

SAINIK SCHOOL GOPALGANJ

SUB – ENGLISH

CLASS – XI

ASSIGNMENT

Ch 14: Childhood

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

1. What did the poet find out about Hell and Heaven?
 - A. it was in sky
 - B. it was an imaginary place
 - C. it doesnt exist
 - D. it was with god

2. What did the poet realise about adults?
 - A. that they are mature
 - B. they have to earn money
 - C. they are not what they seem to be
 - D. they are cunning

3. Why are the adults not what they seem to be?
 - A. they talk and preach of love but do not act so
 - B. they are very shrewd
 - C. they are manipulative
 - D. they are double-faced

4. What did the poet conclude about his lost childhood at the end of the poem?
 - A. it went to another dimension
 - B. It went to some forgotten place
 - C. it moved away with time
 - D. it shifted to his younger sibling

5. What did the poet sense about himself when he realised he could use his own mind the way he wants?
 - A. he sensed that he is as intelligent as his friends
 - B. he sensed his own individuality and a separate personality
 - C. he sensed that he is very smart
 - D. he sensed that he could use his mind in creative work

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

- Q6. The poet has discussed two stages of life – childhood and adulthood. How do we differentiate one from another?
- Q7. What did the poet realise when he crossed the age of eleven years?

- Q8. How did the poet conclude that Hell and Heaven were imaginary places?
- Q9. Bring out the hypocrisy that the adults exhibit with regard to love.
- Q10. What did the poet notice about independent thinking? How important was this discovery?
- Q11. What is the poet trying to convey when he says that childhood is hidden in an infant's face?

C. Answer the following questions in about 120 words.

- Q12. Write an article in about 150 words about childhood and the process of growing up.
- Q13. Is independent thinking a step towards adulthood? If yes, then how? Explain with reference to the poem 'Childhood'.
- Q14. Childhood is an essential state in the process of growing up, but it can't go on forever." Discuss.