

CCT Weekly Practice- English

Daddy Fell into the Pond

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Everyone grumbled. The sky was grey.
We had nothing to do and nothing to say.
We were nearing the end of a dismal day,
And then there seemed to be nothing beyond,
Then

Daddy fell into the pond!

And everyone's face grew merry and bright,
And Timothy danced for sheer delight.
"Give me the camera, quick, oh quick!
He's crawling out of the duckweed!" Click!

Then the gardener suddenly slapped his knee,
And doubled up, shaking silently,
And the ducks all quacked as if they were daft,
And it sounded as if the old drake laughed.
Oh, there wasn't a thing that didn't respond

When

Daddy Fell into the pond!

Question 1:

Circle the correct option in the following, based on your reading of the poem.

*This poem tells that the skies were **clear/ overcast /thunderous**. The people were **strolling bored/ racing around excitedly / engaged in a serious conversation**. The time must have been around **noon/ half past two in the afternoon/ a quarter to six in the evening** when the **process/ demonstration /incident** happened.*

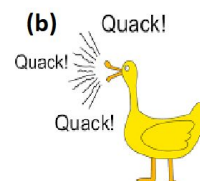
Question 2:

Complete the blanks with reasons for the following actions.



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This was the result because these creatures were

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Question 3:

Onomatopoeia refers to the formation of a word from the sound that is made by something associated with it. *e.g.: hiss (snake), crash (vehicle), pitter-patter (raindrops), munching (eating something).*

Pick TWO examples of onomatopoeia from the poem.

Ans: (a)

(b)

Question 4:

Pick the idiom(s) that suggest what the following lines reveal.

*Then the gardener suddenly slapped his knee,
And doubled up, shaking silently*

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| a) laugh in someone's face | f) have the last laugh |
| b) bundle of laughs | g) split your sides |
| c) laugh something off | h) laughing stock |
| d) become a laughing stock | |
| e) laugh yourself silly | |

Question 5:

Complete the dialogue

Girl 1: The poet says that the day was dismal. How can a day be gloomy?

Girl 2: True. The day isn't gloomy or dismal. What the poet actually means is that

Girl 1: Oh yes! Understood now. There's a name for such a poetic device, isn't there?

Girl 2: (laughs) Yes indeed! It's called a transferred epithet.

Girl 1: Thank you. It all makes sense now.

Question 6:

Look at the example and arrange the following in a similar way. There are two extra options that you do not need.

E.g. duck: drake

BEE	GANDER	EWE	BUCK	RAM	GOOSE	DOE	EGRET	DRONE	SWAN
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(a):

(b):

(c):

Question 7:

Based on the poem, pick the options that could **not** have happened.

Daddy fell into the pond. It's possible that Daddy might have . . .

(a) Slipped while walking and fell into the pond.

(b) Was pushed playfully by a family member.

(c) Tripped and then tumbled into the pond.

(d) Skidded in while chasing ducks.

ANSWER KEY

1. **Ans-** overcast, strolling bored, a quarter to six in the evening, incident
2. **Ans-**
 - (a) ...click/capture/photograph the funny moment (to save) as a memory.
 - (b) ...startled/surprised/taken aback/shocked (or similar in meaning) at Daddy's sudden fall into the pond.
3. **Ans-** (a) click (b) quacked
4. **Ans-** b, e, g
5. **Ans-** ...the people were gloomy or dismal as they had nothing to do on a day that was overcast. The poet has simply transferred the feelings of the people to the day.
6. **Ans-** BEE: DRONE, GOOSE: GANDER, EWE:RAM (in any order)
7. **Ans-** b, d

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