

PART A - POETRY

4. "Robert Frost uses nature to deal with the nature of people". Refer to poems of Frost and justify the statement.

Robert Frost is the famous American poet. Through out his poems, "Stopping by woods on a snowy Evening" is a poem in which speaker stops to watch snow falling through the trees and consider the darkness of the journey ahead.

"To watch his woods, fill up with snow"

This line describes the human weakness.

The poet points at the evidence of civilization nearby with the word's 'house' and 'village'. They are aware of other people but they don't know the speaker is there. Moreover, they're sure that the tenant didn't notice them, given the heavy snow in thick woods, most people remain in-doors; the narrator seems to enjoy this solitary existence. The narrator is passing by someone's residence, feeling satisfied with their shadowy existence. They have stopped briefly to take in the wondrous view in front of them.

"The darkest evening of the year."

With the phrase "the darkest evening of the year," it is easy to assume that this poem takes place on the night of the winter solstice, but this can also be interpreted to refer to the more difficult times in a person's life. "The darkest evening of the year" could be literal, or it could mean that the speaker is having a hard day. If so, it's all the more reason to stop and take a breather from the stresses and difficulties demanded by life, while their horse looks on without a care in the world.

" He gives his harness bells a shake"

As a reader of the poem we should feel the same peace the narrator is describing. The narrator continues to describe the thoughts they believe are in the horse's mind, which currently shakes its bell as it trudges along the road. The bells jingle playfully indicating the horse's inclination to leave the woods for good, which feels gloomy and solitary. Since the horse can't speak its mind, the narrator chooses to.

And the other poem is the "Mending wall". Through out this poem narrator says that there is something mysterious in nature that does not want walls. That something always destroys the

walls, making the gap in the wall through which two people can easily pass. The narrator says that sometimes the wall is damaged by some careless hunters.

“Mending walls” is one of the poems that suggests a wiser perspective on the boundary wall. It also tells how good fences make good neighbors and how we can keep our relationship with our neighbors peaceful and stable by establishing walls. This poem makes the reader realize the important of walls and boundaries between two countries. It is also describing the nature of the people. In our lives, where a wall acts as a hurdle for people like seemingly unsociable, it also helps respect the privacy of your neighbors. After all we all are living in a civilization society. It is always better to maintain a distance and good fence keep that distance maintained.

Therefore, in this poem, poet taking the natural examples and tried to emphasize the natural behaviors of the people in the society and how they should act as the relations and the neighbors.

Part B-short story

5. "The short story Mudaliyar's wife by Nirmali Hettiarachchi is a reflection of present-day society and its issues". Comment.

‘Mudaliyar’s wife’ is a short story written by Nirmali Hettiarachchi. This story mainly discusses about a rich businessman and his beautiful young wife. And from this story we have to learn lots of things for our lives. In the story that beautiful wife is always telling lies to her husband. But her husband loves her lot and initially her husband trust her because of his pure love for her. From this story we can learn what are the results that if we are telling lies to others. And as the author says that, Mudaliyar is an old man and his wife is young and beautiful than Mudaliyar. Therefore, we can understand there is an age gap between them. We should marry a person that suitable for us. Special quality is the age gap. Because age different is caused for many problems. Because people have different ideas at different age ranges.

In this story that girl liked to marry that old person. But their age different is high. According to my opinion, I think sometimes she married that person for his money. Because every parent wants to give good life for their children. Because of that, her parents also liked to agree with this marriage. That is the common thing happens in the present society. But I think it is the unfair thing. Because although that young girl marries that old man, she likes to live with a handsome boy. That’s why she tries to falling love with the English master. That is the common thing. Because all the girls in the society like to marry, love and live with a beautiful, young boy.

And according to this story, as a teacher, that master must try to keep his relation as a teacher and student. But he neglected his duties and do the wrong things. And also, as a married woman, Mudaliyar’s wife should try to satisfy her marriage life with her husband. Although Mudaliyar’s is a busy man, she should understand the situation and live. And Mudaliyar also had to responsibility to lookafter his wife better than then. Mudaliyar’s busy life also caused to begin that problems. And the lack of understanding with each other’s also caused to happen these types of problems in a marriage life. If the Mudaliyar’s understand his wife and wife understand about his husband, that problems may be solved.

