

O/A A- Reading

1- What are the five things according to the camel no one cares about?

Ans- According to the camel, no one cares about where it rests, eats, lives, how much load it carries or its shape.

2- Which are the things that human beings can help the camel with?

Ans- Human beings can help get the camel better food, more comfortable places to live and rest. They can also help to reduce the load that the camel carries. The look, shape, size and features of the camel can't be changed.

3- How do human beings look after the living arrangements of other animals?

Ans Human beings let cats rest on chairs, chickens roost upon rails and kittens stay in warm houses. They build stable for puppies, enclosures of lambs, coops for hens and pens for sheep.

4 Which animals does the camel compare to itself?

Ans: The camel compares itself to canary-birds, parrots, poodles, chickens, puppies, oysters, lambs, hens, kittens, pigs, giraffes, oxen, rabbits, foxes, snakes, weasels, alligators and lizards.

5- How are the last lines of every stanza similar? What is the meaning of the word 'does' in this context?

Ans: The last lines of every stanza are similar as they all begin with 'But'... and say how no

one cares very much about the camel. The last line of each stanza is written the style of 'anything / anyplace / any load / any shape does for me'. In all these lines, the camel is saying that no one cares about how it lives, rest or looks. The word 'does' means work here.

B. Think and answer.

1 How does the camel sound - unhappy, grateful, jealous or something else? Could it be proud? Give examples to support your answers.

Ans - The camel may sound unhappy and jealous when it compares itself with other animals and describe how they have better places to live, better things to eat, and even better shapes than the camel. It even calls itself a 'poor camel' because it is not cared for in the same way as other animals. The poem is also titled the 'plaint' of

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the camel. However, the camel could also be proud that it can adjust so well to different conditions. No matter what the place, food or load, the camel can take care of itself.

Q: What does this poem say about how helpful the camel is to human beings?

Ans: The poem mentions that the camel is sometimes ridden by entire families. This tells us how the camel is useful to human beings. Also, people do not bother much about what the camel eats or where it stays. This tells us that the camel can live and work without any special arrangements. People use camels without having to worry too much about its food or shelter.