

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 -

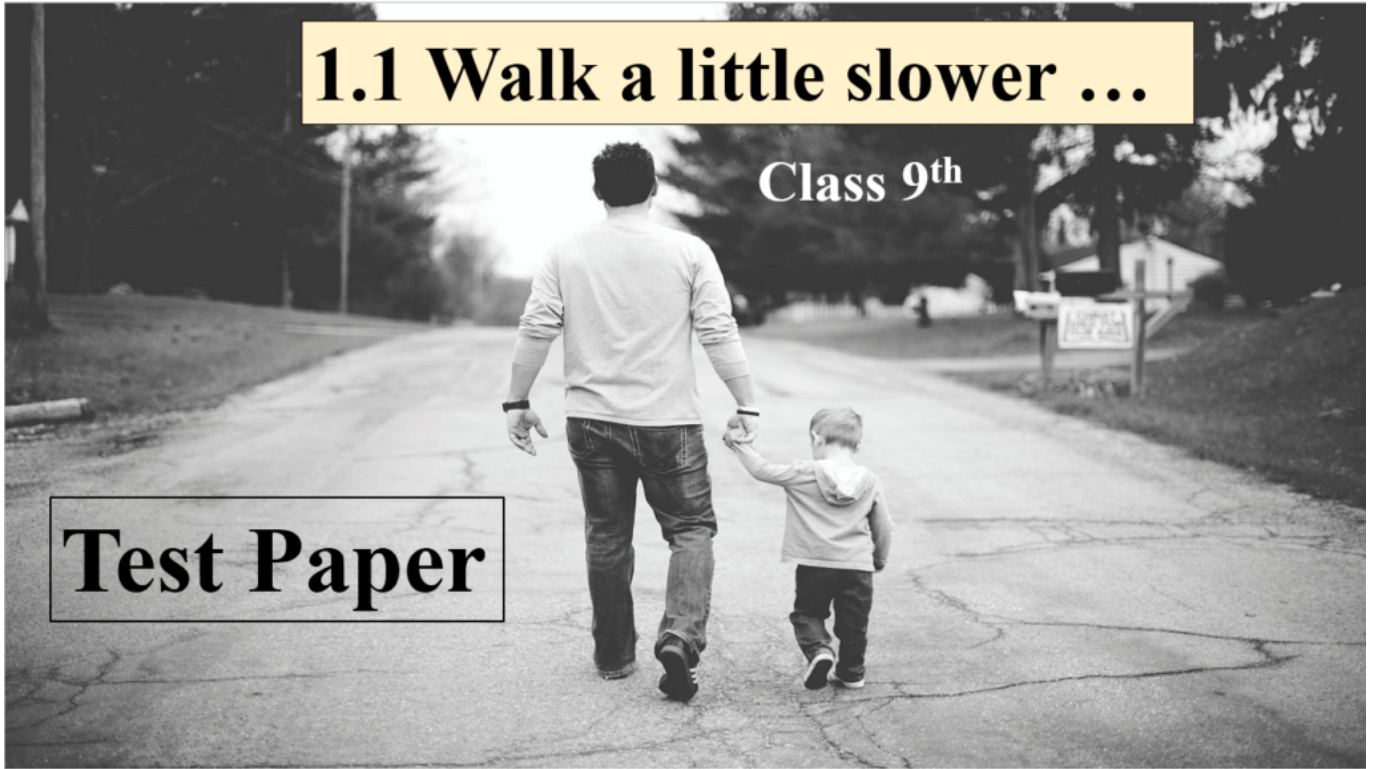
The central idea or theme of the poem is the important role that hope plays in our lives. According to the poet, hope is like a small bird that lives in our soul. It helps us keep going even during the toughest times and asks for nothing in return.

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1.2 The Fun They Had

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