



ENGLISH
BALL POEM
MCQ Test

Name: _____

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Class: X Sec: ____

	Choose the correct answer from the options given below under each questions:
1.	What is the boy's reaction at the loss of the ball? A. The boy is least affected. B. The boy is trembling and devastated at the loss of the ball which was valuable to him. C. The boy is searching for the ball. D. The boy asks his parents to get him another ball.
2.	Where had the boy's ball gone? A. In the dark waters of the harbour. B. In the deep forest. C. In the flowing river. D. In the basement of the building.
3.	What according to the poet, the boy has to realise? A. The boy has to realise what it means to lose a thing that is most dear to him. B. The boy has to realise the value for money. C. The boy has to realise not to be upset. D. The boy should realise the importance of time.
4.	What does "in a world of possessions" mean? A. It means possessing various items. B. It means a world full of artificial things. C. "In the world of possessions" means a world full of material things valued, owned and priced because of their worth. D. The world where everyone is materialistic.
5.	"He senses first responsibility"—what responsibility is referred to here? A. The responsibility to cope with or bear the loss through self understanding on losing the ball. B. The responsibility to take charge of his feelings. C. The responsibility to not lose your things. D. The responsibility to be happy in every situation.
6.	What does the poet mean by the epistemology of loss? A. It means that loss is transient. B. It means that loss is painful. C. It means to understand the nature of loss. D. It means to cope with life.
7.	The poet does not offer a new ball to the boy because he wants him to learn the value of ____. A. responsibility B. loss C. money D. ability
8.	While recovering from the loss, what does the boy in the 'The Ball Poem' realize? A. We must learn to move on. B. Loss is a part and parcel of life. C. It was just a ball. D. Both (A) and (B)
9.	The poet does not offer to buy the boy another ball because: A. it would be worthless B. he should understand the meaning of loss C. he does not have the money D. he will lose the other ball also
10.	What does the poet mean by saying 'money is external'? A. Lead to peace and prosperity.



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	B. Only buy emotions. C. Only buy materialistic things and not emotions and attachments. D. Buy all the happiness in the world.
11.	The poem suggests that the poet is A. an onlooker observing C. the boy talking about himself B. a parent recounting the incident D. imagining the incident
12.	The poem begins with a question. Based on your reading of the poem answer. The speaker A. wants the boy to answer the question. B. expects the passers-by to respond. C. is looking for answers in a self-help book. D. is thinking to himself.
13.	Why does the speaker choose not to intrude? This is so because the poet A. knows that it would embarrass the boy in his moment of grief. B. feels that it's important that the boy learn an important life lesson, undisturbed. C. realises that he doesn't have sufficient funds to purchase a new ball for the boy. D. Experiences a sense of distress himself, by looking at the boy's condition.
14.	Identify the poetic device used. "<i>Merrily bouncing down the street</i>" A. Metaphor C. Repetition B. Alliteration D. Imagery
15.	What does a ball cost? A. 5 dimes C. 1 dime B. 10 dimes D. 4 dimes
16.	How does the child react at the loss? A. stands rigid C. stares B. trembles D. all of them
17.	Name the literary device used in "And no one buys a ball back." A. Metaphor C. Alliteration B. Simile D. Anaphora
18.	Why does the poet decide not to condole the boy? A. He is busy C. It will be of no use B. He is indifferent D. He is happy
19.	Pick the option that lists the boy's thoughts, matching with the line- As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down. 1) I wonder how I can retrieve the ball. I guess I'll need help. 3) I think I can catch it if I run through this alley. I must cut it off before it falls into the harbour.  2) Good riddance! Now I can get a new one. I've been waiting for a while . 4) Oh! I've lost it. It's gone. It's gone forever. That was all the time I had with it. That time is over... A. Option 1 C. Option 3 B. Option 2 D. Option 4
20.	Who is the poet of the Ball poem? A. Leslie Norris C. Carolyn Wells B. John Berryman D. Robert Frost