

## 1.1 A Teenager's Prayer

**Q. 1. Read the following extract of the poem and do the activities:**

**A1. State whether the following statements are True or False :**

- (i) God helps us to choose the road that we take.
- (ii) Every day brings new beginnings.
- (iii) The narrator requests God to help him to bring out the best in him.
- (iv) The roads which are darkened lead towards success.

Each day brings new beginnings

Decisions I must make.

I am the only one to choose

The road that I will take. I can  
choose to take the road of life

That leads to great success. Or  
travel down the darkened road

That leads to great distress.

Please open up my eyes, dear Lord

That I might clearly see. Help  
me stand for what is right

Bring out the best in me.

**A2. What decisions does the speaker have to take?**

**A3. Write down the rhyming scheme of the first stanza**

Q.3	B) Read the poem. Write critical appreciation of the poem with the help of the following points.	[5]		
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i)	Title of the poem -	1/2		
ii)	Poet of the poem -	1/2		
iii)	Rhyming scheme	1		
iv)	Figures of speech (any one) -	1		
v)	Central idea of poem -	2		

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#### Q. 1.

A1. (i) False (ii) True (iii) True (iv) False

A2. There are two roads in front of the speaker. The one which leads to great success. And the other which is full of darkness which leads to great distress. He wants to take a decision about the right road of life which will bring success in his life.

A3. a b c b

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1. **Title :-** The title of the poem is 'A Teenagers Prayer'
2. **Poet :-** The poem is written by 'J Morse'
3. **Rhyme Scheme :-** The rhyme scheme of the poem is 'abcb'
6. **Figures of speech: -** The figure of speech in the poem:-
  - i) Apostrophe - ex. Please open up my eyes dear lord,
  - ii) Alliteration - ex. Travel down the darkened road.
5. **Theme/ Central Idea: -** The teenager age is very important in person's life because in that time person decides the path of future. If the person choose right path then he will be successful & If he will choose wrong path then the person will fail. So the teenager age is asking to show the right path to the god to create positivity,

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