

Read the poem given below and answer the questions on the following page.

## The Lake of Isle of Innisfree

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,  
And a small cabin build here, of clay and wattles made,  
Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee,  
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow,  
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings.  
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,  
And evening full of the linnet's wings.

I will arise and go now, for always night and day,  
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore:  
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,  
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

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**Task-1: Match the words with their meanings**

1	wattle	weak or unsteady shine	A
2	hive	sidewalk	B
3	glade	cover or cloth that hides appearance	C
4	veil	nest for bees	D
5	glimmer	slender branches and reeds	E
6	pavement	an open space surrounded by wood	F

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

**Task-2: Choose the correct answer form those given.**

1. The speaker dreams about:
  - a. luxury life
  - b. quiet life
  - c. action-packed life
  
2. The life the speaker longs to lead is:
  - a. Wild
  - b. full of excitement
  - c. peaceful
  
3. “evening full of the linnet’s wings” suggests:
  - a. The sound of the bird
  - b. the view of the birds flying in group
  - c. the smell of the birds
  
4. Which of the following suggests that the speaker is at present living in a town?
  - a. Grey pavements
  - b. cricket
  - c. lake
  
5. The speaker wants to live according to:
  - a. Well-planned aims
  - b. customs of the society
  - c. truth of heart

**Task-3: Answer the following questions from the poem.**

a. Where does the speaker want to build a house?

..... [1]

b. What are the things with which the house will be made of?

..... [1]

c. What two things will the speaker have in his /her house?

.....  
..... [2]

d. Identify the rhyme scheme of the first stanza.

..... [1]

e. What does the speaker expect to drop down slowly?

..... [1]

f. Which sound does the speaker hope to enjoy in the morning?

..... [1]

g. Identify what will make the midnight glimmer ?

..... [1]

h. What is the colour of sun at noon?

..... [1]

i. The sound /l/ repeats in nearby words in the phrase "lake water lapping with low sounds"- Identify the figure of speech.

..... [1]

j. What does he /she hear in the deep heart's core?

..... [1]

## Answer Key

### Task-1: Match the words with their meanings

1 - E

2 - D

3 - F

4 - C

5 - A

6 - B

### Task-2: Choose the correct answer form those given.

1 - b

2 - c

3 - a

4 - a

5 - c

### Task-3: Answer the following questions from the poem.

a - Innisfree

b - clay and wattles

c - nine bean –rows AND a hives (for the honey bee)

d – ABAB

e – peace

f – cricket /cricket sings (allow variations like song of cricket)

g – stars

h – purple

i - Alliteration

j – lake water lapping ( with the low sound by the shore)