And this story says that Mudaliyar is the rich person and he always has meetings in Colombo. He associated high class society and he always tries to enhance the power and become rich. Therefore, it emphasizes the too much hunger of the things. Usually in the society people are hunger for money. So, they miss their personal life. That's the thing always happening in the society. And also, we must have an ability to satisfaction from the things we have and we get. But people are not satisfying by the things they have today. They find new things.

And I think a young lady always expect the love and caring from their husband. And according to this story I think Mudaliyar's wife did not get the love that she expected from his husband. That's why she seeks for other man's love and affection. Also, sometimes we can call it as her vulgarity. But I think she is seeking for a sexual life. But she didn't get that life from her husband. And the lack of patience is the other thing of that caused to an unsuccessful marriage life. But in this story Mudaliyar had good patient till the end.

According all those points I think this story is a good example for our society and we can learn many things from this story. The present society we can see the stories that are same for this story. I think above lack of the above facts are caused to an unsuccessful marriage life.

PART C- DRAMA

8. "Some people suffer as a result of the behavior of those who are around them". Comment on this statement in relation to the drama "The Alms Giving" by Regi Siriwardena

'The alms giving' is a drama written by Regi Siriwardhana. This story mainly focused on a big family in the society. And all the names are based on the western culture such as Florence, Daisy, Monty.

In this story we can say there is a good relationship among the family members. When we discuss about the character "Florence", she is a widow. And she hides a secret for a long time because of her sister's happiness. Although she had her own daughter, she couldn't tell it to the world because of her sister's family. Because she had to take care and think about her sister's marriage life. Florence had miserable life in that time.

"when she accompanied Daisy akka to Hambanthota, Flo was in her fifteen years"

This line emphasizes that, Florence was pregnant in her fifteen because of her sister's husband. But she bearup that and hide that secret from her sister's children. Florence could not marry another person and she hadn't a job. She could not give education and more love to her daughter.

"Sriyani:- oh yes, I'm not as learned as you, I don't know all these big words. Have you forgotten that I was never give a chance.....? I was turn in to another household drugged like punchiamma"

According to the story, Sriyani is the Florence's daughter. These lines emphasize that Sriyani was suffered a lot. And she could not study well in her childhood. Her real mother is Florence. But until the end she didn't know that who is her real mother. She thought Daisy was her real mother. She was born as an illegitimate child. Everyone discriminated her. In their childhood she got punishment because of the Sita's faults. She never had love and affection from her parents and others. That's why she became a cruel woman to the society.

Now Sriyani is 40 years and still she is an unmarried lady. And also, she is an uneducated woman. Now she is uncared from this society. She is loneliness. She hated all of the family members. All those things happened to her because of the elder's faults. Specially all those things happened because of the Daisy's husband's faults.

We know past generation in upper class families had male domination. That generation women hadn't their freedom. Always they belittled their family. Their childhood they surrendered to their father. Then the marriage life, they surrendered their husband. After they surrendered, to their sons. This is the tradition of the upper-class families.

"Mr Rankinda:- it is not the property; he didn't trust me after everything I'd done. He didn't trust me in the end. He changed his will without telling me"

In these lines we can understand, wife was afraid to her husband. She hadn't ability to talk with her husband directly. Because of her husband's decisions, she had to suffer a lot. Because her husband didn't give enough property to his own children.

"but I knew it wasn't only that, he also suffered simply because she was there, and how can you blame him. She was younger than me, and she still beautiful. I knew he couldn't help it, he still desired her"

These lines emphasize the Daisy's love for her husband and her own sister. She can't blame against for his husband because of the true love. Therefore, she had to keep her love with her mind and suffering whole the life alone.

And when we move to the character "Ranjith" he is the only one son in the family. He didn't marry yet. He is 38 years old. Mrs.Daisy loves her son. Because of this love sometimes he becomes very nervous. That relationship was a strong and powerful bond. Everyday, she wanted to see her son around her. Sometimes mother's more love is deadweight for Ranjith.

"Ranjith:- No amma, I'll be quite open and front with you. I went away because in your loneliness you demand more attention, more love from me, than I was able to give"

These lines emphasize how mothers love feels for Ranjith's life. This clearly emphasize that Ranjith can't take a straight decision because of his mother's love and affection. That is burden for his mind. That is also example of the suffering of the people from other's behavior. In this drama most of the situations we can see all the members are suffering from other people's bad or good behavior.

