

**SAINIK SCHOOL GOPALGANJ**

**SUB – ENGLISH**

**CLASS – XII**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**Ch 11: Keeping Quiet**

**A. Given below are four options against each question. Choose the option which you consider the most appropriate as your answer.**

1. What does the poem 'Keeping Quiet' speak about?
  - A) the necessity to be happy
  - B) the necessity to introspect , understand and have feelings of brotherhood
  - C) the necessity to work quietly
  - D) none
2. What does counting upto 12 signify and how will it help?
  - A) hours of the day
  - B) months of a year
  - C) it will help to create peace and harmony
  - D) all
3. What is the essence or message of the poem ?
  - A) introspection and retrospection to be more peaceful and be in harmony
  - B) to prosper
  - C) to be happier
  - D) to reach out more people
4. Why does the poet ask people not to speak?
  - A) because it creates noise
  - B) he doesn't like noise
  - C) it makes things unpleasant
  - D) because it creates barriers or obstacles in the form of misunderstanding amongst people
5. Not move our arms' what does this expression refer to?
  - A) sit quietly
  - B) stand quietly
  - C) to be inactive
  - D) sitting still without any movement

**B. Answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words.**

- Q6. Do you think the poet advocates total inactivity and death ?

- Q7. What is the 'sadness' that the poet refers to in the poem?
- Q8. How would keeping quiet affect the life in and around the sea ?
- Q9 'Life is what it is about;How is keeping quiet related to life ?
- Q10. Why does one feel 'a sudden strangeness' on counting to twelve and keeping quiet ?
- Q11. What are the different types of wars mentioned in the poem ?

**C. Answer the following questions in about 120 words.**

- Q12. Write in brief the summary of the poem 'Keeping Quiet'.
- Q13. What does the Earth teach us? What does the poet mean to achieve by counting upto twelve? What is the significance of 'keeping quiet'?