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Class 10 English (First Flight) Notes

Dust of Snow



Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

Poetry

Dust of Snow

Type-I Comprehension Passage

Q.8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow— (1 × 4 = 4)

Passage-1 (Solved)

The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree

- (a) Where was the poet sitting?
- (b) What did the crow do?
- (c) What do 'crow' and 'snow' represent?
- (d) What kind of a tree is hemlock?

Answers

- (a) The poet was sitting under a hemlock tree.
- (b) The crow shook down the dust of snow on the poet.
- (c) 'Crow' represents sadness and depression. The 'snow' represents joy and hopefulness.
- (d) Hemlock is a poisonous tree.

Passages for Practice (Unsolved)

Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
of a day I had rued.

- (a) What has changed the poet's mood?
- (b) What was the change in poet's mood?

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- (c) What message does the poet convey?
 - (d) Explain the line — “And saved some part of a day”.

Type-II Short Answer Questions (2 Marks each) (30 – 40 words)

- (a) What changes the poet's mood? (Solved)

Ans. When a crow, sitting on the branch of a hemlock tree, shakes the branch, the dust of snow falls on the poet. The poet, who has been in a sad mood, is startled and his mood changes.

Unsolved Questions for Practice

- (b) What do 'crow', 'hemlock tree' and 'dust of snow' symbolise?
- (c) How has the poet observed nature in the poem 'Dust of Snow'?
- (d) What does Robert Frost want to convey through the poem 'Dust of Snow'?
- (e) Did the snow change the speaker's mood for the better or worse? Support your answer with example from the text.

