**9TH JK ANSWER KEY (COLD WITHIN, AN ANGEL IN DISGUISE)**

1. What does the word ‘trapped’ signify in the poem? 2

Ans. The word ‘trapped’ means to be caught in a situation from which one cannot escape. In the poem, the six people did not want to be together willingly as each one hated some other in the group. They are coincidentally together and hence seem to be ‘trapped’.

1. Why did the poor and the rich man both, refuse to give their logs? 3

Ans. The poor man saw a rich man in the group. He hated the rich as he thought that they were idle and had earned all the wealth only by exploiting the poor. While the rich man only thought of the wealth in his store and wanted to protect his log from the poor, whom he thought to be lazy and shiftless.

1. What is meant by ‘Cold within’? Does it affect humanity? Justify your answer. 4

Ans. The cold within refers to the lack of warmth in the hearts of the people mentioned in the poem. Yes, it affects humanity. The hatred within each of the six people mentioned in the poem was a result of selfishness, greed, intolerance, discrimination and arrogance. The cold within caused the death of all the people. Similarly, such hatred and cold attitude of people towards each other, if not curbed, will lead to destruction and humanity at large.

1. Which tragic incident had taken place two years ago? 2

Ans. Maggie, who was the youngest among the siblings, had suffered a spine injury caused by a fall from a window two years ago. She was then bedridden and needed to be lifted up for any kind of movement.

1. Who was Joe Thompson? Describe him briefly. 3

Ans. Joe Thompson was a wheelwright. He was rough in exterior but had a heart which was tender towards children. He liked them and was pleased when they came to his shops. He would make or mend their sleds and wagons without charging them.

1. Why did Joe give his wife the biblical reference? 2

Ans. Joe gave his wife the biblical reference to make her realize that even God loved children. Joe wanted to invoke sympathy and love in his wife’s heart for the poor, sick and desolate child Maggie.

1. Was Joe sure later that his wife would accept Maggie permanently? Give evidences 4

Ans. Yes, Joe was sure later that his wife would accept Maggie permanently. When Mrs.Thompson was talking to Maggie, there was no pain or bitterness on her face only a sad expression. After Joe had given the biblical reference, Mrs. Thompson was touched. She said that she would go and get some things to eat. Most importantly she asked Maggie if the food was good which showed she cared about her.