

Q1) ~~The~~ Where was scorpion hiding?
Why?

Ans - The scorpion was hiding beneath a sack itself from ~~the~~ the ~~rain~~ rain.

Q2) Why did the peasants come to the speaker's house?

Ans The ~~peasan~~ peasants came to the narrator's house when they found out that the narrator's mother had been stung by a scorpion.

Q3) ~~The peasan~~ Who clicked their tongues?
Why?

Ans- The peasants clicked his tongues to express their condolences and sympathy as they ~~watched~~ the watched the narrator's mother writing in pain.

Q Give an example of a superstition from the poem.

Ans- ~~Supplimentary~~ Superstitions are irrational ~~or~~ beliefs held by a community based on some natural ~~or~~ ~~or~~ ~~supernatural~~ supernatural ~~neighbour's~~ occurrence. They are ~~usually~~ usually believed to bring good or bad luck. An instance found in the poem is the neighbour's belief that with with

with every movement the sorcerer casts
~~its~~ its poison spreads in the ~~at~~ blood
~~directly~~ affected.

Q) How will the world be ~~benefit~~ benefited
from the mother's suffering?

Ans The mother's suffering will diminish
all ~~e~~ all evil in this world as
per the superstitious belief of the
poor peasants.

Q) In what kind of a setting do you think
the poem takes place? Give evidence from the poem.

Ans It is quite evident that the poem is set
in a poverty - ~~stricken~~ stricken

household in an underdeveloped area, most probably in a remote village. The people are illiterate and are steeped in superstition. There is no mention of any health care facility. Even the father who is a rationalist had to depend on powders, mixtures and herbs instead of taking his wife to a doctor. Moreover, the details such as mud-baked walls, lanterns and candles also portray the image of rural settings.

② Why do you think the scorpion stung the mother just before escaping into rain again?

Ans

The scorpion probably stung the mother as an act of ~~self defence~~ self defence.

③ Explain the phrase: 'giant scorpion shadows'.

Ans

The peasants were standing in a huddle, and against the light of the candles and lanterns their shadows appeared in the shape of scorpions.

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Q) Why do think the peasants started praying for the mother?

Ans. According to the peasants, a scorpion sting was fatal as it had no cure. They

were completely unaware of the available medical facility and praying was the only way to help the mother. Their only hope was that their prayers would help to cure the mother of her pain. One of the ancient methods of treatment was to eliminate the affected body part so as to stop the infection or poison from spreading to the rest of body.

The villagers instead of calling in a doctor started praying. What does it tell us about them?

Ans. The peasants were ignorant and unfamiliar with the wonders of modern medicine. They were also poor. Though they wanted to help the mother, they couldn't. Praying and sympathizing were the only ways they could express their care and support.

② Why would you have done if you were one of the peasants?

Ans- If I were one of ~~of~~ the peasants; I would ~~be a~~ have called the ~~the~~ village to give immediate treatment of ~~the~~ woman.
the woman.