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## Q9 : ON A KILLING TREE

— Mieve Patel.

1) Theme :- explaining the step by step process in annihilating the tree, even though its implied meaning is against killing trees. The poem underlines the resilience of nature in spite of human violence against it.

2) Comment on the opening line of poem?

A) ... indicates the power of trees to resist the destruction caused by man. A tree cannot be killed with a simple jab of knife.

3) What does the poet try to teach us to kill a tree?

A) He applies the reverse psychology here. He wants us stop killing trees by showing how cruel the act of killing a tree is.



4) what does the poet mean by anchoring earth & earth cave?

A) It is the earth which the tree is placed just like an anchor keeps a ship in place. The man can chop off the leaves & the branches, but as long as the root is safe within the earth, the tree will not be seriously injured.

5) what does poet meant by the strength of tree separated?

A) strength of tree lies in its roots which can only be seen once they are pulled out of the soil.

6) Bleeding bark refers to oozing of the sap like substance from a part of the tree trunk where it has been hit with the axe. The poet is said to bleed when it is chopped.