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7. On the basis of your understanding of the poem, answer the following questions by ticking the correct choice.

(a) In the poem, a traveler comes to a fork in the road and needs to decide which way to go to continue his journey. Figuratively the choice of the road denotes _____.

- (i) the tough choices people make the road of life
- (ii) the time wasted on deciding what to do
- (iii) life is like a forest
- (iv) one must travel a lot to realize his dreams

Answer:

- (i) the tough choices people make the road of life

(b) The poet writes, 'Two roads diverged in a yellow wood.' The word diverged means _____.

- (i) appeared
- (ii) curved
- (iii) branched off
- (iv) continued on

Answer:

- (iii) branched off

(c) The tone of the speaker in the first stanza is that of _____.

- (i) excitement
- (ii) anger
- (iii) hesitation and thoughtfulness
- (iv) sorrow

Answer:

- (iii) hesitation and thoughtfulness

8. Answer the following questions briefly.

(i) Describe the two roads that the author finds.

Answer:

One road was a beaten track. Many people had walked on it. It was lost in the small shrubs. The other road was grassy and unspoiled.

(ii) Which road does the speaker choose?

Answer:

The poet chose the road that was less travelled because it had the better claim. It was grassy and not many people had used it.

(iii) Which road would you choose? Why?

Answer:

I will choose the less travelled road because I want to judge myself, test myself and check my capability. I like adventure and would want to explore new facts. I am always enthusiastic for venturing into something absolutely new, uncommon and unknown to the rest of the world.

(iv) Does the speaker seem happy about his decision?

Answer:

There is a certain ambiguity here. The speaker seems happy and satisfied when he says - "And that has made all the difference." However, the sigh just before this makes us question his happiness.

(v) The poet says "I took the one less travelled by, And that has made all the difference." What is 'the difference' that the poet mentions?

Answer:

When the poet came to the cross roads, he had a choice. He could take the road travelled by many or he could take the road less travelled. He decided to take the road less travelled knowing fully well that once the choice was made, it was permanent and there was no turning back. That 'choice' he had made, according to him, has changed his life. It may have brought him success, happiness and fulfillment. The choice that he made at that time affected his future. That choice made all the difference to his life.

9. Find the rhyme scheme of the poem.

Answer:

The rhyme scheme of Poem is a b a a b

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