

UP BOARD 10th English

Dust Of Snow

Question Answer (हिंदी अर्थ सहित)

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2. How does frost present nature in this poem?

Ans. Frost presents nature in a very different manner in the poem:- Pervasively in other nature poems we often see the use of birds such as nightingale, cuckoo, peacock, sparrows etc. But here Frost has used a crow in the poem which totally a different thinking.

A crow is considered inauspicious and is generally taken as bad omen with something dark, black and foreboding. Thinking of a crow brings depressing and sorrowful images in our mind.

Q.(ii) Again 'what is 'a hemlock tree'? why does not the poet write about a more 'beautiful' tree such as a maple, or an oak, or a 'pine'?

Ans. The poet uses 'A Hemlock Tree' which is poisonous tree. Frost did not write about a more beautiful tree such as a maple, or oak, or pine because these trees are a symbol of happiness, beauty and positivity whereas the poet wanted to symbolise the feeling of Regret and sadness which a hemlock tree signifies as it is also considered inauspicious that is why he has used 'a hemlock tree.'

Q.(iii) What do the 'crow' and 'hemlock' represent joy or sorrow? What does the dust of snow that the crow shakes off a hemlock tree stand for?

Ans. Both the 'crow' and 'hemlock' represent sorrow. 'The Dust of snow' that the crow shakes off represents the natural and sudden Joy that Frost experiences. The Dust of Snow signalled something nice and joyful which changes his mood.

3. Have there been times when you felt depressed or hopeless? Have you experienced a similar moment that changed your mood that day?

Ans. Yes, I have felt depressed or hopeless several times like when I lost in a competition for which I practiced really hard and a time when I performed badly in my exams. Yes I experienced a similar moment that changed my mood that day when I was encouraged by my family and friends on both the above mentioned situations. Those encouraging words like "There is always a second chance" healed me and made my approach optimistic.