

CHAPTER-06**THE PEACOCK****Answer the questions in 20-30 words each**

1. Comment on the lines that make you visualise the colourful image of the peacock.
2. What are the cues that signal the presence of the peacock in the vicinity?
3. How does the connection drawn between the tail and the eyes add to the descriptive detail of the poem?
4. How does the poem capture the elusive nature of the peacock?
5. The peacock is a colourful bird. How does the poem capture the various colours that its plumage displays?
6. How does the poem capture the elusive nature of the peacock?

Read the extracts and answer the questions.

1. I was told

That you have to sit in the veranda

And read a book

Preferably one of your favourites

With great concentration.

The moment you begin to live

Inside the book

A blue shadow will fall over you

a) what has the poet to do in the veranda?

- b)Where has the poet to sit?
- c)What does he experience there?
- d) Why has the poet to put concentration?

2."The wind will change direction,

The steady hum of bees

In the bushes nearby will stop

The cat will awaken and stretch

Something has broken your attention"

- a)What will the wind do?
- b)What happens to the bees?
- c)How does the cat behave?
- d)whose attention has been broken and how?

3. "And if you look up in time

You might see the peacock turning away

As he gathers his tail

To shut those dark glowing eyes

Violet fringed with golden amber

It is the tail that has to blink

For eyes that are always open"

- a)what will you see if you look up?
- b)Who gathers tail?
- c)Which colours are mentioned to describe the peracock ?
- d)What do you mean by eyes?