

## ***SEMESTER 5 UNIT 1 QUESTION BANK***

### ***Lotus***

1. What is the central theme of the poem “The Lotus” by Toru Dutt?
  - a) The impermanence of beauty
  - b) The supremacy of the lotus flower**
  - c) The conflict between love and purity
  - d) The fleeting nature of life
2. Which two flowers are initially proposed as the queen of flowers in the poem?
  - a) Rose and tulip
  - b) Lily and daffodil
  - c) Rose and lily**
  - d) Lotus and sunflower
3. What qualities do the rose and lily represent in the poem?
  - a) Love and beauty
  - b) Wisdom and strength
  - c) Love and purity**
  - d) Purity and wisdom
4. Who creates the lotus flower in the poem?
  - a) Flora**
  - b) Psyche
  - c) Aphrodite
  - d) Athena
5. What is the outcome of the debate in the poem?
  - a) The rose is chosen as the queen of flowers
  - b) The lily is chosen as the queen of flowers
  - c) The lotus is created and crowned as the queen of flowers**

d) No flower is chosen as the queen

6. Which goddess represents the soul in the poem?

a) Flora

**b) Psyche**

c) Venus

d) Hera

7. What is the significance of the lotus in the poem?

**a) It symbolizes a blend of beauty and virtues**

b) It represents the conflict between nature and humanity

c) It signifies the transience of life

d) It embodies the power of wisdom and knowledge

8. What cultural symbolism does the lotus hold in the poem?

a) Western symbolism

b) Egyptian symbolism

**c) Indian symbolism**

d) Greek symbolism

9. How does the poem “The Lotus” reflect Toru Dutt’s cultural background?

a) By focusing on Western ideals

**b) By incorporating Indian cultural and spiritual symbols**

c) By emphasizing Greek mythology alone

d) By highlighting Egyptian history

10. What literary device is primarily used in “The Lotus” to convey its message?

a) Hyperbole

**b) Allegory**

c) Irony

d) Satire

11. What is the form of the poem “The Lotus”?

- a) Sonnet
- b) Ode
- c) Lyric**
- d) Epic

12. Which literary figure is referenced in the poem through the mention of Flora?

- a) Shakespeare
- b) Milton
- c) Dante
- d) Classical mythology**

13. In the poem, how is the debate about the queen of flowers resolved?

- a) By a vote
- b) By creating a new flower**
- c) By a contest
- d) By choosing both flowers

14. What does the combination of the rose and lily in the lotus flower symbolize?

- a) Strength and resilience
- b) Harmony and unity**
- c) Wisdom and knowledge
- d) Love and passion

15. Which line from the poem best reflects the creation of the lotus flower?

- a) “In the garden of the world”
- b) “The lily whispers to the rose”
- c) “A flower of light, that glows and glows”**
- d) “Amid the whispering breeze”

16. What does the lotus flower ultimately represent in the poem?

- a) The fleeting nature of beauty

**b) The ideal combination of qualities**

- c) The conflict between nature and art
- d) The permanence of love

17. How does Toru Dutt use classical references to enhance the poem?

- a) By contrasting them with modern symbols

**b) By merging them with Indian cultural elements**

- c) By solely focusing on Western ideals
- d) By depicting historical events

18. What poetic device is used in the description “A flower of light, that glows and glows”?

- a) Simile

**b) Imagery**

- c) Metaphor
- d) Personification

19. Which goddess desires the creation of the lotus in the poem?

- a) Flora
- b) Hera
- c) Athena

**d) Psyche**

20. How does the poem “The Lotus” reflect Toru Dutt’s bicultural identity?

- a) By focusing on Western literary traditions

**b) By blending classical mythology with Indian symbolism**

- c) By emphasizing only Indian culture
- d) By depicting the conflict between two cultures

