

**CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature**  
**Beehive Poem Chapter-7 The Duck and the Kangaroo**  
**Test Paper-03**

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1. Said the Kangaroo, "I'm ready!  
All in the moonlight pale;  
But to balance me well, dear Duck, sit steady!  
And quite at the end of my tail!"
  - a. To whom did Kangaroo say, 'I'm ready'?
  - b. Where were the Kangaroo and the Duck headed to?
  - c. Why did the Kangaroo tell to balance him well sit steady?
  - d. What do you understand by 'Moonlight pale'?
2. And to keep out the cold  
I've bought a cloak,  
And every day a cigar I'll smoke,  
All to follow my own dear true  
Love of a Kangaroo!"
  - a. What did the Duck do to keep out the cold?
  - b. Who said 'All to follow my own dear true love of a Kangaroo'?
  - c. Why would he smoke a cigar?
  - d. Who is the poet of the poem?
3. What was the attitude of the Kangaroo when the Duck expressed his wish to go out in the world beyond?
4. What was the reason for the Duck to wish to go out in the world beyond?
5. Do you think why did the poet use acts like using worsted socks, buying a cloak, smoking a cigar?
6. What were the reasons that deterred the Kangaroo from taking the Duck out for a ride?
7. Why and where did the duck wish to go with the kangaroo?
8. Do you think the Kangaroo cooperated in fulfilling the wish of the Duck?
9. Write the character of the kangaroo as depicted in the poem. (100 words)
10. How do you rate the friendship of the Duck and the Kangaroo? (100 words)

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**ANSWERS**

1.
  - a. The Kangaroo told the duck, 'I'm ready'.
  - b. The Kangaroo and the Duck were headed to travel round the world.
  - c. The Kangaroo told the Duck 'to balance him well sit steady' because he was taking him for a ride of the world.
  - d. 'Moonlight pale' means the dim light of the moon which is very soft and soothing.
2.
  - a. The Duck bought a cloak to keep out the cold.
  - b. The Duck said 'All to follow my own dear true love of a Kangaroo'.
  - c. He would smoke a cigar so that his body becomes warm and doesn't harm the Kangaroo.
  - d. The poet of the poem is Edward Lear.
3. The Kangaroo was initially happy that he could be of help to the Duck when he expressed his wish to go out in the world beyond. However, on a reflection of the issue he commented that he was afraid of catching cold because the Duck's feet were unpleasantly cold.
4. The Duck wished to go out in the world beyond because all his life he had stayed in the pond and was bored of being confined to a place. He had seen the Kangaroo hop and fly over the land and the sea. He thought that the Kangaroo was very happy to move around. This aroused his desire and he wished to see the world.
5. The poet used acts like using worsted socks, buying a cloak, smoking a cigar to make the poem a little humorous so that the children find it funny and interesting to read.
6. The Kangaroo felt that the duck stayed in the pond all day long and his feet remain wet. He reflected on the issue and felt that he may catch cold and may also get rheumatism. These thoughts deterred the Kangaroo from taking the Duck out for a ride?
7. Since the Duck got bored of staying in the pond all day long without any places to be seen, he wished to go out with the kangaroo to see the world around the world.
8. The Kangaroo being a good friend fully cooperated in fulfilling the wish of the Duck though initially he was hesitant. He told the Duck about his apprehensions. When the

Duck cleared that he would take precautions so that the kangaroo was not harmed.

9. The kangaroo, as depicted in the poem, was a very good friend and a straight forward bird. He wanted to help his friend in fulfilling his wish but at the same time he didn't want to catch cold or get rheumatism. He was hesitant but was firm in his resolve. He was a god-fearing bird as he said that helping his friend would bring him luck. When the duck told him about the precautions he would take so that no harm was met to him, he agreed. He was so helpful that instead of taking his friend for a ride of the world once, he took him round three times.
10. The Duck and the Kangaroo were very good friends. They discussed all their issues and chatted all day long. The Duck was highly impressed at the hop and flight of the Kangaroo and appreciated his free nature and his movement over the land and the sea. He was always confined to the pond and thus got bored. He expressed his wish to the Kangaroo who with certain apprehensions agreed. Being great friends, the Kangaroo did not hesitate to tell the Duck what his dilemma was. To Clear the doubts the Duck told him that he had already thought of the problem and had purchased worsted sox and a cloak to keep off the cold. He also told him that he would smoke a cigar every day to keep his body warm. This shows that both of them cared for each other.