

Chapter: Amanda

1. Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow in a line or two:

(i) (I am an orphan, roaming the street,
I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.
The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.)

- (a) How come silence is golden?
- (b) Give a synonym of 'roaming'.
- (c) What is Amanda upto in this stanza?
- (d) What poetic device is used in this stanza?

(ii) (I am Rapunzel, I have not a care;
life in a tower is tranquil and rare;
I'll certainly never let down my bright hair)

- (a) Does Amanda live on a tower?
- (b) Why will Amanda not let down her bright hair?
- (c) What is the underlying poetic device used in this stanza?
- (d) Find from the passage a word which means the same as 'serene'.

2. Answer these questions in 30-40 words:

- (i) Justify the title of the poem?
- (ii) What could Amanda do if she were a mermaid?
- (iii) Is Amanda an orphan? Why does she say so?
- (iv) How life on a tower would be different from life anywhere else for Amanda?
- (v) Why does Amanda seem moody most of the times?

3. Answer the question in 120-150 words:

- (i) Discuss the importance of proper upbringing with reference to the poem Amanda by Robin Klein.
- (ii) How does Amanda tackle the nagging nature of her parents? Explain with examples from the poem. What values does it portray about Amanda?
