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Class 10 English (First Flight) Notes

Fire and Ice

Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

Poem – Fire & Ice

Type-I Comprehension Passage

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

Some say the world will end in fire
Some say in ice
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire.

Questions

- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
- (b) What are the two different views about the end of the world?
- (c) Which one does the poet favour?
- (d) Identify the rhyme scheme of the passage.

Answers

- (a) Poem – Fire and Ice, Poet – Robert Frost.

(b) One view is that the world will end because of fire. The other view is that ice will bring an end to the world.

(c) The poet favours fire.

(d) Rhyme Scheme – abaa.

Passage for Practice (Unsolved)

1. But if it had to perish twice
I think I know enough of hate
To say that for destruction ice
Is also great.
And would suffice.

(a) What does 'it' refer to here?

(b) What does 'ice' stand for?

(c) Why does the poet think it is destructive?

(d) How will the world end twice?

Type II-Shout Answer Question – (30–40 words each)

Solved Question

1. What are the two different views prevailing in the mankind regarding the inculcable end of the world?

Ans. The two different views about the end of the world are – (i) the world will end in fire i.e., because of people's greed another reason could be the increasing heat (ii) the second view says that the world can also end because of ice i.e. hatred among people. or due to environmental changes.

Questions for Practice

2. What do 'Fire' and 'Ice' stand for, according to Frost?

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3. How has the poet brought out the contrasting ideas in the poem?
 4. What is the central idea of the poem Fire and Ice?

