

SATISH CHANDRA MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Class: X

Subject: English

Topic: Fire and Ice (POEM)

LONG [VALUE BASED] QUESTIONS:

Q.1. Discuss how extreme behaviour can hasten the end of the world with respect to 'Fire and Ice'.

Q.2. The poem 'Fire and Ice' carries with it very deep and thematic ideas. Elaborate on these darkest traits of humanity.

Q.3. We've got a pretty good handle on what it means to 'taste' desire, but what do you think it means to 'know enough of hate'? How much of hate is enough and what kinds of life experiences could give someone the knowledge?

Q.4 Today's world is conflict ridden. people fight over various issues and there is no peace in the world. Explain/Describe based on your reading of the poem 'fire' and 'Ice'.

Q5. What do the metaphors of 'Ice' and 'fire' convey to the readers? Don't they represent the two extremes of human behaviour that can lead to the destruction and death of this world? What is the *message* that the poet wants to give to the readers?

Q6. There are many ideas about how this world will come to an 'end' What are they? Do you agree with the poet and his understanding of the issue in this regard?

Q7. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem? How does it help in bringing out the contrasting ideas in the poem?

Q8. How does the poem depict the two contrasting ideas- 'Fire' and 'ice'? Can hatred destroy us and the world? Explain bringing out values which can make this world a better place to live in.