

## Comprehension

- A. 1. The adjective 'yellow' is used to suggest the colour of the decaying leaves during autumn.
2. The poet felt a sense of regret for not being able to travel down both the roads.
3. The poet could see the first road till it curved beneath the thick undergrowth.
4. The poet decided to take the first road some other time. This is because the second road seemed more attractive as it was less used.
- B. 1. a. The second road which forked out from the diverging roads is being referred to as 'the other'.
- b. The phrase indicates which of the roads appeared more attractive to him. The second road seemed less travelled by, being grassier and lacking in use. To the curious poet, that was more attractive.
- c. Both the roads looked similar. Moreover, they were similarly untrodden that day.
2. a. The phrase 'lay in leaves' means to be covered with leaves. The second phrase referred to the leaves on which no traveller had walked on and left their footprints.
- b. The poet ultimately decided to take the second road.
- c. The poet said that even after making his choice, he was sad as he realised that he would probably not get another chance to come back and explore the other road
3. a. The poet says that some years later he would be giving an account of how he chose the road less travelled by and how his life was affected by it.
- b. The phrase refers to the road that has not been frequented or used often. The last line refers to the consequences of the decision when he chose to travel by the road that was not usually used by other travellers.
- c. The 'sigh' could be an expression of regret for having taken the second road, or it could be a sigh of nostalgia, a positive memory of the decision which changed his life for the better.

## Ponder

- C. 1. The two roads symbolise the choices we are presented with in life. The poet's doubt is symbolic of the doubts we have when presented with choices whose consequences we do not know about.
2. The poet is an unconventional thinker. He likes to try out new options and has a taste for adventure.
3. The title suggests that the road we take in our life's journey or the choices we make has a great impact on our lives. It can also refer to the road or option not chosen and how that also shapes our lives.