

8. Arthur Rimbaud disliked war and understood the
 (a) futility of war (b) necessity of war
 (c) glory of war (d) politics of war
9. Arthur Rimbaud was a
 (a) doctor (b) soldier (c) politician (d) teacher
10. He was a soldier in
 (a) 1876 (b) 1896 (c) 1886 (d) 1885
11. 'Asleep in the Valley' was written in
 (a) 1876 (b) 1877 (c) 1878 (d) 1879
12. In 1877 France was in war with
 (a) Prussia (b) England (c) Russia (d) Japan
13. The poem 'Asleep in the Valley' is
 (a) an elegy (b) an ode (c) a ballad (d) a sonnet
14. The Italian sonnet is also known as
 (a) Petrarchan sonnet (b) Shakespearean sonnet
 (c) English sonnet (d) modern sonnet
15. The octave consists of
 (a) 4 lines (b) 6 lines (c) 8 lines (d) 10 lines
16. The sestet consists of
 (a) 6 lines (b) 8 lines (c) 4 lines (d) 10 lines
17. The poet, in a small green valley finds _____ blissfully sleeping
 (a) an old man (b) a young soldier
 (c) a little girl (d) a new born baby
18. He realises that actually this young soldier is
 (a) sleeping (b) dreaming (c) dead (d) thinking
19. A slow stream flows in a small
 (a) green valley (b) city (c) town (d) country
20. The slow stream leaves long strands of
 (a) gold (b) silver (c) hay (d) hair
21. Long strands of silver lie on the bright
 (a) river bed (b) valley (c) grass (d) bank
22. From the mountaintop stream the
 (a) channel of water (b) bright light (c) soldiers (d) Sun's rays
23. The Sun's rays fill the _____ full of light.
 (a) hollow (b) valley (c) land (d) green grass
24. The soldier is lying with his
 (a) eyes closed (b) mouth open (c) body straight (d) hands folded

25. The pillow beneath his head is made of
 (a) green grass (b) long strands of silver
 (c) bright light (d) fern
26. The soldier's bed is warm, green and
 (a) bright (b) large
 (c) sun-soaked (d) pale
27. His feet is among the
 (a) flowers (b) grass
 (c) fern (d) pillows
28. His smile is like that of
 (a) an old man (b) an infant
 (c) a soldier (d) a saint
29. His smile is
 (a) odd (b) sweet
 (c) gentle (d) crooked
30. His smile is without
 (a) hope (b) depth
 (c) feelings (d) guile
31. The poet tells Nature to keep him
 (a) cold (b) warm
 (c) comfortable (d) safe
32. The humming insects don't disturb his
 (a) rest (b) sleep
 (c) thought (d) dream
33. The humming insects don't disturb his rest because the soldier is
 (a) asleep (b) indifferent
 (c) dead (d) senseless
34. One of his hands is
 (a) holding a gun (b) raised
 (c) missing (d) on his breast
35. The soldier seems to lie in
 (a) sleep (b) peace
 (c) worry (d) disease
36. In his side there are
 (a) two bullets (b) two guns
 (c) two red holes (d) two cut marks
37. The two red holes are caused by
 (a) snake bite (b) blood clots
 (c) bullet wounds (d) arrow piercings
38. The poem reflects the
 (a) pity of war (b) glory of war
 (c) horror of war (d) cause of war
39. The theme of the poem is
 (a) a soldier in sleep (b) the beauty of nature
 (c) the joy of warfare (d) the futility of war
40. 'Asleep in the Valley' is a _____ poem.
 (a) satirical (b) lyrical (c) rhetorical (d) pastoral
41. The nationality of Arthur Rimbaud is
 (a) German (b) Russian (c) French (d) Dutch

SHORT ANSWER - TYPE QUESTIONS

● Answer the following questions :

1. Who is the poet of the poem 'Asleep in the Valley'?

Ans.

2. What is the full name of the poet ?

Ans.

3. What is the poet's nationality ?

Ans.

4. Why is he famously known as the boy poet ?

Ans.

5. Which modernist movements did he influence ?

Ans.

6. What exists at the heart of all matter, according to the poet ?

Ans.

7. From where did the poet derive his inspiration ?

Ans.

8. What types of verse did he write in ?

Ans.

9. Name a few artists on whom Arthur Rimbaud left his mark.

Ans.

10. What is the poem all about ?

Ans.

11. When was the poem written ?

Ans.

12. How did Rimbaud get a first-hand experience of warfare ?

Ans.

13. What is a Petrarchan sonnet ?

Ans.

14. What type of lyric is this poem?

Ans.

15. What is the structure of this poem?

Ans.

16. Who sleeps in the picture perfect setting of the poem?

Ans.

17. Is the soldier really asleep?

Ans. _____

18. What flows through a small green valley?

Ans. _____

19. What are the 'long strands of silver'?

Ans. _____

20. What fills the hollow?

Ans. _____

21. What does the poet mean by the word 'hollow'?

Ans. _____

22. How is the soldier lying?

Ans. _____

23. What is acting as his pillow? .

Ans. _____

24. How is the soldier's bed?

Ans. _____

25. Why is he lying pale?

Ans. _____

26. Where are the feet of the soldier placed?

Ans. _____

27. How is his smile?

Ans. _____

28. What does his smile signify?

Ans. _____

29. What does the poet instruct Nature?

Ans. _____

30. Why did the humming insects fail to disturb him?

Ans. _____

31. Where is one hand of the soldier?

Ans. _____

32. What are the two red holes in his side?

Ans. _____

33. What is the theme of the poem?

Ans. _____

34. The poem is indicative of which historical event?

Ans. _____

ELABORATE / DESCRIPTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

Answer the following questions :

1. "They fill the hollow full of light" — What is referred to as 'they' ? What does 'the hollow' suggest? How does the poet describe the hollow ? 1+1+4
2. "A soldier, very young, lies open-mouthed"— Where does the line occur ? Who is the soldier ? Why does he lie open mouthed? How does nature nourish him in his sleep? Bring out the irony in the line. 1+1+1+1+2
3. "Pale in his warm, green, sun-soaked bed" — Who is referred to as 'he' ? Why is he 'pale' ? What is meant by the 'sun-soaked bed'? How does the poet describe the sleeping soldier ? 1+1+1+3
4. "His feet among the flowers, he sleeps" — Who is referred to in the poem ? What does his sleep suggest? What do the flowers at his feet symbolically hint ? Describe the place where he sleeps. 1+1+1+3
5. "His smile is like an infant's"—Whose smile is referred to here ? Why is his smile compared to that of an infant ? Bring out the irony in the line. 1+1+4
6. "Ah, Nature keep him warm"—Who is referred to here as 'him'? Why does the poet ask nature to keep him warm? How is the 'pity of war' revealed through this ironical imploration? 1+1+4
7. "In his side there are two holes"—Who is referred to as 'his'? Why are there two holes on his side? How is the 'pity of war' reflected through this striking revelation at the end of the poem? 1+1+4
8. "The humming insects don't disturb his rest"—What do the humming insects mean? Who is referred to as 'his'? What does his rest suggest? Why can't humming insects disturb his rest? 1+1+1+3
9. Justify the title of the poem.
10. Evaluate 'Asleep in the valley' as an anti-war poem
11. Give the substance of the poem.
12. What is the attitude of the poet towards war ?
13. How far 'Asleep in the valley' is a symbolic poem ?
14. Write a note on the anti-war feeling in the poem.
15. How does the soldier lie in 'Asleep in the valley' ?
16. How does the soldier uphold the futility of war ?

