

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Beehive Poem Chapter-7 The Duck and the Kangaroo
Test Paper-04

1. My life is a bore in this nasty pond,
And I long to go out in the world beyond!
I wish I could hop like you!”
Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.
 - a. Who said, ‘my life is a bore’?
 - b. Why did he say I long to go out in the world beyond?
 - c. What was his wish?
 - d. What is the meaning of word ‘long’ here?
2. “This requires some little reflection;
Perhaps on the whole it might bring me luck,
And there seems but one objection,
is, if you’ll let me speak so bold,
 - a. Who said, ‘This requires little reflection’?
 - b. What was the objection?
 - c. Why did he say, ‘if you’ll let me speak so bold’?
 - d. What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?
3. Why did the Kangaroo say that there seems but one objection?
4. What was the issue that the birds discussed?
5. What were the places that the Duck wanted to visit?
6. What were the things about the Kangaroo that the Duck said, surprised him?
7. What promise did the Duck make to the Kangaroo when he expressed his wish?
8. What did the duck say that he thought over when he sat on the rocks?

Answer the following questions in about 100 words:

9. Reflect upon the character of the Duck with reference to the poem.
10. What were the concerns that the Kangaroo had when he reflected upon the wish of the Duck?

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Answers

1.
 - a. The Duck said, 'my life is a bore'.
 - b. He said 'I long to go out in the world beyond' because he had heard a lot of stories from the Kangaroo.
 - c. His wish was to travel to different places and go out and see the world beyond.
 - d. The meaning of the word 'long' here is wish or desire.
2.
 - a. The Kangaroo said, 'This requires little reflection'.
 - b. The objection was about the wet feet of the Duck.
 - c. He said, 'if you'll let me speak so bold' because he was to raise an objection against the wish
 - d. The rhyme scheme of the stanza is 'aabc'.
3. The Kangaroo said that there seems but one objection because he was afraid of the wet feet of the Duck. He felt that he may catch cold or may get rheumatism.
4. The birds discussed in detail about the problem of Duck's cold feet. The Kangaroo was apprehensive of catching cold or rheumatism. Duck told him that he had taken precautions to set aside the fear.
5. The Duck wanted to visit his friends Dee and Jelly Bo Lee and go over the land and the sea. He also wanted to go over the world beyond.
6. The Duck said that he was surprised at the way the Kangaroo hopped and jumped over the land and the sea. The freedom with which he roamed around also surprised him.
7. When he expressed his wish the Duck promised the Kangaroo that he would sit still quite silent and say nothing but would only quack.
8. When he sat on the rocks the duck said that he thought over the problem of his wet feet and the solution to overcome the same.
9. The Duck was a great person. Though he was surprised at the way the Kangaroo hopped and jumped over the land and the sea, he was concerned about his friend also. He knew that once he expressed his wish to the Kangaroo to take him round the world, he would never say 'No'. Therefore, he prepared himself in such a manner that his friend won't be

hurt but would appreciate his concern. He said 'All to follow my own dear true Love of a Kangaroo' to show that he loved his friend greatly.

10. The Kangaroo was a good friend of the Duck. He said that on reflecting he thought that he had no issues in taking his friend for a ride but had a small concern. Since they were good friends, still he took his friend's permission to speak his dilemma. He said that when he reflected upon the wish of the Duck he observed that the duck had very unpleasantly wet feet which might cause him rheumatism, or he might catch cold. Added to it, he was concerned about his friend's safety and told him to sit quietly at the end of his tail.