-II Short Answer Questions

Solved

(a) What is the mood of the tiger in the cage?

Ans. The tiger is very angry as he has been caged. He should be in a forest but he has lost his freedom. He expresses his anger silently as he finds himself helpless.

Unsolved SAQs

1. Describe the tiger in the zoo.
2. Describe the tiger in the wild.
3. Why do you think the tiger looks at the stars?
4. What does the poet convey through the poem?