

## Term-II

# ON THE FACE OF IT

—Susan Hill



## STAND ALONE MCQs

[1 Mark each]

Q. 1. Derry was scared that if he didn't go back to Mr Lamb, \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) Mr Lamb would not let him in.
- (B) Mr Lamb would make other friends
- (C) he wouldn't be able to pick crab-apples
- (D) he'd never go anywhere in the world again

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

*Explanation:* He adopted Mr Lamb's ideology happily and decided to lead a normal life like all others.

Q. 2. Mr. Lamb called Derry blessed:

- (A) because he was young
- (B) because he had a mother
- (C) because he had friends
- (D) because except a burnt face, he had a perfectly healthy body

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

*Explanation:* Lamb told Derry how to overcome his physical deformity. Lamb called him blessed because he had got two arms, two legs, ears, eyes, a brain and a tongue except the burnt face. Mr Lamb himself had a leg of tin.

**AI** Q. 3. How did Mr Lamb relate Beauty and the Beast?

- (A) They were relative to each other.
- (B) They were indifferent to each other.
- (C) They were God's Grace.
- (D) They were part of destiny.

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

*Explanation:* Mr. Lamb means that different people hold different perceptions. While one person might find someone or something beautiful, another person might find that person or thing beastly.

Q. 4. What was Mr Lamb's attitude towards life?

- (A) He wanted to survive with the problems.
- (B) He wanted to struggle with disability.
- (C) He wanted to live life to the fullest.
- (D) He wanted to look for sympathy.

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

*Explanation:* Mr Lamb didn't want to waste his life in regrets.

Q. 5. Derry liked to be alone:

- (A) because of burnt face
- (B) because he couldn't bear with people's comments
- (C) because of inferiority complex
- (D) All of these

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

*Explanation:* Derry had a burnt face which people used to hate and pass foul comments, so Derry had developed inferiority complex and he liked seclusion.





Q. 6. Mr. Lamb kept the door of his garden open:

- (A) to let the animals come in
- (B) to get fresh air
- (C) to avoid opening the door again and again
- (D) to have fine contact with the outer world and enjoy

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

*Explanation:* Mr. Lamb always kept his gate open because he did not mind strangers entering his house. He was an extremely social person and was ever ready to welcome anyone who entered his garden.

Q. 7. If Derry were in a library at the beginning of the play, which of the following sections of books would he NOT explore?

- (A) Science fiction
- (ii) Fantasy
- (iii) Self-help
- (iv) Non-fiction (CBSE QB, 2021)
- (A) Options (i) and (ii)
- (B) Options (ii) and (iii)
- (C) Options (iii) and (iv)
- (D) Options (i) and (iv)

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

AI Q. 8. "Ah, but do you care if you never kiss them." What does Mr. Lamb aim to do with such a statement? (CBSE QB, 2021)

- (A) Empower Derry to take charge.
- (b) Inspire Derry to have dreams.
- (c) Comfort Derry by distracting him.
- (d) Question Derry about his desires.

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q. 9. Choose the option that best constitutes a message from the play: (CBSE QB, 2021)

- (A) People's attitude should not stop one from experiencing life.
- (b) What people say has no bearing upon how one feels about things.
- (c) People cannot be changed. One can and should only change oneself.
- (d) One's opinions cannot be based on what people say behind one's back.

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q. 10. Based on the slogans and tag lines, for which of the following brands might Mr. Lamb be a suitable brand ambassador?



(i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v)

(CBSE QB, 2021)

- (A) Options (i), (ii), (iii)
- (B) Options (ii), (iii), (iv)
- (C) Options (iii), (iv), (v)
- (D) Options (iv), (v), (i)

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

## EXTRACT BASED MCQs

Read the given extracts and answer the questions that follow:

(1 × 4 = 4 marks)

I. MR LAMB: Look, boy, look.... what do you see?

DERRY: Just....grass and stuff. Weeds.

MR LAMB: Some call them weeds. If you like, then.... a weed garden, that. There's fruit and there are flowers, and trees and herbs. All sorts. But over there.... weeds. I grow weeds there. Why one green, growing plant is called a weed and another 'flower'? Where's the difference. It's all life.... growing. Same as you and me.

