

**Read the poems below then answer the questions that follow.**

### **Mask**

I was once sad and lonely,  
Having nobody to comfort me,  
So I wore a mask that always smiled,  
To hide my feelings behind a lie.

Before long, I had many friends;  
With my mask, I was one of them.  
But deep inside I still felt empty,  
Like I was missing a part of me.

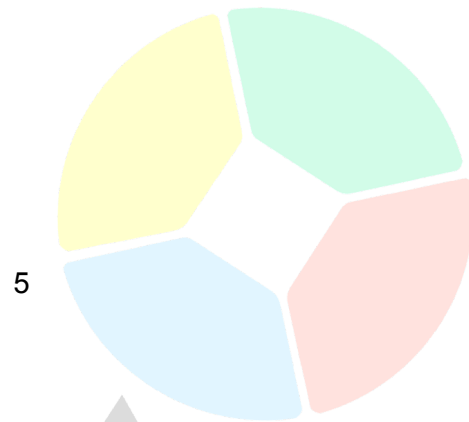
Nobody could hear my cries at night,  
For I designed my mask to hide the lies.  
Nobody could see the pain I was feeling,  
For I designed my mask to be laughing.

Behind all the smiles were the tears,  
And behind all the comfort were the fears.  
Everything you think you see  
Wasn't everything there was to me.

Day by day  
I was slowly stopping.  
I couldn't go on,  
There was something missing.

Until now I'm still searching  
For the thing that'll stop my crying,  
For someone who'll erase my fears,  
For the person who'll wipe my tears.

But till then, I'll keep on smiling, \_\_\_\_\_  
Hiding behind this mask I'm wearing.  
Hoping one day I can smile,  
Till then, I'll be here ... waiting.



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**Answer the following questions by choosing the letter of the best answer.**

1 In the second stanza of the poem, the author wears a mask to

- A. Get along well with people
- B. Find his true passion
- C. Get people's attention
- D. Look for a long-lost friend

2 Why does the author repeat the word "for" in Line 22-25?

- A. To highlight how sure the author actually is
- B. To imply that what the pursuit is impossible
- C. To show how specific the author's goal is
- D. To emphasize how long the author's pursuit will be

3 From the poem above, we know that the author

- A. Intentionally stays away from his friends when he is sad
- B. Will not stop showing ungentle expressions before finding his/her true friend
- C. Is finally used to expressing his happiness
- D. Feels comfortable and more confident when wearing a mask because he can have many friends

4 From the fourth stanza of the poem, we can conclude that

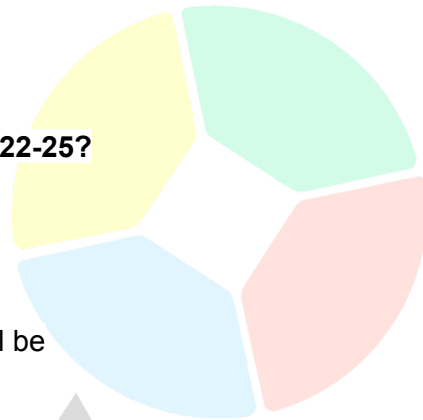
- A. We need to go through hardships to live a good life
- B. Most people can only know us superficially
- C. Many people don't actually care about ourselves
- D. We shouldn't compare our difficulties to others'

5 The title of the poem

- A. Prepares the readers for the important last line
- B. Symbolizes the goal that the author is trying to achieve
- C. Implies how the author's pursuit ends
- D. Refers to the discussed object

6 What poetic technique is applied in Line 3?

- A. Hyperbole
- B. Simile
- C. Personification
- D. Metaphor



7 What is the rhyme formed in Line 7 and 8?

- A. Perfect rhyme
- B. Slant rhyme
- C. Eye rhyme
- D. Triple rhyme

8 The last line of the poem is best described as

- A. Despair
- B. Confidence
- C. Ambiguity
- D. Determination



### Something to Tame

I have seen what words can do,  
As I deal with people everywhere;  
The tongue is powerful, it's true!  
Something to tame and use with care.

