

Read the poem given below and answer the questions on the opposite page. Your answers must be as brief as possible.

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

Task.1: Match the words with definitions

1	Woods	Covered with extreme cold and solid snow	A
2	Queer	Like soft feathers	B
3	Frozen	thin flat piece	C
4	Harness	Dense growth of trees	D
5	downy	Strange and abnormal	E
6	flake	set of straps on a horse	F

1	2	3	4	5	6

Task.2: Discuss the following topic in groups and write your opinions on the lines given.

- Is nature always a friend or does it harm us? Explain

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Task.3: Read the poem again and answer the following questions.

- a. Where is the owner of the woods living?
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- b. What made the traveller stop?
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- c. What is the rhyme scheme of the first stanza?
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- d. Why does the horse think it queer to stop there?
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- e. What season is suggested by the “frozen lake”?
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- f. Why did the horse shake the bell?
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- g. Which are the other sounds he could hear? Give two.
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- h. What is the figure of speech in the repetition of the sound /d/ in “dark and deep”?
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- i. Why has the traveller to continue his journey?
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- j. The end of the journey is sleep. What does ‘sleep’ suggest about the journey of human life?
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Answer Key

Task 1

1. D
2. E
3. A
4. F
5. B
6. C

Task 2(Sample response)

Man and nature have a complex relationship. Nature is beautiful and attractive. It often is our friend. But it is dangerous and damaging as well.(The woods are lovely but at the same time dark and deep)

Task 3

- a. In the village
- b. Woods fill up with snow
- c. AABA
- d. There is no farm house near
- e. Winter
- f. To ask if there is some mistakes
- g. (sounds of) easy wind, downy flakes
- h. Alliteration
- i. (He has) promises to keep
- j. Death