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Class:X

Sub:English

Topic: Poem- A Tiger in The Zoo

Q1. Why do you think the tiger was stalking in the cage? What does it show?

Ans. I think the tiger was feeling restless and uneasy in that small cage. He seems to be frustrated and helpless as he could not come out of the cage in the open and enjoy his freedom. He did not want to be a mere showpiece and a source of entertainment for human beings.

Q2. Describe the movement of the tiger in the cage and in the wild.

Ans. In the zoo, in his small cage and devoid of freedom, the tiger feels unhappy rather frustrated, restless and angry. In the forest, he enjoys moving majestically, wherever he wants, terrorises the villagers by displaying his sharp teeth and claws. He is happy in the forest, enjoying his liberty and surroundings, but not in the zoo.

Q3. What does the tiger do at night? What does he feel when he stares at the brilliant stars in the sky?

Ans. The patrolling cars move around and the tiger hears their sound late at night. He is locked in a cage but stares at the brilliant stars shining in the vast and open sky. The vast open sky and the brilliant stars only intensify the feeling of helplessness that he feels inside the cage.

Q4. Freedom can't be bargained at any cost. What message does the poet give to the readers in 'A Tiger in the Zoo'?

Ans. Not only humans but animals too cherish freedom. Freedom can't be bargained. In this case, a tiger may be well-fed and protected. However, the curtailment of his freedom keeps him in 'quiet rage'. He resents being behind the bars. He is a different animal when he is in his natural habitat, the jungle. He roams around the water hole and ambushes his favourite plump deer.

Q5. Some animals are becoming extinct; the tiger is one such animal. What do you think could be the reason? Should this decrease in number be stopped? Why?

Ans. The primary threats to the survival of tigers are poaching and habitat loss due to intensive development. The tigers are getting extinct. They are on the list of endangered species and the reason behind it is human interference. Humans hunt tigers for their commercial benefits. The



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loss of habitat also leads to a reduction in prey animals, so the area can support fewer tigers. Moreover, tigers are poached for trophies, such as teeth and fur, and for traditional medicines. The growing population clears the forest areas to make them agricultural land for food. This creates a problem for the tiger's habitat. Tigers are the backbone of food web and forest, hence should be protected.

