

INSPIRATION COACHING CENTRE

A Tiger in the Zoo – FULL ANSWERS

Q3 MCQ Answers

(A)

i. a

ii. c

iii. b

iv. a

v. d

(B)

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iii. b

iv. d

v. c

Q10 (20–30 words)

i. Tiger's eyes speak a language

The tiger's eyes express anger, sadness and helplessness. They silently show his suffering in captivity and his strong desire to return to the freedom of the jungle.

ii. Cruelty of captivity

The tiger is locked in a small concrete cell and deprived of freedom. He cannot hunt or roam freely. This unnatural life highlights human cruelty towards animals kept in cages.

iii. Counter statement

The poet does not celebrate the tiger's strength. Instead, he highlights its helplessness. Despite being strong and powerful, the tiger is trapped in a cage and cannot use its strength.

Q11 (40–50 words)

i. Has tiger lost natural instinct?

Yes, captivity has weakened the tiger's natural instincts. Instead of hunting in forests, he walks angrily inside the cage. He ignores visitors and cannot express his true power, showing how captivity destroys natural behaviour and freedom.

ii. Tiger's response to visitor

Please stop staring. You have no idea how painful this life is. I belong to the jungle, not this cage. I miss running freely and hunting my prey. Your curiosity cannot understand my loneliness and suffering.

iii. Counter view: Zoos beneficial

That's just one-sided. Zoos are beneficial too. Firstly, they protect endangered animals from hunters and extinction. Secondly, they create awareness among people about wildlife conservation and help in research and breeding programmes.

Q12 (100–120 words)

i. Diary entry of tiger

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9:00 p.m.

I feel helpless and frustrated inside this small concrete cell. Once I roamed freely in the jungle, but now I am forced to walk behind bars. Visitors stare at me as if I am an object of entertainment. My strength and power have no meaning here. I miss the cool shade of trees, the fresh air and the thrill of hunting. I feel angry at humans who have taken away my freedom. I long to return to my natural habitat where I can live with dignity and independence. I hope that one day I will be free again and live the life that nature intended for me.

ii. Animal court: Tiger vs Man

Tiger's accusations

The tiger accuses humans of cruelty by capturing wild animals and keeping them in cages for entertainment. He also blames humans for destroying forests and natural habitats, leaving animals homeless and helpless.

Man's defence

Humans defend themselves by saying that zoos protect endangered animals and provide them safety from hunters. They also help in conservation, research and education so that people learn to respect and protect wildlife.

iii. Comparison with "How to Tell Wild Animals"

The tiger in "A Tiger in the Zoo" is shown as sad and helpless in captivity. It represents the pain of losing freedom and natural habitat. In contrast, the tiger in "How to Tell Wild Animals" is shown humorously as a dangerous and wild creature in the jungle. While the first poem creates sympathy for the tiger and criticises captivity, the second poem uses humour to describe wild animals. Both poems highlight the tiger's strength, but in different ways. One shows its helplessness in a cage, while the other shows its ferocity in the wild.