

## Test Paper 1.3 Hope is the thing with feathers Std. 9th

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

**‘Hope’ is the thing with feathers -**  
‘Hope’ is the thing with feathers -  
That perches in the soul -  
And sings the tune without the words -  
And never stops - at all -  
And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -  
And sore must be the storm -  
That could abash the little Bird  
That kept so many warm -  
I’ve heard it in the chilliest land -  
And on the strangest Sea -  
Yet - never - in Extremity,  
It asked a crumb - of me.  
**- By Emily Dickinson**

**A1. Simple Factual Activity:**

**Complete the following lines from the poem:**

- (1) The hope-bird is sitting in the .....
- (2) Singing of the bird .....
- (3) Its song is the ..... at the time of storm.
- (4) ..... has heard the bird's song in most difficult circumstances.

**Answer:**

- (1) The hope-bird is sitting in the **soul**.
- (2) Singing of the bird **never stops**.
- (3) Its song is the **sweetest** at the time of storm.
- (4) **The poetess** has heard the bird's song in most difficult circumstances.

**A2. Complex Factual Activities:**

**Match the following:**

**'A'**

**'B'**

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| (1) Hope           | (a) difficulties and problems |
| (2) Gale/storm     | (b) a nest in the tree        |
| (3) keep warm      | (c) a very small bit          |
| (4) chilliest land | (d) toughest times in life    |
| (5) a crumb        | (e) provide comfort           |
|                    | (f) Bird                      |

**Answer:**

- (1) Hope - **Bird**,
- (2) Gale/storm - **toughest times in life**,
- (3) keep warm - **provide comfort**,
- (4) chilliest land - **difficulties and problems**,
- (5) a crumb - **a very small bit**.

**A3. Activities based on Poetic Devices:**

**(1) Write the rhyming pairs of words from the poem:**

**Answer:**

(1) soul-all (2) feathers-words (3) heard-bird (4) storm-warm (5) sea-me

**Appreciation**

**‘Hope’ is the thing with feathers - ‘**

**1. Title -** The title of the poem is ‘Hope is the thing with feathers- ‘

**2. Poet -** The author of the poem is Emily Dickinson.

**3. Rhyme Scheme -** The rhyme scheme of the first 2 stanzas is ‘**abab**’ whereas in the third stanza is ‘**abcb**’.

**4. Figure of speech -** Personification:

**5. Theme / central Idea -**

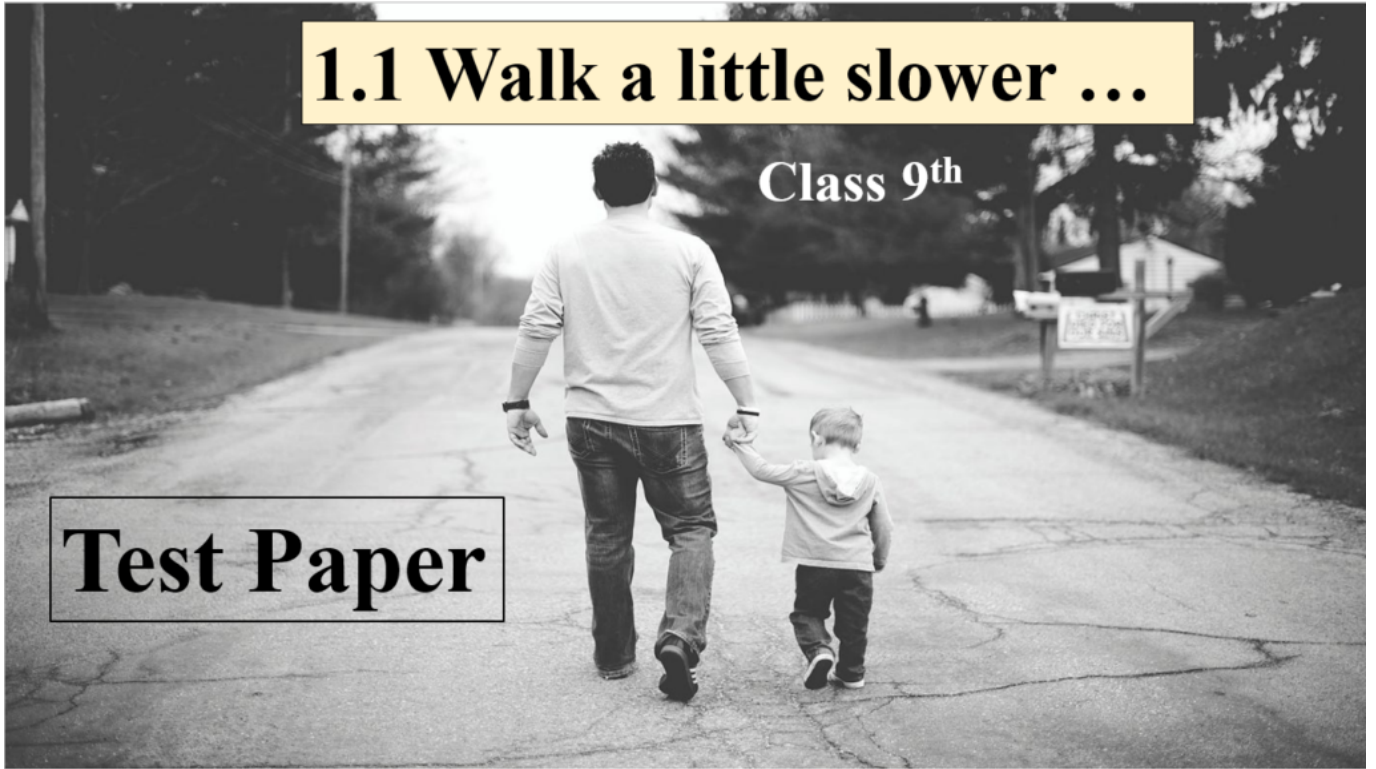
The central idea or theme of the poem is the important role that hope plays in our lives. According to the poet, hope is like a small bird that lives in our soul. It helps us keep going even during the toughest times and asks for nothing in return.

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## 1.1 Walk a little slower ...

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## 1.2 The Fun They Had

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