

'Dust of Snow'

Reference to the context:

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

A) The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of now
From a hemlock tree

- a) Where was the crow sitting?
- b) What did it shake on the poet?
- c) Find a rhyming word of 'crow' from the above extract.
- d) How was the poet's state of mind at that time ?

B) Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued.

- a) Name the poem and the poet.
- b) Of what change does the poet mention here?
- c) What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?
- d) Which word in the passage means same as 'held in regret'?

Short answer type questions (30-40 words)

- 1) Where do you think the poet was? What happened to him?
- 2) What happened when the dust of snow fell on the poet? How was the poet's mood before that incident?
- 3) Why was the poet standing under the hemlock tree?
- 4) How does Frost present nature in this poem?
- 5) What do the 'crow' and 'hemlock' represent – joy or sorrow?
- 6) What is the tone of the poem 'Dust of Snow'?

Long answer type questions (100-150 words)

- 1) A simple moment proves to be very significant and saves the rest of the day of the poet from being wasted – Explain on the basis of the poem 'Dust of Snow'.
- 2) How many symbols do you find in this poem? What is the purpose to use those symbols?

- 3) No matter how ordinary or unimportant an incident may be, it's the reaction or the response that matters. Taking inspiration from the poet's reaction, write how inherent values can be picked up and learnt. Mention any two lessons that could be useful.