

Father to Son

Case Study Based Questions

1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Yet have I killed The seed I spent or sown it where The land is his and none of mine? We speak like strangers, there's no sign Of understanding in the air. This child is built to my design Yet what he loves I cannot share.

(A) What does the father feel in the given lines?

- (a) That his son is responsible for the situation.
- (b) That he is responsible for the situation.
- (c) That no one can be blamed for the situation.
- (d) That he himself should correct the situation.

(B) Fill in the blanks with an appropriate answer.

The figure of speech used in 'We speak like stranger.....'

(C) What do the last two lines of the stanza indicate?

Ans. (A) (b) That he is responsible for the situation.

Explanation: The father holds himself responsible for the present situation. He has used 'I' in the first line to accept his role in the communication gap between him and his child. He is guilty of allowing continued silence or non-communication between them, and also for not understanding the son's aspirations and feelings. Hence, (b) is correct.

(B) simile

Explanation: The figure of speech used in 'We speak like strangers' is simile. Simile means to compare one thing with another using 'as' or 'like'. Here, the father is trying to say that he and his son face a lack of communication between them. A third person will think that they are strangers.

(C) The last two lines indicate that although the son had physical features like his father, the father hardly knew what his child loved.

2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Silence surrounds us. I would have Him prodigal, returning to His father's house, the home he knew, Rather than see him make and move His world. I would forgive him too,

Shaping from sorrow a new love.

(A) What does the line 'Rather than see him make and move his world' indicate?

(B) The father is ready to forgive his son:

- (a) to make sure he doesn't spend money recklessly.
- (b) he wants to let go of all the sorrows
- (c) he wants to be a part of his son's world.
- (d) he wants to be a responsible father.

(C) State whether the following is TRUE or FALSE.

The son feels satisfied about the distance between them.

Ans. (A) The given line indicates that the father was desperate to see his son return home. He didn't want him to make a world of his own.

(B) (b) he wants to let go of all the sorrows.

Explanation: The father is ready to forgive all the sorrows he had inside because of his son. He just wants his son to return to his home so that they can build a healthy relationship.

(C) False

Explanation: When the child speaks for the first time, he shares that he is sad about his present relationship with his father. Both the father and the son are frustrated about their relationship gap.