

CHAPTER 7

WHERE THE MIND IS WITHOUT FEAR

True/False Questions

1. The poem mentions that the world should be broken up into fragments by domestic walls. (True / False)
2. The poet prays for his country to remain asleep. (True / False)
3. "Tireless striving" in the poem refers to laziness. (True / False)
4. The poem describes a "heaven of freedom" as the ultimate goal. (True / False)
5. The clear stream of reason is lost in the desert sand of dead habit. (True / False)

Fill in the Blanks

1. Where the mind is without fear and the head is held _____.
2. Where words come out from the depth of _____.
3. The world should not be fragmented by narrow _____ walls.
4. The "dreary desert sand" symbolizes _____.
5. The poet addresses his prayer to _____.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What does the poet mean by "narrow domestic walls"?
 - a) Physical houses
 - b) Divisions like caste, religion, or nationalism
 - c) Tall buildings
 - d) Fences
2. Which phrase symbolizes stagnation and outdated traditions?
 - a) Clear stream of reason
 - b) Dreary desert sand of dead habit
 - c) Tireless striving
 - d) Heaven of freedom
3. What does the poet want his country to achieve?
 - a) Wealth
 - b) Fear and division
 - c) Freedom through rational thought and unity
 - d) Strict rules

4. "Where knowledge is free" implies:

- a) Education should be costly
- b) Knowledge should be accessible to all
- c) Only the rich deserve knowledge
- d) Schools should be closed

5. What does "tireless striving" aim for?

- a) Perfection
- b) Laziness
- c) Destruction
- d) Isolation

6. Who is the poet addressing in the last line?

- a) A political leader
- b) A friend
- c) "My father" (likely a spiritual figure)
- d) A teacher

7. The "clear stream of reason" contrasts with:

- a) A river
- b) Dead habit

c) Truth

d) Fear

8. The poem is primarily a:

a) Celebration of war

b) Prayer for awakening and progress

c) Criticism of education

d) Love story

9. What is the opposite of "ever-widening thought and action"?

a) Creativity

b) Narrow-mindedness

c) Freedom

d) Truth

10. Which line emphasizes unity over division?

a) "Where the mind is without fear"

b) "Where the world has not been broken up into fragments"

c) "Where words come out from the depth of truth"

d) "Where tireless striving stretches its arms"