

## Chapter 7: Where the Mind is Without Fear

Choose the correct meaning of the underlined words from the given options.

**1. "Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high"**

- (a) **full of terror**
- (b) **lacking courage**
- (c) **free from fear**
- (d) **confused**

**2. "Where knowledge is free"**

- (a) **costly education**
- (b) **restricted learning**
- (c) **secret information**
- (d) **accessible to all**

**3. "Narrow domestic walls"**

- (a) **small houses**
- (b) **physical barriers**
- (c) **divisive prejudices (e.g., caste, religion)**
- (d) **garden fences**

**4. "Words come out from the depth of truth"**

- (a) **shallow lies**
- (b) **honest and sincere speech**
- (c) **loud arguments**
- (d) **written documents**

**5. "Tireless striving"**

- (a) continuous hard work
- (b) lazy efforts
- (c) occasional attempts
- (d) hopeless struggle

**6. "Dreary desert sand of dead habit"**

- (a) lively traditions
- (b) meaningless routines
- (c) joyful customs
- (d) new practices

**7. "Clear stream of reason"**

- (a) logical thinking
- (b) muddy water
- (c) emotional outbursts
- (d) religious beliefs

**8. "Ever-widening thought and action"**

- (a) limited ideas
- (b) progressive thinking
- (c) repetitive tasks
- (d) closed-mindedness

**9. "Heaven of freedom"**

- (a) ideal state of liberty
- (b) prison of rules
- (c) strict discipline
- (d) chaotic anarchy

**10. "Let my country awake"**

- (a)remain asleep**
- (b)become enlightened and progressive**
- (c)follow old traditions blindly**
- (d)ignore change**

Multiple Choice Questions

**1. What is the central theme of the poem?**

- (a)Celebration of nature's beauty**
- (b)A prayer for India's spiritual and intellectual freedom**
- (c)Criticism of modern technology**
- (d)The importance of family bonds**

**2. What does the poet mean by "narrow domestic walls"?**

- (a)Physical walls of houses**
- (b)Barriers of caste, creed, and division**
- (c)School classrooms**
- (d)Gardens with high fences**

**3. Which phrase reflects Tagore's desire for intellectual freedom?**

- (a)"Where the head is held high"**
- (b)"Where the world has been broken into fragments"**
- (c)"The dreary desert sand of dead habit"**
- (d)"Where words come out from the depth of truth"**

**4. What does "the clear stream of reason" symbolize?**

- (a)A river in India**
- (b)Logical thinking**
- (c)Religious rituals**
- (d)Political speeches**

**5. What is the tone of the poem?**

- (a) Satirical and mocking
- (b) Hopeful and prayerful
- (c) Angry and rebellious
- (d) Sad and nostalgic

**6. To whom is the poem addressed?**

- (a) The British government
- (b) The poet's father
- (c) God ("My Father")
- (d) The Indian people

**7. Which line opposes blind adherence to traditions?**

- (a) "Where knowledge is free"
- (b) "Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection"
- (c) "The dreary desert sand of dead habit"
- (d) "Where words come out from the depth of truth"

**8. What does Tagore envision as "the heaven of freedom"?**

- (a) A place with no rules
- (b) A society with fearless minds and progressive thoughts
- (c) A literal paradise after death
- (d) A country with strong military power

**9. Which poetic device is used in "dreary desert sand of dead habit"?**

- (a) Simile
- (b) Alliteration
- (c) Metaphor
- (d) Personification

**10. What is the original title of the poem in Bengali?**

- (a) Gitanjali**
- (b) Nabiedya**
- (c) Prarthana (Prayer)**
- (d) Sonar Tori**