

Chapter: A Tiger in the Zoo

1. Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow in a line or two:

(i) He stalks in his vivid stripes,
The few steps of his cage,
On pads of velvet quiet,
In his quiet rage.

- (a) Why the tiger could walk only a few steps?
- (b) How does the tiger move in the cage?
- (c) What are the two qualities of the animal under reference?
- (d) Why is he in quiet rage?

(ii) He should be snarling around houses
At the jungle's edge,
Baring his white fangs, his claws,
Terrorising the village!

- (a) What does the poet try to suggest through these lines?
- (b) How does the tiger scare the people?
- (c) Why does 'he' snarl?
- (d) How does 'he' show his presence?

2. Answer these questions in 30-40 words:

- (i) The poet has described some of the activities of a tiger behind the bars of its cage. Write them.
- (ii) Why does the tiger express his rage quietly?
- (iii) Where should the tiger have been according to the poet?

3. Answer the question in 120-150 words:

- (i) Love for freedom is the natural instinct of every living being. Comment with reference to the poem.
- (ii) Is it right to confine wild animals into cages? Why or why not? Justify with your logic.