Class 9 chapter two poem The Road not Taken.

About the poet: Robert Frost was born on March 26, 1874, in San Francisco. After the death of his father, he moved with his mother and sister to Lawrence, Massachusetts. He become interested in reading and writing poetry during his high school years..He first published poem "My Butterfly" appeared on November 8,1894in the New York news paper. Frost was influenced by the British poets Ezra pound who helped him to promote and publish his work.Robert Frost lived and taught for many years in Massachusetts and Vermont. He died in Boston on January 29, 1963.

Answer the following questions:

- 1. Where does traveler find himself? What problem does he face?
- a. The travelled finds himself at a point where two roads diverge. His problem is to decide on which road he should walk on.
- 2. Discuss what these phrases meant to you.
 - A. A yellow wood
 - B. It was grassy and wanted wear
 - C. The passing there
 - D. Leaves no step had trodden black
 - E. How way leads on to way

Answers

- a. A forest in autumn season.
- b. The road was grassy because it was less travelled road.
- c. It implies walking on the road.
- d. It means the leaves had not been crushed under the feet of travelers.
- e. How one road leads to another?
- Q3. What do you think the last two lines of the poem mean?
- A. The last two lines have the quintessence of the poem. The poet expresses his opinion that it becomes difficult for a normal human being to change his or her decisions. The narrator intends to walk on the first road but he couldn't do so because life does not offer multiple chances to choose. The decision taken May leads one to success. It makes all the difference. He now repents for not getting a chance to travel on the first road.

- 4 Why did the speaker take the 'other 'road? Why did the 'other' road have better claim than the first road?
- A. The speaker had to choose one of the two roads. He left the one which was the popular choice. He decided to take the 'other' road which was less —frequently travelled by the people. The 'other road 'had a better claim as it was grassy. It invited the people to walk on it.
- 5. What do the roads represent?
- A. The roads represent the problems of decision making —making. Human beings suffer because of their choice and decisions.. They find themselves in such situation at every step-in their lives. Out of the available options, they have to choose the one that may take them to their destination. The choice decides the outcome in life.
- 6. What is the theme or message of the poem?
- A. Robert Frost's 'The Road Not Taken' deals with the complexities of life. Life and its ways are never woven in a straight line. Life provides many options. The web of life consists of many paths and sub-ways. Naturally these complexities of life confuse a person. Out of many option and alternatives, he has to make a choice..Most of the people choose the least risky and off-trodden ways of life..They don't want to take any risk. Only a few persons dare to choose a different path in life. They are bold enough to face risks and challenges in life. One has to make a choice. His success or failure in life depends on his choice. The poet chooses a different path. Nobody knows what would have gained had he followed the least risky and safe path of life.

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