

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Beehive Poem Chapter-1 The Road Not Taken
Test Paper-04

1. Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,
 - a. Why did the speaker take the other road?
 - b. What do you understand by 'had worn them really about the same'?
 - c. Why did the speaker say 'it was grassy and wanted wear'?
 - d. What was having the better claim?
2. I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.
 - a. To whom would the speaker be telling with a sigh?
 - b. Why did the speaker tell it with a sigh?
 - c. Which two roads the speaker was talking about?
 - d. Do you think the speaker took the right decision?
3. Why is the speaker concerned by the decision he has taken? (30-50 WORDS)
4. Explain 'as just as fair'.
5. Why it had become necessary for the speaker to make a choice?
6. Why did the speaker make contrasting comments saying 'Because it was grassy and wanted wear' and 'Had worn them really about the same'?
7. Have you ever found yourself, trying to make a difficult decision?
8. What were the circumstances when the speaker said "Two roads diverged in a yellow wood and sorry I could not travel both"?
9. What is the theme of the poem? (100-150 WORDS)
10. Justify the title of the poem. Do you think it is an apt title? (100-150 WORDS)

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Answer

1.
 - a. The speaker took the other road because he thought that the other road was less travelled and had better claim.
 - b. It means that both the roads were having equal fame and had been used equally.
 - c. The speaker says that it was grassy and wanted wear because it was not used that morning and the grass had not been trodden.
 - d. The road that was not traversed that day had the better claim.
2.
 - a. The speaker would be telling with a sigh to himself or his colleagues who were partner in his decision.
 - b. The speaker said it with a sigh because he was disturbed to think that he would not be able to take the other road.
 - c. The speaker was talking about the two roads which he had come across when he reached a fork.
 - d. As per the last stanza, it seems that the speaker did take the right decision as he says 'I took the other road and it made all the difference.'
3. The speaker is concerned about the outcome of the decision he has taken because of the uncertainty. Whenever there are two possible solutions, dilemma always exists. The speaker is visibly upset since he would not be able to come back and take the other road.
4. Speaker wants to convey that both the roads has equal fame and were equally travelled.
5. The speaker had come to a point on a road where there was a fork and there were two roads. He had to make a choice so as to reach his goal.
6. The speaker, like a common human being, is working on different possibilities the two roads were offering and comparing found them equally reputed but one was having a better claim.
7. Most of the time we've to choose between two equally desirable things, like following a career path to become an engineer or a doctor. We've all been faced with challenging decisions in our lives, and sometimes the difficulty of making those decisions arises from

the fear of not knowing if what we choose is right, or what will happen as a result of our choice.

8. Frost captures the uncertainty about making decisions and our natural desire to know what will happen as a result of the decisions we make. In the first stanza of the poem he talks about the incapacity of a person and his following confusion.
9. 'The Road Not Taken' is a poem about someone trying to decide which road he's going to take on a walk through the woods. It's actually a poem about the journey of life. The two roads diverged in a yellow wood symbolize a person's life. The narrator's choice about which road to take represents the different decisions we sometimes have to make and how those decisions will affect the future. The expression, 'down the road', reminds us what we often use to describe, something that might happen months or even years from now, and you'll see how Frost is making the connection between life and traveling.
10. 'The Road Not Taken' by Robert Frost is a well-known poem about the journey of life. The title is apt in the sense that we, at number of times in our life, come across such situations where we are bestowed with two different opportunities and both of them offer us similar results. It is not humanly possible to avail both the opportunities simultaneously. Therefore, we choose one that we consider is appropriate at that time, But later on we regret having made such decision as the outcome of the other opportunity would have been much better. Thus the title is apt.