

ENGLISH ASSIGNMENT 1

I. Read the extract and answer the given questions:

Fishermen in the cold sea

Would not harm whales

And the man gathering salt

Would look at his hurt hands

- a. What do the fishermen symbolise in these lines?
- b. What is the significance of the reference to fishermen not harming whales?
- c. Which of the following expressions has the same poetic device as 'hurt hands'?
  - I) churning machines
  - II) wounded fingers
  - III) injured feet
  - IV) weary ways
- d. What does the imagery of 'hurt hands' NOT represent in the given extract?
  - I) physical pain
  - II) overwork
  - III) self-care
  - IV) hardship
- e. Complete the following suitably.

The line 'man gathering salt would look at his hurt hand' shows that \_\_\_\_\_ .

II. Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words:

- a. What does M Hamel's inability to speak at the end of the lesson reveal about his inner conflict?
- b. "Lost childhood means lost dreams". To what extent does 'Lost Spring' support this statement?
- c. How does the poem 'My Mother at Sixty Six' bring out the irony of human relationships?
- d. "This handicap stayed with me as years rolled by". Which handicap is being referred to and what are the events that made Douglas handicapped?
- e. How does 'Keeping Quiet' reflect the idea of shared human responsibilities for harmony and co-existence?

III. Answer the following question in about 120-150 words.

'Where there is will, there is a way.' This saying aptly describes the character of Douglas from 'Deep Water' and Mukesh from 'Lost Spring'. Compare and contrast their characters in terms of their courage, determination and the pursuit of their goals.