

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Beehive Poem Chapter-7 The Duck and the Kangaroo
Test Paper-02

Read the following passages and answer the questions:

1. Said the Kangaroo to the Duck,
 “This requires some little reflection;
 Perhaps on the whole it might bring me luck,
 And there seems but one objection,
 Which is, if you’ll let me speak so bold,
 Your feet are unpleasantly wet and cold,
 And would probably give me the roo
 Matiz!” said the Kangaroo.
 - a. What did the Kangaroo want the duck to do about his feet?
 - b. Why did the Kangaroo say he may get “roo Matiz”?
 - c. What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?
 - d. What is “roo Matiz”?
2. Said the Duck, “As I sat on the rocks,
 I have thought over that completely,
 And I bought four pairs of worsted socks
 Which fit my web-feet neatly.
 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 say that he thought over?
 - b. What did the duck do to keep out the cold?
 - c. Why he wanted to smoke a cigar?
 - d. Give the rhyme scheme of first four lines.

Answer the following questions in about 30 words:

3. What necessitated the purchase of a cloak?

4. Why did the Duck say, 'all to follow my own dear true love'?
5. What did the duck say he would do to protect the kangaroo from his wet feet?
6. What did the Kangaroo want the duck to do, during the journey?
7. To which all places did the kangaroo took the duck and how?
8. Who all were happy after the journey?

Answer the following questions in about 100 words:

9. How did Kangaroo manage to take Duck round the world?
10. Do you consider this poem is humorous? If yes, please quote the instances.

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Answers

1.
 - a. The Kangaroo warned the duck about his wet feet and said he was afraid he would catch cold.
 - b. The Kangaroo said that he may get 'roo Matiz', meaning rheumatism because the Duck's feet were unpleasantly wet.
 - c. The rhyme scheme of the stanza is ababccdd.
 - d. 'Roo Matiz' is comic representation of disease rheumatism which means a getting pain and inflammation of joints or fibrous tissues.
2.
 - a. The Duck said that he had thought over the issue of his wet feet.
 - b. The duck purchased four pairs of worsted socks to keep out the cold.
 - c. He wanted to smoke a cigar to keep his body would remain warm so that the Kangaroo doesn't catch cold.
 - d. The rhyme scheme of the first four lines is abab.
3. The Duck's constant stay in water necessitated the purchase of a cloak to keep away the cold during the journey over the land and the sea.
4. The Duck said, 'all to follow my own dear true love' because he was a great friend of the Kangaroo. He didn't want to hurt him while he takes him on tour over the land and the sea.
5. The duck said that he would put on woolen socks over his wet feet, put on a cloak and smoke as cigar every day to protect the kangaroo from his wet feet.
6. The Kangaroo wanted the duck to sit steady and remain quite at the end of his tail during the journey.
7. The kangaroo took the duck round the whole world three times round. He asked the Duck to sit steady and quiet at the end of the tail.
8. Both the Kangaroo and the Duck were happy after the journey. The Kangaroo because he had helped his friend to fulfill his wish. And the Duck was happy that his love for the Kangaroo helped him in keeping the cold away.
9. The Kangaroo and the Duck were good friends. They used to meet each other regularly

and discuss about their respective lives. The Duck was great appreciator of the Kangaroo's hopping flight over the land and the sea. He expressed his wish to Kangaroo that he has got bored by remaining confined to the pond and wanted to travel round the world. The Kangaroo was afraid that he might catch cold because he remained in water all the time and his feet would be unpleasantly cold. Still on the assurance of the Duck, he managed to take him round the world.

10. Yes, this poem is very humorous. When we think of the Duck and the Kangaroo being good friends itself makes us laugh. More so, when the Kangaroo talks about catching cold and rheumatism. Added to it is the precautions that the Duck decided to take in the form of wearing woolen socks over his webbed feet, putting on a cloak. To add spice to the humor the Duck says that he would smoke a cigar every day. Finally, the way the Duck is made to sit at the end of the Kangaroo's tail. All these instances make us laugh and enjoy the small poem.