DERRY: We're not the same.

MR LAMB: I'm old. You're young. You've got a burned face, I've got a tin leg. Not important. You're standing there.... I'm sitting here. Where's the difference? (CBSE QB, 2021)



**Q.1. Like the play, the given extract is a study in contrasts. What does Mr. Lamb seek to do by bringing up distinctions?**

- (A) To explain that weeds are important and should be valued and cared for as much as flowers.
- (B) To emphasize that distinctions are made by man to serve specific purposes and uses.
- (C) To highlight that labels are arbitrary and essentially reflect a common life experience.
- (D) To remind Derry that the only difference that matters is that of attitude and experience.

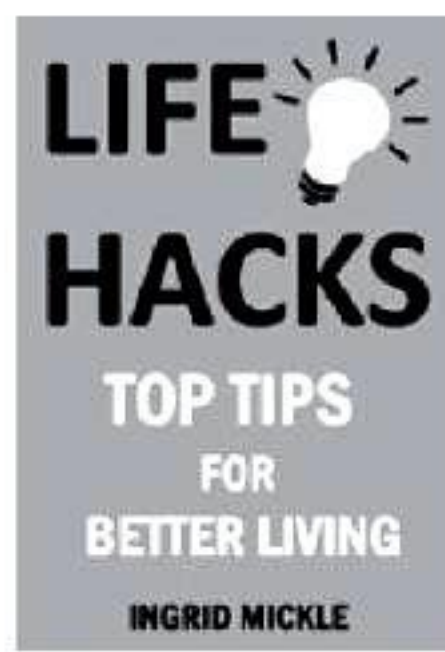
**Ans. Option (C) is correct.**

**Q.2. How would you describe Derry's tone when he says – "We're not the same"?**

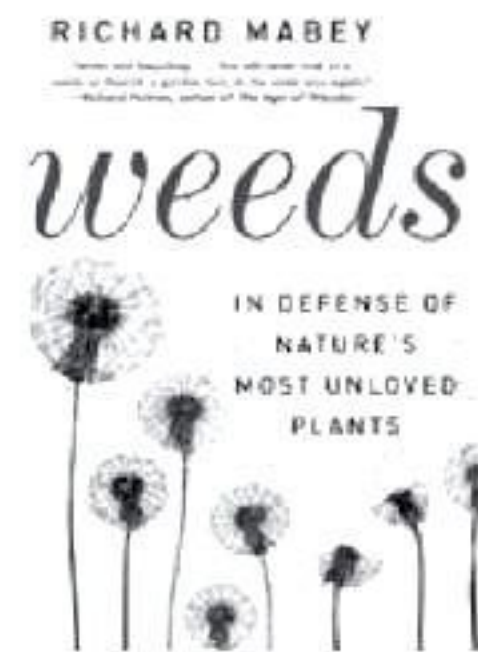
- (A) Angry
- (B) Perplexed
- (C) Gloomy
- (D) Practical

**Ans. Option (C) is correct.**

**Q.3. Look at the given images of books. In which of the following are you NOT likely to find Mr. Lamb's words as given in the extract?**



(i)



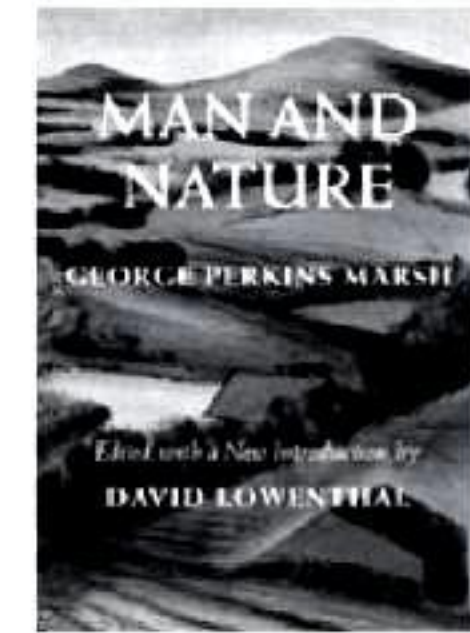
(ii)



