

Chapter: Fire and Ice

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

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) What is the poet's opinion of the world in these lines?
- (b) What is the poet's opinion about the world?
- (c) What is the contradictory opinion of public?
- (d) How are ice and fire similar to each other though they have contradictory traits?

2. Answer these questions in not more than 30 words:

- (i) How can 'fire' and 'ice' contribute to the destruction of the world?
- (ii) Why does the poet say, "I've tasted of desire, / I hold with those who favour fire"?
- (iii) What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?
- (iv) How does Robert Frost caution the common man?

3. Answer the question in 100-120 words:

- (i) The poem 'Fire and Ice', carries with it very deep thematic ideas. Elaborate on these darkest traits of humanity in the form of descriptive paragraph/ a letter to a friend.
- (ii) draw three circular 'suns' on the notebook, labeled, 'fire', 'ice' and 'world'. Associate 'fiery' emotions (such as, desire, jealousy, anger, rage, greed, burning ambition, etc.) through each 'ray' of the 'sun' with one. Similarly, associate 'icy' emotions (indifference, hate, rejection, abandonment, loneliness, emptiness, etc.) through each 'ray' of the 'sun' with other.