

# POETRY 1<sup>st</sup> Year (Intermediate)

## 1. Keep Going (Edgar Albert Guest)

### 2. Answer the following questions : [2x 4 = 8 Marks]

1. Keep going is a classic inspirational poem, claims many critics. Substantiate.
2. Life is queer with its twist and turns, ... List a few twists as mentioned
3. It may be near when it seems afar; What seems afar and why?
4. "An easy-to-read poem, Keep Going is rich both in its content and form'. Explain the above statements with examples.

The poem "**Keep Going**" was written by "**Edgar Albert Guest**"!

Edgar Albert Guest was born in England. He lost his father at the age of fourteen and was forced to work as a copyboy in a press. He is regarded as a people's poet.

The poet motivates the readers that life ahead has many thorns. Troubles may come and stay. Goals may stand beyond reach. Funds may be low. Needs may be more. Yet, one must continue with one's effort, till the success greets one with a smile. One should never give up. One must fight and face the troubles - failures are obvious, one has to learn from the failures.

The poet says that the goal is closer than it seems, especially in time, one who is passing through a difficult phase of life. Not trying is inexcusable. "Winners never quit, Quitters never win". A struggler usually, opts to give up. The poet says that never keep up keep going. Success is Sure.

The poet says that when everything.. goes wrong, don't quit, just take a break and start again. One can never predict what will happen next. The poet keeps on advising "NEVER TO QUIT"

Thus the poet discusses how life might knock us down, but we must get back and try again and again until we succeed.

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The poem "Keep Going" was written by "Edgar Albert Guest" Edgar Albert Guest was born in England. He is regarded as a people's poet. The poet tells about the future difficulties and motivating the readers not to quit.

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## 2. Happiness (Carl August Sandburg)

### 2. Answer the following questions : [2x 4 = 8 Marks]

- Explain the narrator's experience in finding out what happiness is?
- Seeing helps one better in understanding than listening to justify the statement with reference to the poem "happiness"?

The poem "Happiness" written by "Carl August Sandburg".

Carl August Sandburg was an American poet. Winner of three Pulitzer Prizes. He is popular for his biography of Abraham Lincoln. He took up journalism and produced quite a few poems. The present poem "Happiness" is a simple poem with a valuable message. Happiness is from his collection of poems, Chicago Songs.

The narrator tries to find the real meaning of happiness from different people. He consults professors and top executives, however, they could not help him. Feelings dejected he wanders out along the Desplaines rivers on a Sunday afternoon. There he sees a crowd of Hungarians with their women and children. They are spending happy moments under the tree. Along with a keg of beer and an accordion. They were happily singing and dancing in that place. He at once understands what happiness is. Happiness is living in the present and enjoying the moment. It establishes that experience matters more than education. It also shows that man is more comfortable in the lap of nature. Wisdom lives in the lives, but not in the libraries.

Thus, the poem "Happiness" explains that experience matters more than education. It can't be defined in words, it is a state of mind we can sense, it is a feeling of bliss and emotion.

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### 3. The Beggar (Dr. Ammangi Venugopal)

#### 2. Answer the following questions : [2x 4 = 8 Marks]

- “Dr Ammangi Venugopal’s creativity is rooted deeply in the complexities and contradictions of modern life,” say observers?
- How does the poem, The Beggar describe the farmer’s pathetic physical condition?
- List the abilities a farmer is endowed with, according to the poem?
- The poet addresses the reader as you and talks about the farmer as my farmer. Explain the significance in a paragraph?

The poem “The Beggar” written by “Dr.Ammangi Venugopal”. Dr.Ammangi Venugopal born near Hyderabad. He did his doctoral research in Osmania university, Hyderabad. He is a popular Telugu poet who was honored Kaloji Narayana Rao in 2015. The Beggar was originally written in Telugu Poem titled as “Bichchagadu”.

The poem “ The Beggar” projects the intense grief of the farmer’s pathetic condition to create an impact on the reader and to grab the attention. Farmers, the food providers to all struggles to survive. They starve. Yet, they toil. Their feet bleed. Their eyes are full of shadows of their sad stories. Their hunched backs tell us how hard they work. Yet, their stomachs get no food. They are capable of feeding millions. And those millions do not include in them those farmers. To express the farmer’s infinite capacity the poet has used the expression, “ ability to mitigate the sky’s hunger”.

The poet potrays our farmer’s physical appearance frail, dark shadowed eyes, don’t misunderstand him, he is not a beggar. He is our farmer, who can feed the world but today he is hungry and empty stomach. How cruel the modern society responsible for this irony is ! the poem shows the complexities of current times, thus acquiring for itself universal appeal. A farmer today is in misery, farmer’s dusky eyes are dark with shadows of their hands are soiled and severed and their feet bleed. Yet their ability to produce food and satisfy others hunger remains fully active. Although he satisfies the hunger of even skies, his stomach gets no food. The modern society is playing a cruel joke on him.

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## 4. The Noble Nature (Ben Jonson)

### 2. Answer the following questions : [2x 4 = 8 Marks]

- 1] Discuss the aptness of the title 'The Noble Nature' for the poem
- 2] Bulk does not make Man better be. How does the oak support this stand?
- 3] Explain with the example of the lily that size matters not but beauty counts a lot.

The poem "The Noble Nature" written by "Ben Jonson". Ben Jonson the 17th-century playwright, is regarded as the second most popular English dramatist after Shakespeare. He is very well known for his comedy of humor like "Everyman in His Humour". As a poet, he proved his expertise with his lyrics .

The poem "The Noble Nature" tells us about the usefulness of our life it is not how long you live matters but how well you lived. The poem talks about what makes a man noble. The poet employs examples from flora to drive his point becoming a great man does not mean growing like a tree neither long life nor large size can help one attain nobility. He compares man to sturdy Oak tree and a delicate Lily in order to do this. The Oak tree grows big and bulky and lives too long it lives for 300 years, it looks dull and unimpressive soon it becomes a lifeless dry, and withered piece of log. So too will be the fate of a man who is only blessed with long life and physical and material well-being on the other hand Lily is shiny and bright in looks. In May, the lily flower flourishes for a day and shines for a short while. Yet, it pleases many. Beauty-even in the little measures-fills hearts with thrills. Quality adds nobility to life. Smartness, even in small measures, impress and impacts everyone It is not how long we live that matters but how well we lived.

Thus, the poet highlights the points that quantity counts more than quality. Matter matters, not the magnitude. This is the message from this poem.

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