I've seen spiteful words ruin a life  
And gentle words heal and bless;  
I've seen careless words stir up strife  
And tender words ease distress.

I've watched silence speak out loud  
And idle chatter bring mischief;  
Seen timely words persuade a crowd  
And hasty words end in grief.

I've seen people eat their words  
Who can't seem to hold their tongue;  
Watched them take the shame it affords  
When they are later proved wrong.

My tongue, too, can go astray,  
So, dear Heaven, help me watch with care  
To whom I'd speak and what I'd say,  
How I'd speak and when and where.

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Answer the following questions by choosing the letter of the best answer.

9 What is the correlation between Line 5-7 and Line 6-8?

- A. Line 5-7 are the effects of the occurrences in Line 6-8
- B. Line 6-8 are served as the reasons for the occurrences that happened in Line 5-7
- C. Line 5-7 are the opposite of the occurrences in Line 6-8
- D. There is no correlation between all of them

10 What is the rhyme formed in Line 9 and 11?

- A. Perfect rhyme
- B. Imperfect rhyme
- C. Half rhyme
- D. Eye rhyme

11 What poetic technique is applied in Line 18?

- A. Metaphor
- B. Hyperbole
- C. Metonymy
- D. Apostrophe

12 How does the author get his thoughts about words?

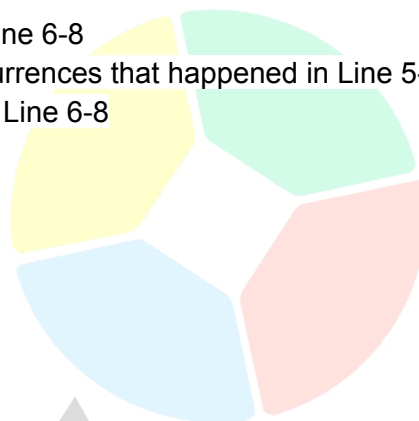
- A. By using different words to speak to people and see their reactions
- B. By experiencing all the consequences by himself
- C. By gathering other people's thoughts and making a conclusion
- D. By observing what happened to people around him

13 The title of the poem

- A. Is addressed to the object discussed by the author
- B. Highlights the first and last sentences of the poem
- C. Refers to the main problems that happen in the poem
- D. Does not contain an actual meaning

14 Which line shows an irony?

- A. Line 6
- B. Line 9
- C. Line 11
- D. Line 16

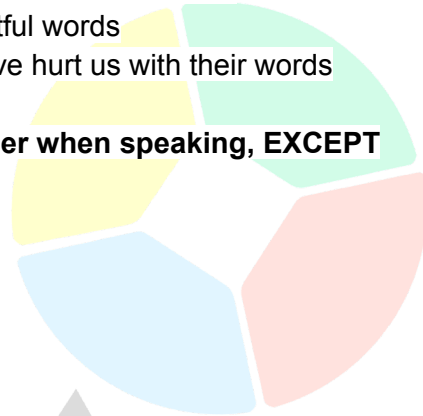


15 From the poem above, we can learn that

- A. We should be selective when choosing friends
- B. We should pay attention to our words so that we don't hurt others
- C. We should protect ourselves from people's hurtful words
- D. We should keep a distance from those who have hurt us with their words

16 The following are the things that we should consider when speaking, EXCEPT

- A. Words
- B. Interlocutor
- C. Date
- D. Situation



### The Importance of a Sister

A sister is someone who loves you from the heart.  
No matter how much you argue, you cannot be drawn apart.  
She is a joy that cannot be taken away.  
Once she enters your life, she is there to stay.

A friend who helps you through difficult times,  
Her comforting words are worth much more than dimes.  
A partner who fills your life with laughs and smiles,  
These memories last for miles and miles.

When she is by your side, the world is filled with life.  
When she is not around, your days are full of strife.  
A sister is a blessing who fills your heart with love.  
She flies with you in life with the beauty of a dove.

A companion to whom you can express your feelings,  
She doesn't let you get bored at family dealings.  
Whether you are having your ups or downs,  
She always helps you with a smile and never frowns.

