

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Beehive Poem Chapter-2 Wind
Test Paper-04

Read the following passages and answer the questions:

1. Wind, come softly.
Don't break the shutters of the windows.
Don't scatter the papers.
Don't throw down the books on the shelf.
There, look what you did—you threw them all down.
You tore the pages of the books.
You brought rain again.
 - a. What can the wind do?
 - b. What did the wind tear?
 - c. How should the wind come?
 - d. What do these lines show about the wind?
2. You're very clever at poking fun at weaklings.
Frail crumbling houses, crumbling doors, Crumbling rafters, crumbling wood, crumbling
bodies, crumbling lives, Crumbling hearts---
The wind god winnows and crushes them all.
 - a. Who is very clever?
 - b. What does the wind God do?
 - c. What is the wind clever at?
 - d. Does the wind touch the strong?
3. Who all are disturbed by the wind?
4. What does the wind do with the books?
5. Why does the author ask the wind to come swiftly?
6. How does the wind become the cause of the rain?
7. Why should the earthly people build strong houses?
8. Does the wind god do what we tell him?
9. Why does the poet suggest the people that they have to be strong? (LA)
10. How can you say that the poet of the poem "Wind" is a great lover of mankind? (LA)

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Answers

1.
 - a. The wind can break the shutters of the windows, scatter the papers, and even throw down the books from the shelf.
 - b. The wind tore the pages of the books that were lying on the shelf.
 - c. The wind should come very softly so as not to disturb anything or anyone.
 - d. These lines of the poem show how much powerful the wind can be and how much destruction it can do.
2.
 - a. According to the poet, the wind is very clever.
 - b. The wind God winnows and crushes all the material possessions that are weak.
 - c. The wind is clever at poking fun at weaklings.
 - d. No, the wind only touches the weaklings.
3. The wind disturbs only those people who are not determined. The self-confident people easily overcome the obstacles put before them by the wind. The wind does not have the knack to disturb the peace of mind of such people. The wind blows out weak fires and makes strong fires roar and flourish.
4. The wind tears the pages of the books and also throws them down from the book shelf. The powerful wind scatters the books and sheets of paper on the floor. It disturbs almost everything.
5. The author asks the wind to come swiftly so that the earthly peace and order can be retained. The wind will damage the windows, scatter the papers and even tears the pages of the books. It disturbs everything and everyone. So, the poet pleads for the welfare of the society.
6. The wind sometimes become violent and appears to be a storm. It brings clouds with it from the distant lands. It is a universal fact that whenever the clouds come, rain will accompany them. There is no need to say that the clouds will bring rain.
7. The earthly people should build strong houses so that they may not be damaged by the strong winds. They should be strong enough to endure strong and violent winds and become a challenge to the potent wind.

8. The wind God is all powerful. He is not influenced by the external factors. He neither works on our commands nor does get influenced by them. He is the almighty and sweeps away all weaklings with him.
9. According to the poet, the wind is very powerful. It has power to break the shutters of the windows, scatter the papers and even throw down the books from the shelf. When it blows violently, it brings the clouds. It mocks at the weak and also destroys their homes. The weak persons are really helpless before the wind. But the poet seems quite hopeful. He thinks that when the people build strong houses, they can challenge the wind. Actually the poet wants the people to be strong at heart because a weak person cannot face the challenges of life but a person with a strong heart can do.
10. The poet wants to make people strong at hearts. His desire is that they should be strong enough to face everything, come what may. When we have strong houses, we can protect ourselves from the angry winds. Same way, if we are strong at heart, we can face any challenge in our life. He further says that only the weak persons fail in life and are unable to face the hardships that come their way. He wants that everyone should be strong enough to face each and every situation with strength and make their life happy. Such thought can only be of a lover of mankind. He really is a humanist and his heart is filled with compassion for mankind.