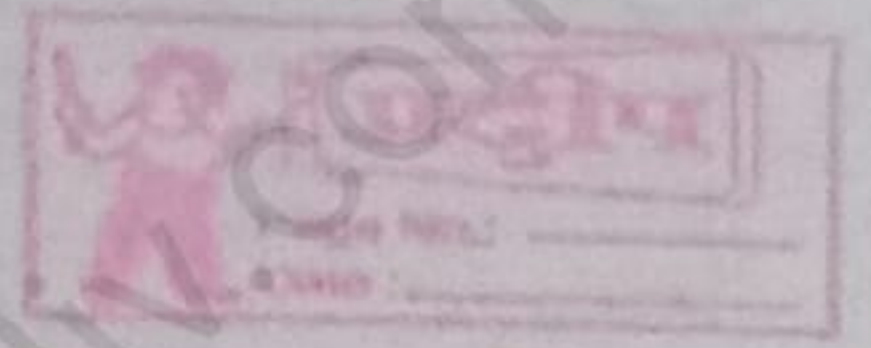


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poem - Childhood

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1. When did - - - - - day!

Q1 - What different possibilities according to the poet in the process of childhood

Ans1 - There are various possibilities according to the poet. ~~one growth in terms of years~~

1. growth in terms of years
2. Rationalism
3. Rationalism Realisation of the falsehood & the hypocrisy of the adults.

Q2 - When does poet lose his childhood?

Ans - The poet lost his childhood when he started reasoning about the existence of hell and heaven

Q3 - What makes the child doubt the existence of hell and heaven?

Ans - He ^{didn't} now finds existence of hell and heaven in geography

2. When did my - - - - - day!

Q1 - What does the poet think about the adults?

According to the poet adults are full of hypocrisy.

Q2 - What does the poet think about preaching and practice of adults?

Ans2 - The poet thinks that preaching and practice of adults are contradictory.

Q3 - What idea do you get about the child who learns to see through the hypocrisy of adults?

Ans3 - The child is moving towards maturity he has found the difference between face values and real values.

3. When did - - - - - day!

Q1 - When does the poet realise that his mind is really his?

Ans - He finds himself master of his mind and he comes to trust his ability to reason and think.

Q2 - How has the poet become independent now?

Ans - He has gained maturity in his thoughts.

Q3 - What does child experience in the process of growing up?

Ans - He experiences relief of ~~exp~~ restrictions imposed on him and his capacity to have individual thoughts that enhances in his confidence and gives him a sense of pride.

4. When did - - - - - I know

Q1 - What does the 1st line of stanza indicate?

Ans1 - The 1st line of this stanza indicates a shift in thoughts of a growing child.

Q2 - How does the speaker feel about the loss of his childhood?

Ans2 - The speaker regrets the loss of childhood which was a period of innocence and make a believe world.

Q3 - What is the mental condition of the poet here?

Ans The poet is puzzled at sudden change in his thoughts.

Poetic Devices -

1. Alliteration - my mind was really mine
thoughts that were not those.
2. Refrain - ~~Repeated lines~~ Repetition of same line in every stanza
ex! - when did my childhood go?
Was that the day!
3. Anaphora - Repetition of words in beginning of two or more lines.
ex - was that the day!

Ques - what according to the poem is involved in the process of growing up?

Ans - According to the poem the loss of childhood is involved in the process of growing up. This loss is compensated by some gains which come with adolescence. These gains are:-

- increase in understanding
- power of rationalism & discrimination as well as sense of individuality & self confidence.

Ques - what is the poet's feeling towards childhood?

Ans - The poet regards childhood as an important stage in the process of growing up. Childhood is a period of make believe. Children accept whatever the elders say. The poet doesn't feel any regret or a sense of loss to losing his childhood.

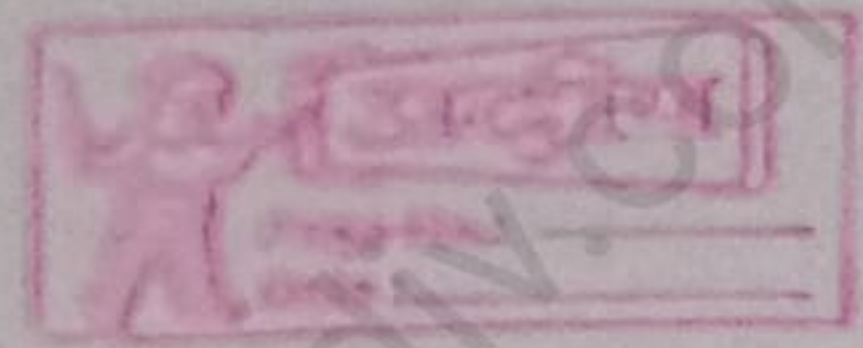
Ques - what which do you think are the poetic lines? why?

Ans - It went to some forgotten place,
That's hidden in an infant's face,
That's all I know.

These lines beautifully sum up the process of growth and the disappearance of the particular stage of life. The infant's innocent face hides many things behind its smile. Perhaps the childhood that lies hidden in some forgotten place the line buried deep inside ~~at~~ inside a child's consciousness.

Ques - Childhood is an essential state in the process of growing up but it can't go on forever.
Discuss

Ans - Childhood is the most important part of life. Children learn many things during this period.



period of life. They don't care much about anything other than their necessities. Children learn by playing, falling and again standing on their feet. Childhood is the age where a person learns everything very quickly hence proper training should be provided. But a person cannot live his/her whole life in that age. He/she needs to grow up and take responsibility. Hence childhood is the essential part of life but we need to grow up to survive.