(iii)



(iv)



(v)

- (A) Options (i) and (iii)
- (B) Options (i) and (iv)
- (C) Options (ii) and (iv)
- (D) Options (ii) and (iii)

**Ans. Option (B) is correct.**

**Q.4. Which of the following represents Mr. Lamb's analysis of flowers and weeds?**

- (A) Comparison is an act of violence against the self.
- (B) If you have a garden in your library, everything will be complete.
- (C) One man's freedom fighter is another man's terrorist.
- (D) The cosmos is within us. We are made of star-stuff.

**Ans. Option (C) is correct.**

- II. DERRY: What do you do all day?  
 MR LAMB: Sit in the sun. Read books. Ah, you thought it was an empty house, but inside, it's full. Books and other things. Full.  
 DERRY: But there aren't any curtains at the windows.  
 MR LAMB: I'm not fond of curtains. Shutting things out, shutting things in. I like the light and the darkness and the windows open, to hear the wind.  
 DERRY: Yes. I like that. When it's raining, I like to hear it on the roof.  
 MR LAMB: So you're not lost, are you? Not altogether? You do hear things. You listen.  
 DERRY: They talk about me. Downstairs, when I'm not there. (CBSE QB, 2021)

**Q.1. According to Mr. Lamb, what does the idea of being 'lost' signify?**

- (A) He, who does not hear what other people say, is lost.
- (B) He, who does not appreciate man and nature, is lost.
- (C) He, who does not pause to reflect on wind and rain, is lost.
- (D) He, who is closed off to nature and its wonders, is lost.

**Ans. Option (D) is correct.**

**Q.2. Read the following analysis of Mr. Lamb's character based on the given extract. Choose the option that fills in the given blanks most appropriately:**

Mr. Lamb's (i) \_\_\_\_\_ and daily activities reflected the values he lived by and the kind of person he was. His openness, inquisitiveness and his (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ to nature were embodied in his work and words. Being close to and experiencing (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ was not only significant to him, but was at the heart of finding meaning and (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ in life.

- (A) (i) preferences ; (ii) attainment ; (iii) nature ; (iv) direction
- (B) (i) choices ; (ii) loyalty ; (iii) the world ; (iv) hope
- (C) (i) words ; (ii) attitude ; (iii) gardening ; (iv) worthiness
- (D) (i) sermons ; (ii) proximity ; (iii) life ; (iv) values

**Ans. Option (A) is correct.**



**Q.3. Choose the option that best describes the sequence of Derry's emotions in the above extract:**

- (A) shyness – friendliness – reluctant acceptance
- (B) inquisitiveness – nostalgia – mild sadness
- (C) curiosity – measured delight – disappointment
- (D) defiance – excitement – grouchy insecurity

**Ans. Option (C) is correct.**

**Q.4. "You do hear things. You listen." Choose the option that captures the difference between hearing and listening.**

hear: listen :: \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_

- (A) shut in: shut out
- (B) smile: laugh
- (c) act: reflect
- (d) chance: attend

**Ans. Option (D) is correct.**

**III. "I thought it was empty....an empty house".**

**Q.1. Who is 'I' here?**

- (A) Derry
- (B) Mr. Lamb
- (C) Susan Hill
- (D) Jack

**Ans. Option (A) is correct.**

**Q.2. Who is the owner of the house?**

- (A) Derry
- (B) Mr. Lamb
- (C) Susan Hill
- (D) Jack

**Ans. Option (B) is correct.**

**Q.3. Why does 'I' enter the house?**

- (A) To steal apples
- (B) To get his ball back
- (C) To greet the neighbours
- (D) Out of curiosity

**Ans. Option (D) is correct.**

**Q.4. How does 'I' feel when he sees the owner?**

- (A) Excited
- (B) Pleasured
- (C) Embarrassed
- (D) Indifferent

**Ans. Option (C) is correct.**

**IV. "What have you changed the subject for? People always do that. Why don't you ask me? Why do you do what they all do and pretend it isn't true and isn't there?"**

