

INSPIRATION COACHING CENTRE

◆ Dust of Snow

- i. healing (c)
- ii. 2, 4 & 6 (b)
- iii. (d)
- iv. Has given my heart / A change of mood (a)
- v. The cawing of the crow hidden in the foliage (d)

◆ Fire and Ice

- i. (b)
- ii. Fire-1,2,4; Ice-3,5 (d)
- iii. powerful warning (a)
- iv. (d)
- v. preaches love and kindness (c)
- vi. serious (b)

□ Q10 (20–30 words)

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i. What was poet probably doing?

The poet was probably walking alone in a sad mood. He might have been thinking about his problems when the dust of snow suddenly fell on him and changed his mood.

ii. What does hemlock tree suggest?

The hemlock tree suggests a cold and gloomy setting. It also symbolises sadness or negativity, reflecting the poet's depressed mood at the beginning of the poem.

iii. If crow's droppings fell instead?

If crow's droppings had fallen, the poet might have felt irritated or disgusted. Instead of feeling better, his mood could have worsened and his day might have become even more unpleasant.

◆ Fire and Ice

i. How did World War I influence theme?

World War I showed destruction caused by human anger, greed and hatred. It made people realise how negative emotions can destroy the world, which influenced the theme of the poem.

ii. Slogan for poem

“Human emotions can destroy the world — control desire and hatred before it is too late.”

□ Q11 (40–50 words)

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i. Why is it loved?

This poem is loved because it shows how small moments can change our mood. Frost conveys a deep message in simple words. The idea that nature can heal sadness makes the poem meaningful and relatable.

ii. Sense of black and white

The poem creates a black and white contrast. Black represents sadness, gloom and negativity through crow and hemlock tree. White snow symbolises purity and hope that changes the poet's mood and makes his day better.

iii. Crow and hemlock used differently

Usually crow and hemlock represent negativity and death. But here they bring happiness and positive change. Frost shows that even unpleasant things can create joy and transform our mood unexpectedly.

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i. Tone vs seriousness

The poet uses a calm and simple tone while discussing the serious topic of world destruction. This contrast makes the message stronger and shows how casually humans treat dangerous emotions like hatred and desire.

ii. Pessimistic outlook

The poem presents a pessimistic view because it shows that human emotions like greed and hatred can destroy the world. It warns that if such feelings continue, they may lead to total destruction.

iii. Natural disasters context

Fire may represent volcanic eruptions, forest fires and global warming. Ice may represent freezing, glaciers and cold indifference. Both natural and human-made disasters can destroy the world, supporting the poet's idea.

□ Q12 (100–120 words)

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i. As a crow (breaking stereotypes)

Humans often consider me a symbol of bad luck and negativity. I feel hurt by this misunderstanding. In reality, I am just a part of nature, playing my role in maintaining balance. In the poem, my simple action helped the poet change his mood and saved his day. This shows that appearances can be misleading and every creature has its own importance. People should stop judging others based on stereotypes. Just like humans, we also contribute positively to the world. It is time to break these false beliefs and respect all living beings equally.

ii. As Robert Frost for e-zine

Life often brings sadness and disappointment, but small moments can change everything. One day, a simple incident of snow falling from a tree changed my mood and made my day better. It taught me that even unpleasant things can bring happiness. We must stay hopeful and notice little joys around us. Every problem has a solution and every dark cloud has a silver lining. Nature teaches us valuable lessons if we observe carefully. Positivity can come from unexpected places. Therefore, we should never lose hope and always look for beauty in small moments of life.

◆ Fire and Ice

i. Diary entry as Nelson Mandela

10 May 1994, Tuesday, 10 p.m.

Today, as I became President of South Africa, I recalled Robert Frost's "Fire and Ice". Our

country has suffered from hatred, racism and violence for many years. This hatred acted like ice, slowly destroying humanity. Anger and desire for power acted like fire, causing pain and division. I realise that if such emotions are not controlled, they can destroy nations and the world. We must replace hatred with love and understanding. Only then can we build a peaceful and united society. Frost's poem reminds us that human emotions shape the destiny of the world.

ii. Speech for classmates

Dear friends,

Many believe that human greed and hatred will destroy the world. But I believe we can control these emotions and create harmony. Fire and ice represent negative feelings, yet humans also possess love, kindness and compassion. If we choose understanding over anger and sharing over greed, we can build a peaceful world. Each of us has the power to bring change. Let us spread positivity, respect and unity. Instead of destroying the world, we can make it a better place to live in. The future of the world depends on our actions and choices.