# 'The Blind Boy'

The speaker of the poem is

- A. the poet himself B. a blind boy C. story teller d. doctor
- 2. A thing not enjoyed by the blind boy is
- A. gifts of sun B. gifts of nature C. gifts of sight D. day and night
- 3. The person addressed as 'you' in the poem 'The Blind Boy' is
- A. the poet B. social worker C. the eye specialist D. the people with sight
- 4. The which is not seen by the blind boy but felt by him is
- A. the earth **B. the sun** C. the moon D. his body
- 5. The blind boy feels the sun by
- A. touch B. day C. night D. warmth
- 6. The blind boy can hear his hapless sorrow from
- A. his sigh B. others' sigh C. joy of others D. sigh of the other blinds
- 7. The blind boy cheers his mind by a
- A. nature B. birds song C. **his song** D. voice
- 8. The tone of the blind boy in the poem 'The Blind Boy' is
- A. surprise B. curiosity C. sadness D. jealousy.

## 1. "The blessings of the sight" can you list out a few of them?

Ans.: Day and night, beautiful colours, and the beauty of nature around us are the blessings of the sight.

# 2. How does a blind person understand whether it is day or night?

Ans.: Whenever the blind person is awake it is day, when he is asleep it is night for him. Sun does not make his day or night.

# 3 How do others feel about the blind boy? What is his reaction?

Ans.: People feel sorry for the blind boy and try to show sympathy towards him. The blind boy says that he does not really understand what he is missing so he does not feel that his life is miserable.

## 4. How does the blind boy pacify himself?

Ans.: People sympathize with the blind boy. But the boy does not want to be unhappy about what he cannot get. Though he is poor and blind, he feels rich because he is happy.

## 5. What a normal person understand is almost a riddle to the blind boy. What is it?

Ans.: We can recognize day and night. The blind boy can feel the warmth of the sun, but doesn't know how the sun can make day and night because when he falls asleep it is night and whenever he is awake it is day for him.

## 6. What is the message of the poem 'The Blind Boy'?

Ans.: The message of the poem 'The Blind Boy' is we should be happy and contented with what god has given us. We should not spoil our happiness by trying to get what we can't.

#### **Extracts**

## 1. I feel him warm, but how can be or make it day or night?

A. Who is I here?

Ans Blind Boy

B. Whose warmth does he feel?

Ans - sun

C. Why does he wonder how he makes day or night?

Ans: The blind boy cannot see the sun rising or setting. So he wonders how he can make day or night.

## 2. and, could I ever kee6p awake with me 'twere always day

a. Who is the speaker?

Ans- the blind boy

b. What is he trying to convey here?

Ans-there is no difference between day or night for him. When he awake it's a day and when he sleeps it's a night for him.

c. Why does speaker feel so?

Ans: he was blind and could not see.

# 3. But sure with patience I can bear a loss never can know.

a. What is the 'loss' the speaker cannot know?

Ans.: The loss here refers to the blessings of sight.

b. How does he face the loss? ':

Ans.: The blind boy does not feel sorry for what he cannot have

c. What does it show about him?

Ans.: He bears his loss patiently and cheerfully.

## 4. 'Then let not what I cannot have my cheer of mind destroy''.

a. What made the speakers say these words?

Ans.: When people felt sorry for the blind boy and felt that he cannot enjoy many things, then the blind boy said these words.

b. What was the reply of the speaker?

Ans.: The blind boy does not want to be unhappy about things he cannot get. He wishes to remain cheerful at all times.

c. B. What is that he cannot have? What is the cheer of his mind?

Ans: He cannot have his sight back. Singing is his cheer of mind.

## Paragraph answer

## Write the summary of the poem

This poem describes the feeling of the blind boy. He has never seen light so he wonders what light is like. He wishes to know what his blessings of sight are. People round him talk of beautiful things they see. They say that sun shines bright but he can only feel the warmth of the sun. he can't understand how the sun brings about night and day. He feels day when he is awake and night when he sleeps. He hears people pitying him but he does not feel sorry for himself. He decides that he will not make himself unhappy over something he can't get. He would be happy as a king by being ever cheerful.