With a sister, you cannot have a grudge.  
She is as sweet as chocolate and as smooth as fudge.  
Having a sister is not just a trend.  
It is knowing you can always turn to her, your best friend.

Answer the following questions by choosing the letter of the best answer.

17 The title of the poem

- A. Prepares the reader for the important first line
- B. Is contrary to the whole poem
- C. Summarizes the content poem
- D. Is the opposite of the literal meaning

18 Why does the writer repeat the word “miles” in the eighth line?

- A. To emphasize how far the memories have to be remembered by the sibling
- B. To highlight how cheerful a sister is
- C. To show that a sister will always be there for you everywhere she is
- D. To describe that the things a sister does are unforgettable

19 From the way the author uses the following words, which one is the odd one out?

- A. Dove
- B. Fudge
- C. Dime
- D. Smooth

20 The first verse of the poem shows that a sister is

- A. Inseparable
- B. Insurgent
- C. Bothersome
- D. Benevolent

21 What is the rhyme scheme of the first and second lines?

- A. Perfect rhyme
- B. Eye rhyme
- C. Slant rhyme
- D. Triple rhyme

22 Below are the importance of a sister according to the poem, except

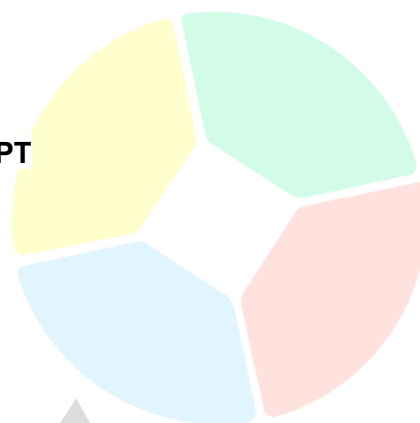
- A. She will always be there for you
- B. She is a good friend for you to share your story with
- C. She helps you to face your problems sincerely
- D. She will always cheer you up with her stories

**23 Line 18 shows that the writer applies**

- A. Simile
- B. Personification
- C. Metaphor
- D. Oxymoron

**24 The following are the personality of a sister, EXCEPT**

- A. Patient
- B. Exacting
- C. Humorous
- D. Compassionate



### Pain Ends

Breathe in the fresh air,  
Put your mind at ease.  
Let down your hair,  
Let it flow in the breeze.

Let your eyes wander  
To all the beauty to be seen.  
If those toxic thoughts you still do ponder,  
Then let out a scream.

Scream until the pain is gone,  
Until you no longer feel afraid.  
Open your eyes to a new dawn,  
Let the darkness fade.

No longer compare yourself  
Or your flaws to others' perfections.  
Take the negativity off the shelf.  
Focus on your direction.

Pick the sadness up off the floor,  
Sweep it into the wind.  
Close the door on self-hatred.  
Never let it back in.

For the lies it would often tell you,  
You will no longer agree.  
Happiness and love are what you should hold onto.  
They are whom you should give the key.

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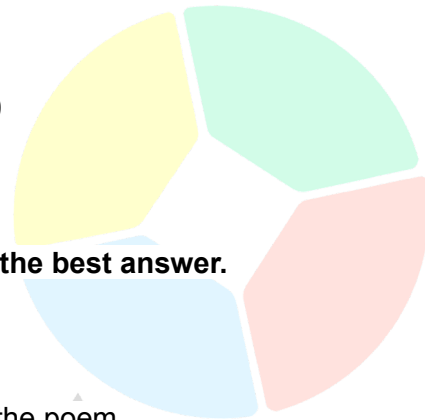
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Pay no attention to the toxic thoughts,  
Listen to those who adore everything you are.  
Overthinking was what you once were taught,  
But now those thoughts you put in a jar.

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Focus on your goals,  
Never lose your fight.  
It's time to open new scrolls.  
Everything will be all right.

