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Class 10 English (First Flight) Notes

The Trees



Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

Poem – The Trees

Type-I Comprehension Passage

Solved Passage

The trees inside are moving out into the forest
The forest that was empty all these days
Where no bird could sit
No insect hide
No sun bury its feet in shadow.

- (a) Where are the trees moving out from?
- (b) What two things cannot happen in a treeless forest?
- (c) What does “sun’s feet” refer to?
- (d) Who is responsible for empty forest?

Answers

- (a) The trees are moving out from the house where they had been locked.
- (b) In a treeless forest, the birds have no place to sit and the insects have no place to hide.
- (c) ‘Suns feet’ refers to the rays of the sun which get lost in the shade of the trees in the forest.
- (d) Human beings are responsible for the empty forest.

Passages For Practice (Unsolved)

1. The leaves strain toward the glass
Small twigs stiff with exertion
Long cramped boughs shuffling under the roof
Like newly discharged patients
Half dazed, moving
To the clinic doors.

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- (a) Why are the small things stiff?
 - (b) Why does the poet compare the branches with newly discharged patients?
 - (c) Where are the leaves, branches & boughs moving to?
 - (d) Pick out an example of simile from these lines.

Passage-2

2. All night the roots work
 To disengage themselves from the cracks
 In the veranda floor
- (a) Where are the roots?
 - (b) What are the roots doing?
 - (c) Where have the cracks appeared?
 - (d) Where do the trees want to go?

Passage - 3

- My head is full of whispers
Which tomorrow will be silent Listen.
The glass is breaking
The trees are stumbling forward
Into the night.
- (a) Why will there be silence tomorrow?
 - (b) What kind of sounds can the poet hear?
 - (c) Who is breaking the glass?
 - (d) Why are the trees stumbling?

Passage-4

Winds rush to meet them
The moon is broken like a mirror
Its pieces flash now in the crown of the tallest oak.

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- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
 - (b) Whom do the winds greet?
 - (c) Explain – “moon is broken like a mirror”.
 - (d) Which figure of speech has been used in “broken like a mirror”?

Short Answer Questions

Solved

1. What changes would the departure of the trees bring to the forest.

Ans. The departure of the trees to the forest would result in the birds sitting on their branches again insects hiding in them and the sun's rays will hide in the thick shades of the trees. The empty forest will be full of trees.

Questions for Practice (Unsolved)

1. Why are the trees moving outside?
2. What efforts do the trees make to get free?
3. Why doesn't the poet mention the departure of trees in her letters?
4. Describe the imagery drawn by the poet in the line – “the moon is broken like a mirror.”

