

# 2.1 You Start Dying Slowly ...

Class 10<sup>th</sup>

## Test Paper with Answers

### Test Paper on 2.1 You Start Dying Slowly With Answers

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**Q.1) Read the following extract & do the activities.:**

**A1. Choose the correct alternative and complete the sentences:**

1. The poet suggests to listen to .....

**(the sound of animals/ the sound of life.)**

**Ans:** The poet suggests to listen to **the sound of life.**

1. The poet suggests to speak.....

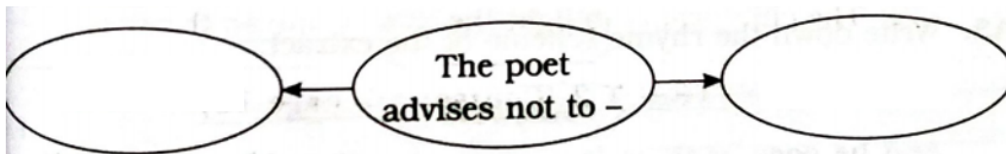
**(unfamiliar people/parents)**

**Ans:**

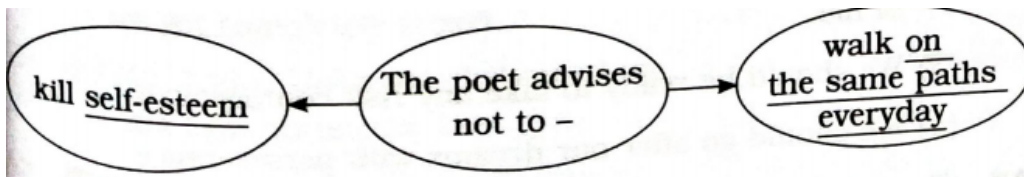
The poet suggests to speak **unfamiliar people**

If you do not travel,  
If you do not read,  
If you do not listen to the sounds of life,  
If you do not appreciate yourself.  
You start dying slowly...  
When you kill your self-esteem;  
When you do not let others help you.  
You start dying slowly...  
If you become a slave of your habits,  
Walking everyday on the same paths...  
If you do not change your routine,  
If you do not wear different colours  
Or you do not speak to those you don't know.  
You start dying slowly...

**A2. Complete the web:**



**Ans:**



**A3. Find nouns of following describing words:**

1. different - **colours**
2. same - **paths**

**Q.2) Read the following extract & do the activities.:**

**A1. State if these pieces of advice by the poet are Right or Wrong:**

1. Avoid strong feelings and their unsteady emotions.

**Ans: (Wrong)**

1. When you are not satisfied even then don't change your life.

**Ans: (Wrong)**

1. Go after your dream.

**Ans: (Right)**

1. Show the courage to risk something.

**Ans: (Right)**

If you avoid to feel passion  
And their turbulent emotions;  
Those which make your eyes glisten  
And your heart beat fast.  
You start dying slowly...  
If you do not change your life  
when you are not satisfied with your job,  
or with your love,  
If you do not risk what is safe, for the uncertain,  
If you do not go after a dream,  
If you do not allow yourself,  
At least once in your lifetime,  
To run away from sensible advice...  
- Pablo Neruda

**A2. According to the poet, we should do the following things to make our life worth living:**

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....

**Ans:**

1. We should be passionate.
2. If we are not satisfied with our job or love, change our ways of life.

3. We should be ready to take any risk courageously.
4. We should go after our dreams with perseverance.

**A3. Write down the rhyme scheme of the extract.**

**Ans:** There is no rhyme scheme – The poem is written in **free verse**.

**Q.3) Write an appreciation with help of given points:**

**Ans:**

**2.1 You Start Dying Slowly ...**

**1. Title :-** The title of the poem is 'You Start Dying Slowly ...'

**2. Poet : -** The poem is written by 'Pablo Neruda'

**3. Rhyme Scheme : -** There is no rhyme scheme. Poem is Free Verse.

**6. Figure of speech: -** Repetition, Metaphor, Anthesis

**5. Theme / Central Idea: -** The poet is telling us to do new things every day and avoid negative thoughts and always be positive. We should enjoy each and every moment of our life. Trust yourself and love what you do.

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