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**Answer the following questions by choosing the letter of the best answer.**

**25 The title of the poem**

- A. Highlights the important message delivered in the poem
- B. Mentions the goal that the author wants to achieve
- C. Gives the background why the poem is written
- D. Tries to relate to the readers' problems

**26 “But now those thoughts you put in a jar.”**  
**What does the writer mean by putting those thoughts in a jar?**

- A. We should keep all the good and bad thoughts in our mind
- B. We should forget the things that can hurt ourself
- C. We should separate our good from the bad and keep them to ourselves
- D. We should throw away burdening thoughts

**27 How do the ideas in Line 17-19 relate to the idea in Line 20?**

- A. They point out the causes for the idea implied in Line 20
- B. They demonstrate the idea implied in Line 20
- C. They show the proofs for the idea implied in Line 20
- D. They give the solution for the problem implied in Line 20

**28 The word “scrolls” in Line 31 refers to**

- A. Courage
- B. Personality
- C. Challenges
- D. Chapter of life

**29 What is referred to as “key” in Line 24?**



- A. Help
- B. Trust
- C. Focus
- D. Hope

30 What is one of the ways to end your pain according to the writer?

- A. Asking for assistance by shouting out loud
- B. Close our eyes until we feel that the pain is no longer there
- C. Focuses on what we want to achieve and love ourselves
- D. Asking for opinions and suggestions from the people around us

31 The last verse is best described as

- A. Unyielding spirit
- B. Predicament
- C. Lack of motivation
- D. Upcoming obstacle

32 In Line 15, what does the word “shelf” refer to?

- A. Thought
- B. Imagination
- C. Support
- D. Goal

### Tranquil Dawn

In hues of gold and amber bright,  
A tranquil dawn breaks through the night.  
Soft whispers of the waking breeze,  
Caress the land with gentle ease.

The world awakes with sleepy eyes,  
As sunlight paints the morning skies.  
The birds sing out a melody,  
A symphony of nature's glee.

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Oh, let me bask in morning's glow,  
As dreams of night begin to go.  
With every breath, a new day starts,  
And fills our souls with hopeful hearts.

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Answer the following questions by choosing the letter of the best answer.

**33 What effect does the "tranquil dawn" have on the night?**

- A. It brightens the night sky.
- B. It brings a sense of calmness to the night.
- C. It prolongs the darkness of the night.
- D. It creates a mystical atmosphere in the night.

Correct Answer: b) It brings a sense of calmness to the night.

**34 How would you describe the nature of the breeze mentioned in the poem?**

- A. Forceful and turbulent
- B. Silent and still
- C. Whistling and cold
- D. Gentle and soothing

**35 What role do the birds play in the poem?**

- A. They disrupt the tranquility of the dawn.
- B. They add to the peaceful ambiance of the morning.
- C. They represent chaos and noise.
- D. They are inconsequential to the overall theme.

**36 How does the poem portray the transition from night to day?**

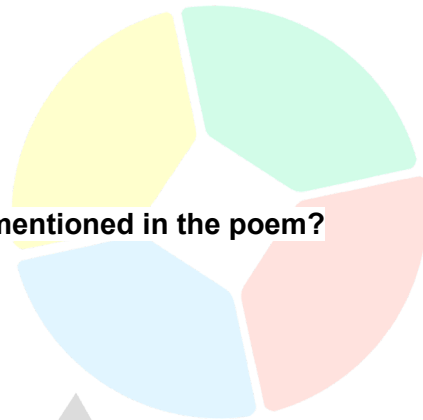
- A. As a sudden and jarring change
- B. As a slow and seamless progression
- C. As a struggle between light and darkness
- D. As an irrelevant aspect of the natural world

**37 What emotion does the speaker express towards the morning?**

- A. Fear and apprehension
- B. Nostalgia and longing
- C. Excitement and anticipation
- D. Indifference and disinterest

**38 What effect does the morning light have on dreams?**

- A. It erases them completely.
- B. It transforms them into reality.
- C. It fades them gradually.
- D. It enhances their vividness.



**39 According to the poem, what does a new day bring?**

- A. Renewed hope and optimism
- B. Lingering darkness and despair
- C. Monotony and repetition
- D. Uncertainty and confusion

**40 What is the main theme of the poem?**

- A. The beauty of nature's elements
- B. The contrast between night and day
- C. The importance of dreams and imagination
- D. The significance of a fresh start



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