# ***Solitude***

1. What is the main theme of Thoreau's "Solitude"?

a) Friendship

b) Wealth

**c) Solitude**

d) Adventure

2. Where does Thoreau find peace and solitude in the essay?

a) In a bustling city

b) On a mountain peak

**c) In the woods by Walden Pond**

d) At the seaside

3. How does Thoreau describe his feelings towards nature?

a) Indifferent

b) Fearful

c) Detached

**d) Connected and at peace**

4. What does Thoreau suggest about solitude and society?

a) Solitude is harmful

b) Society is always necessary

**c) Solitude is beneficial and refreshing**

d) Society is more valuable than solitude

5. According to Thoreau, what can one find in solitude?

a) Loneliness

b) Discontent

**c) Clarity and insight**

d) Boredom

6. Thoreau believes that being alone is different from being lonely. What does he associate loneliness with?

a) Nature

**b) A lack of true connection with oneself**

c) Wealth

d) Adventure

7. What season does Thoreau describe as particularly enjoyable in his solitude?

a) Winter

**b) Summer**

c) Autumn

d) Spring

8. In "Solitude," how does Thoreau view the presence of other people?

a) Always essential

b) Distracting

**c) Often unnecessary for true contentment**

d) Indispensable

9. What does Thoreau say about the sounds he hears in nature?

a) They are irritating

b) They are scary

**c) They are comforting and harmonious**

d) They are overwhelming

10. What does Thoreau compare the night sky to in "Solitude"?

a) A dark cave

b) A deep ocean

**c) A vast, illuminated dome**

d) A black curtain

11. What effect does solitude have on Thoreau's creativity?

- a) It stifles it
- b) It has no effect
- c) It enhances it**
- d) It distracts him

12. How does Thoreau feel about the company of others in his solitude?

- a) It is comforting
- b) It is necessary
- c) It is often unnecessary**
- d) It is disruptive

13. What does Thoreau compare the experience of solitude to?

- a) A crowded marketplace
- b) A busy city street
- c) A serene and peaceful landscape**
- d) An empty room

14. How does Thoreau view the idea of being alone versus being in solitude?

- a) They are the same
- b) Being alone is better
- c) Solitude is more fulfilling**
- d) Solitude is less valuable

15. What does Thoreau think about the need for social interactions in solitude?

- a) They are crucial
- b) They are overrated
- c) They are often unnecessary**
- d) They are always beneficial

16. Which element of nature does Thoreau mention as part of his experience of solitude?

- a) The ocean

b) The mountains

**c) The woods and pond**

d) The desert

17. How does Thoreau describe his solitude in relation to his thoughts?

a) It causes confusion

b) It brings distraction

**c) It clarifies and enriches his thoughts**

d) It limits his thinking

18. What kind of atmosphere does Thoreau associate with his solitude?

a) Chaotic and noisy

b) Gloomy and depressing

c) Peaceful and reflective

d) Busy and crowded

19. According to Thoreau, what is a benefit of solitude in terms of personal reflection?

a) It prevents self-discovery

b) It promotes superficial thoughts

**c) It facilitates deep self-reflection**

d) It creates confusion

20. What does Thoreau suggest about the frequency of solitude in one's life?

a) It should be avoided

**b) It should be embraced regularly**

c) It is only for special occasions

d) It should be minimized depicting the conflict between two cultures



## ***One Word Substitutes***

**1. What is the one-word substitute for "a person who studies ancient societies"?**

- a) Historian
- b) Archaeologist
- c) Anthropologist
- d) Sociologist

**Answer: b) Archaeologist**

**2. What is the one-word substitute for "a person who loves and collects books"?**

- a) Bibliophile
- b) Bookworm
- c) Librarian
- d) Scholar

**Answer: a) Bibliophile**

**3. What is the one-word substitute for "a person who cannot speak"?**

- a) Mute
- b) Deaf
- c) Dumb
- d) Silencer

**Answer: a) Mute**

**4. What is the one-word substitute for "a person who writes and speaks in favor of something"?**

- a) Advocate
- b) Critic
- c) Speaker

d) Commentator

**Answer: a) Advocate**

**5.What is the one-word substitute for "a person who is always happy and optimistic"?**

a) Pessimist

b) Optimist

c) Cynic

d) Realist

**Answer: b) Optimist**

**6.What is the one-word substitute for "a person who studies weather conditions"?**

a) Meteorologist

b) Geologist

c) Climatologist

d) Cartographer

**Answer: a) Meteorologist**

**7.What is the one-word substitute for "a person who travels from place to place selling goods"?**

a) Vendor

b) Merchant

c) Peddler

d) Trader

**Answer: c) Peddler**

**8.What is the one-word substitute for "a person who is excessively concerned about their own health"?**

a) Hypochondriac

b) Doctor

c) Patient

d) Nurse

**Answer: a) Hypochondriac**

**9. What is the one-word substitute for "a person who fears all or many things"?**

- a) Phobic
- b) Anxious
- c) Nervous
- d) Terrified

**Answer: a) Phobic**

**10. What is the one-word substitute for "a person who can speak more than two languages"?**

- a) Linguist
- b) Polyglot
- c) Translator
- d) Bilingual

**Answer: b) Polyglot**

## ***Essay Writing***

**1. What is typically included in the introduction of an essay?**

- a) A detailed analysis of the topic
- b) The thesis statement and a brief overview of the main points
- c) A summary of the conclusion
- d) The evidence and examples supporting the thesis

