

TIGER IN THE ZOO

QUESTION BANK

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

1. He stalks in his vivid stripes

The few steps of his cage,

(a) The expression 'vivid stripes' shows that the tiger is of

(b) The length of the cage is very small.

(c) 'He' the tiger is At present.

(d) Find a word in the extract which means same as 'to walk in an angry manner'

2. He should be lurking in shadow,

Sliding through long grass

(a) Give a synonym of 'prowling' from the stanza.

(b) The tiger should be lurking

(c) The tiger was sliding through long grass. True False

(d) The tiger was lurking because he was

3. But he's locked in a concrete cell,

His strength behind bars,

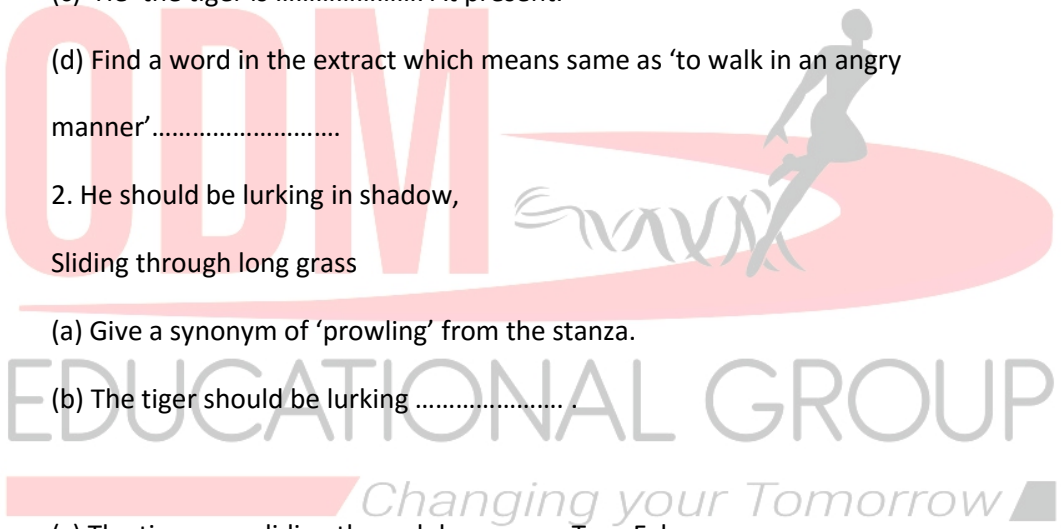
Stalking the length of his cage,

Ignoring visitors.

(a) The tiger mentioned in the poem is one.

(b) The tiger was freely roaming outside the house. True False

(c) The tiger is stalking inside the cage and



(d) Give an antonym of 'weakness' from the stanza.

4. He hears the last voice at night.

The patrolling cars,

And stares with his brilliant eyes

At the brilliant stars.

(a) 'He' in the above passage is

(b) The last voice at night was the sound of

(c) The tiger looks at the brilliant stars. True False

(d) Find a word for 'bright' from the extract.

Short Answer Questions

Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.

5. What would the tiger do in the forest?

6. What kind of contrast do you find in the poem? Do you think that tigers should be always kept in the zoo?

7. Why does the tiger express his anger while he was kept in a cage in the zoo?

Give reasons with reference to the poem.

8. 'Freedom is a birthright. It is valuable not only for humans but also for all creatures.' Describe the statement in the light of the poem, 'A Tiger in the Zoo'.

9. What message does the poem provide you? Give reasons for your answer.

10. How does the poet use images to two contrasting situations in the poem? Illustrate the point with graphic description.

11. There are two poems-one about a tiger and the other about a panther. What is your point of view regarding their conservation in the present scenario?

12. Describe the movements and actions of the tiger in the zoo and that in the wild.

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

Answer the following question in 100-150 words each.

13. 'Freedom is the birthright.' In the light of this statement, show how the poet contrasts a tiger in the zoo and a tiger in his natural habitat.

