

Beehive (Poem- 9): - The Snake Trying (IX)

WORKSHEET

Q. 1. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below in a word or sentence.

*The snake trying
to escape the pursuing stick,
with sudden curvings of thin
long body. How beautiful
and graceful are his shapes!
He glides through the water away
from the stroke.*

- (i). What is the snake trying to do?
- (ii). How does he move?
- (iii). How are his 'shapes'?
- (iv). Where does he glide away?
- (v). What does the phrase 'pursuing stick' refer to?

Q. 2. Supply the meaning of the following words -

Pursuing, Curvings, Graceful, Stroke, Glides, Reeds

Q. 3. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words.

- (i) Why does the man want to kill the snake?
- (ii) How does the snake protect itself?
- (iii) What does the poet request the man?
- (iv). What is the poet fascinated by?

Q. 4. Do you agree that a snake does not bite a man, it bites a man only when it feels that man is going to kill it?