



## INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT SENIOR SECTION

### FLAMINGO: KEEPING QUIET

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#### Suggested Value Points:

Q1. a) By ‘exotic moment’ -moment of immense world peace, universal brotherhood love created through introspection and silence

b) exotic moment- stop all activity, remain silent and introspect on all his actions. Introspection- build a sudden and strange feeling of universal brotherhood -harmony with man and nature.

c) symbolic of the hubbub of the modern life - competitive world of advancement- rat race to outshine others Life can be peaceful – stop thoughtless advancement

Q2.a) symbolise man’s indiscriminate exploitation of nature for his vested interests

b) man’s habit of working towards advancement - resulted in more harm than good- lost care and concern for his own brethren

c) image - of man’s incessant suffering -to add comforts to his life - paid no heed to the pain - causing to himself- who gather salt, have no time to reflect on the pain - caused to their hands.

Q3. a) The earth teaches us to be in harmony with others while remaining silent and productive- lesson of preserving and resurrecting life.

b) ensures that life cycle of birth & death - the process of regeneration goes on unhampered.

c) Poet quietly departs leaving the meditator to experience exotic moment. - create a rejuvenation of thoughts -transition of mindset

#### Answer in 30-40 words

1. Twelve months, twelve zodiac signs, twelve gates of heaven and even the twelve notches on the face of the clock dividing the day into two halves of twelve hours each. number ‘twelve’ associated with many things in our life - title- ‘Keeping Quiet,’ has twelve letters. Poet appeals us to begin the journey from strife, barriers and destruction to peace, unity and replenishment.

2. The sadness - that of never being able to understand ourselves- arising out of - mad rush to achieve everything - constant fear of the brevity of our lives- causing harm to physical and mental health.

3. total inactivity only means temporary stillness, find time to introspect- death on the other hand, means the end of life. ‘No truck with death’ means that the poet does not advocate death; he only urges mankind to halt his activities for a few seconds.

4. points out to the life on earth- the things seeming to be dead under apparent stillness prove to be alive later- so inactivity does not mean lack of life but using life for positive and constructive activities.

5. does not advocate total inactivity. Admitting life - an ongoing process - wants man’s activities to be positively channelized. put an end to his hostile and destructive activities.

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