

## FIRE AND ICE

### QUESTION BANK

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

1. Some say the world will end in fire

Some say in ice.

- (a) The name of the poet is .....
- (b) 'The end of the world' means 'the extinction of .....
- (c) There are two different opinion about the end of this world.
- (d) Find a synonym of 'extinction' from the stanza.

2. Some say the world will end in fire

Some say in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire

I hold with those who favour fire.

- (a) The poet feels that the world will end in fire as he .....
- (b) The poet favours those who think that ..... For the destruction of the world.

- (c) The expression 'taste of means .....
- (d) Find out the word which means 'come to extinction' from the stanza.

3. But if it had to perish twice,

I think I know enough of hate

- (a) The world will not destroy. It will remain forever.
- (b) The word will perish .....
- (c) In the above line 'It refer to .....

(d) Give a synonym of 'vanish' from the stanza.

4. But if it had to perish twice,

I think I know enough of hate

(a) 'I' in the above lines refers to .....

(b) 'It' in the above lines refers to .....

(c) The world will be extinct twice. True False

(d) Give an antonym of 'affection' from the stanza.

**Short Answer Questions**

Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.

5. What are the ideas about how the world will end, according to the poet?

6. Why does the poet favour those people who think that the world will end in fire?

7. What do people say about the world? Does the poet agree with them?

8. Fire and ice are very powerful things to destroy the world. Prove that ice is more powerful in the light of the poem 'Fire and ice'.

9. What kind of poem is 'Fire and Ice'? Give your views about the idea conveyed through the metaphors used in this poem.

10. In what sense 'Fire and Ice' is a complete poem?

11. In the poem 'Fire and Ice' there is an apparent contrast but inherent unity.

Illustrate this point.

12. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem? How does this rhyme scheme establish contrasting ideas in the poem?

**Long Answer Questions**

13. In the poem 'Fire and Ice' there is an apparent contrast but inherent unity.

Illustrate the point with reference to the theme of the poem.

