

Ten Tall Oak Trees

A. Answer the following questions. (Page : 128)

1. Nature is our nurturer. Man draws all food and resources from nature for daily sustenance. Yet a human being doesn't care or think much about its conservation.

The poet is sympathetic towards nature. He knows that Mother Nature is in pain.

2. The poet has shown how man cuts trees for various purposes in different ages. Man cuts trees for making warships, barrels and floorboards. He cuts trees when cities are to be built after clearing forests.

3. The poet repeats the phrase 'tall oak trees' in order to emphasize the importance of the trees.

B Answer the following questions with reference to context.

1. (a) The west Wind screamed gangway because west wind often uproots trees. If an oak tree is uprooted it would serve as a gangway for people to pass.

2 (a) The oak trees groan because they are cut ruthlessly. The poet personifies the oak tree to show its pain.

3. (a) The oak trees were spreading in the sun because there was space all around.

4. (a) The oak tree wished to run away because it was aware of its fate.