**Answer: b) The thesis statement and a brief overview of the main points**

**2. Which section of an essay provides the main arguments or discussions and supports the thesis?**

- a) Introduction
- b) Body
- c) Conclusion
- d) References

**Answer: b) Body**

3. What should the conclusion of an essay primarily achieve?

- a) Introduce new arguments
- b) Restate the thesis and summarize the key points
- c) Provide detailed examples and evidence
- d) List all references used in the essay

**Answer: b) Restate the thesis and summarize the key points**

4. In the essay format, what is the purpose of the topic sentence in each paragraph?

- a) To provide background information
- b) To introduce and summarize the main idea of the paragraph
- c) To conclude the paragraph
- d) To cite sources used in the paragraph

**Answer: b) To introduce and summarize the main idea of the paragraph**

5. What role does a transition sentence play in an essay?

- a) It introduces the thesis statement
- b) It provides detailed evidence
- c) It connects ideas between paragraphs to ensure a smooth flow
- d) It summarizes the entire essay

**Answer: c) It connects ideas between paragraphs to ensure a smooth flow**

## ***Critical Reading***

When critically reading a study, what is the primary purpose of evaluating the research methodology?

- a) To assess the author's writing style
- b) To determine the reliability and validity of the study's findings
- c) To judge the study's relevance to current trends
- d) To evaluate the author's personal opinions

**Answer: b) To determine the reliability and validity of the study's findings**

What should you look for to assess the credibility of the sources cited in a research study?

- a) The number of sources cited
- b) The reputation of the publication and authors
- c) The length of the bibliography
- d) The publication date of the sources

**Answer: b) The reputation of the publication and authors**

What does the term "bias" refer to in the context of a research study?

- a) The study's failure to include a literature review
- b) The impartiality of the data collection process
- c) Any factor that unfairly influences the results or interpretation of the study
- d) The statistical methods used to analyze data

**Answer: c) Any factor that unfairly influences the results or interpretation of the study**

In critical reading, why is it important to examine the sample size and selection criteria of a study?

- a) To evaluate the aesthetics of the study's presentation
- b) To ensure that the findings are applicable to a broader population
- c) To understand the author's writing style
- d) To determine the study's length

**Answer: b) To ensure that the findings are applicable to a broader population**

What is the significance of the study's conclusion in critical reading?

- a) It summarizes the study's methodology
- b) It highlights the researcher's opinions on unrelated topics
- c) It provides an interpretation of the results and their implications
- d) It lists the study's sources and references

**Answer: c) It provides an interpretation of the results and their implications**

## ***QUESTION AND ANSWERS***

### **1. Who is the narrator of "The Lotus"?**

A: The narrator is the poet herself, Toru Dutt.

### **2. What is the main purpose of the debate in the poem "The Lotus"?**

A: The debate's main purpose is to determine which flower should be crowned the queen of flowers.

### **3. What role does the goddess play in the creation of the lotus flower in the poem?**

A: The goddess orders the creation of the lotus to settle the debate about the queen of flowers.

### **4. How does the poet describe the lotus flower's appearance?**

A: The lotus is described as a flower of light that glows with a beautiful, radiant quality.

### **5. What qualities are combined in the lotus flower according to the poem?**

A: The lotus combines the qualities of love and purity from the rose and lily.

### **6. What is Thoreau's primary location for experiencing solitude in the essay?**

A: Walden Pond

### **7. How does Thoreau describe his mood when he is in solitude?**

A: He feels content and peaceful.

### **8. What is Thoreau's attitude towards social interactions while in solitude?**

A: He finds them often unnecessary for true contentment.

### **9. How does Thoreau differentiate between being alone and being lonely?**

A: He associates loneliness with a lack of true connection with oneself, while solitude is a positive state of being.

### **10. What does Thoreau find particularly enjoyable during his solitary experiences?**

A: The beauty and tranquility of nature.