

## 'A Tiger in the Zoo'

### WORKSHEET

#### Reference to the context:

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

A) He should be lurking in shadow,  
Sliding through long grass  
Near the water hole  
where plump deer pass.

- a) Who is 'he' referred to here? How does he walk through the grass?
- b) Why does he lurk in the grass?

B) He should be snarling around houses  
At the jungle's edge.  
Baring his white fangs, his claws,  
Terrorising the village!

- a) Why does 'he' snarl?
- b) How does he show his presence?

C) Stalking the length of his cage,  
Ignoring visitors.

- a) Why does 'he' ignore visitors?
- b) 'Stalking the length of his cage' – Explain.

#### Short answer type questions (30-40 words)

- 1) How is the tiger in the cell?
- 2) Describe some of the activities of the tiger as stated by the poet.
- 3) How does the tiger terrify the villagers?
- 4) How does the tiger behave at night?
- 5) What does the poet think where should the tiger be?
- 6) What does the poet want to convey through the poem?

#### Long answer type questions (100-150 words)

- 1) And stares with brilliant eyes 'At the brilliant stars.' We can no longer do that –  
How do we feel about the 'tigers in the zoo'? You can even imagine yourself in captivity.
- 2) Do you agree that wild animals should be caged? Justify your answer.