

Answer Key & Rubric

1. What made the second road seem like a better choice initially?

Marks: 2

Detailed Answer:

The second road seemed more appealing because it was grassy and looked less worn, suggesting it had been walked on less and might offer a different, perhaps more unique experience.

Rubric:

- 2 marks: Mentions both the grassiness and appearance of less wear as the reasons.
- 1 mark: Only mentions one feature (e.g., grassy or less worn).
- 0 marks: Vague or incorrect response.

2. How does the speaker describe the condition of both roads that morning?

Marks: 3

Answer:

At first, one road seemed less used—grassy and inviting—while the other looked more worn. But on closer thought, both were actually equally travelled and covered in fresh leaves.

Rubric:

- **3 marks:** Captures both the **initial contrast** (one grassy, one worn) and the realization that **both were equally used**.
- **2 marks:** Includes either the contrast or the equal wear, but not both clearly.
- **1 mark:** Gives only a general idea of similarity or difference.
- **0 marks:** Inaccurate or off-topic.

3. What does the speaker anticipate doing "ages and ages hence"?

Marks: 2

Detailed Answer:

The speaker imagines himself in the distant future, reflecting on his life with a sigh, and recounting how choosing the less-traveled road made a meaningful difference in his life.

Rubric:

- 2 marks: Reflects both future reflection and emotional tone ("with a sigh").
- 1 mark: Mentions future reflection but misses emotional nuance.
- 0 marks: Doesn't reflect the poem's meaning.

4. How does the poem reflect the theme of choices and consequences?

Marks: 3

Detailed Answer:

The poem highlights how every choice in life, like picking a path, has consequences. Once made, choices shape one's journey, often preventing a return to explore the alternatives left behind.

Rubric:

- 3 marks: Clearly connects choice, consequence, and irreversibility.
- 2 marks: Discusses choices and their impact, with limited explanation.
- 1 mark: Mentions life decisions vaguely.
- 0 marks: No connection to theme.

5. What is the significance of the road "less traveled by"?

Marks: 1

Detailed Answer:

It symbolizes the speaker's decision to follow an unconventional path in life—one not chosen by most—which ultimately shaped his identity and life journey.

Rubric:

- 1 mark: Correctly explains it symbolizes uniqueness or individuality.
- 0 marks: Incorrect or vague answer.