

The Village School Master

- Oliver Goldsmith

Theme:-

The poem "The Village Schoolmaster" by Oliver Goldsmith is an extract from his famous poem The Deserted Village. The word "village" in the title clearly suggests that the poem is set in a rural area, probably where the speaker lived. The poem portrays a realistic picture and the speaker's sentiments about a teacher.

Though the poem presents the pleasant remembrances of the poet about the schoolmaster, the poem ends with amazement of the villagers for the master.

I.Explain With Reference to Context :-

1. Besides yon.....taught his little school (First stanza)

- a. Who does 'his ' refer to?
- b. Give the meaning of 'yon'.
- c. Identify the figure of speech in the 3rd line
- d. Explain the above lines in your own words.

2. Full well they laughed ...when he frowned (Third stanza)

- a. Who does 'they' refer to?
- b. What is Counterfeited glee?
Pretentious laughter
- b. Use the word 'counterfeit' in your own sentence.
- c. What does the word 'whisper' signify in this context?
- d. Did the students enjoy the jokes shared by the village Schoolmaster?
Justify your answer

II. Answer the following (20-30 words)

1. What does 'unprofitably gay' mean?

Flowers have bloomed beautifully but No one to admire or appreciate its beauty

b. What did the students learn by merely gazing at the master's face?

III. Answer the following (30-40 words)

1. Write the character sketch of the Village School Master. Give both his qualities and abilities

Ans;- Qualities - strict, disciplinarian, stern, kind hearted, jolly, wise witty

Abilities -

2. Describe the school master from the villagers' perspective.

IV Think about a teacher who has taught you and has been instrumental in your growth or impressed you the most (word limit -100 words)