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NOTES

Class - VIII

Subject - English

Topic - A TIGER IN THE ZOO (POEM)

A RTS-

1.

(a) 'He' is a tiger.

(b) He should be lurking in the shadows of the forest.

(c) He should be sliding in the long grass.

(d) Plump (fat) deer pass through the water hole.

2.

(a) The tiger in the cage hears the last voice at night.

(b) The last voice he hears is that of the patrolling cars, which check that everything is alright around the zoo.

(c) He stares at the bright, shining stars at night with his brilliant eyes.

B. Answer the following questions briefly -

1. The tiger has brightly coloured stripes but he is angry because of his small cage, which allows him to take only a few steps. He moves softly on his 'velvet pads' in anger and frustration because of his helpless condition.

2. The tiger expresses his anger quietly because he is in a cage.

3. If the tiger were in the jungle, he would be lurking in the shadows, sliding through the long grass. He would be waiting for the plump deer that would come to quench their thirst.

4. No, animals should not be caged. Putting them in cages is cruel, and it robs them of their freedom. All creatures, including animals, have the right to live in freedom in their natural habitat. We should not deny them this right.

5. The poet tries to expose the miserable life led by animals in the zoo. He compares the life of the tiger in the zoo with his life in a natural habitat. The animals have the right to freedom and should not be caged. They should be allowed to run free in the forest.