

NIGHT OF THE SCORPION

QUESTION BANK

1. What drove the scorpion inside the house?
2. Where did the scorpion crawl?
3. Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence.
4. The word 'flash' means —
 - a. a cowardly action
 - b. a quick and sudden action
 - c. a wicked action
5. Why does he call the tail 'diabolic'?
6. Who came into the house?
7. What is the scorpion referred to in the third line?
8. Why did the peasants say the name of God a hundred times?
9. Whose shadows were thrown on the walls?
10. Choose the correct option
11. The phrase 'clicked their tongues' expresses
 - a. The peasants' worries about the sting.
 - b. The peasants' sorrow for the mother.
 - c. The peasants' failure to find the scorpion.
12. Pick out a simile and a metaphor from poem
13. How many times 'they said' has been repeated?
14. Who are 'they' in the poem?
15. Why did they want the scorpion to sit still?
16. The peasants, in the poem, are praying for the woman. They begin each prayer with the word 'may'. The repetitive use of the word is known as chanting. It also shows here the peasant's concern for the suffering woman. List the prayers that the peasants make for the mother
17. The poet says that his father who was a rationalist tried everything. Why did he do so? Pick out the correct answer from the options given below:
 - (i) because the father had changed
 - (ii) because the father wanted to do what others were doing
 - (iii) because the father was deeply concerned

- 18 . Why did the mother feel relieved?
19. Who is the 'I' in the poem?
20. What does the poem say about a mother?
21. How was the mother bitten by the scorpion?
22. How did the villagers come to the aid of the woman?
23. How did the peasants view the stinging in a positive manner?
24. What type of man was the father? How did he treat his wife?
25. How did the mother respond after the recovery?

