

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 at 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'?