**Q.1. Who is the speaker?**

- (A) Derry
- (B) Mr. Lamb
- (C) Derry's mother
- (D) Mr. Lamb's wife

**Ans. Option (A) is correct.**

**Q.2. Which subject was being talked about?**

- (A) English
- (B) Burnt and ugly face
- (C) Tin leg
- (D) Nature

**Ans. Option (B) is correct.**

**Q.3. Who changed the subject and why?**

- (A) Derry
- (B) Mr. Lamb
- (C) Derry's mother
- (D) Mr. Lamb's wife

**Ans. Option (B) is correct.**

**Q.4. What did people do when they looked at Derry?**

- (A) Sympathised with him
- (B) Loved him
- (C) Afraid of him
- (D) Did not notice him

**Ans. Option (C) is correct.**

**V. "But you can put on trousers and cover it up and no one sees, they don't have to notice and stare."**

**Q.1. Who is 'you' conversing with?**

- (A) Derry
- (B) Mr. Lamb
- (C) His wife
- (D) Susan Hill

**Ans. Option (A) is correct.**

**Q.2. Why do children call 'you' Lamey-Lamb?**

- (A) He could not walk
- (B) He had a golden leg
- (C) He had a tin leg
- (D) He had no legs

**Ans. Option (C) is correct.**



**Q.3. In what context does the speaker say these words?**

- (A) His burnt face  
(B) His amputated hand  
(C) His distorted head  
(D) His large ears

**Ans. Option (A) is correct.**

**Q.4. How does 'you' respond?**

- (A) Tries to keep the speaker quiet  
(B) Tries to alter the view of the speaker  
(C) Tries to alter the appearance of the speaker  
(D) None of these

**Ans. Option (B) is correct.**

**VI. "So you will. But the world won't. The world's got a whole face, and the world's there to be looked at."**

**Q.1. From which lesson have these lines been taken?**

- (A) The Enemy  
(B) Should Wizard Hit Mommy  
(C) On The Face of It  
(D) Deep Water

**Ans. Option (C) is correct.**

**Q.2. Who is 'you' here?**

- (A) Derry  
(B) Mr. Lamb  
(c) Jack  
(D) Jo

**Ans. Option (A) is correct.**

**Q.3. What problem is 'you' talking about?**

- (A) Amputation of leg due to an accident  
(B) Burning of face due to acid  
(C) Distortion of head due to a blow  
(D) None of these

**Ans. Option (B) is correct.**

**Q.4. Who gives this reply?**

- (A) Derry  
(B) Mr. Lamb  
(C) Jack  
(D) Jo

**Ans. Option (B) is correct.**

**VII. "And think of all those people worse off than you. Think, you might have been blinded, or born deaf, or have to live in a wheelchair, or be daft in your head and dribble."**

**Q.1. Who is the speaker of these words?**

- (A) Jack  
(B) Jo  
(C) Derry  
(D) Mr. Lamb

**Ans. Option (C) is correct.**

**Q.2. How have people been sermonizing to Derry about his burnt face?**

- (A) To be brave  
(B) To be sympathetic  
(C) To be patient  
(D) To be happy

**Ans. Option (A) is correct.**

**Q.3. How does Derry feel about this sermonising?**

- (A) Liked  
(B) Disliked  
(C) Indifferent  
(D) Displeased

**Ans. Option (B) is correct.**

**Q.4. Pick up a word from above lines which is similar in meaning as 'fall slowly in drops or a thin stream'.**

- (A) Worse  
(B) Deaf  
(C) Daft  
(D) Dribble

**Ans. Option (D) is correct.**

**VIII. "So you believe everything you hear, then"**

**Q.1. Who is the speaker of the above lines?**

- (A) Derry  
(B) Lamb  
(C) Dr. Sadao  
(D) Tom

**Ans. Option (B) is correct.**

**Q.2. About which incident the listener is talking about he had heard?**

- (A) Two women talking about his face  
(B) Two men talking about his leg  
(C) Two children making fun of him  
(D) Everyone around him

**Ans. Option (A) is correct.**

**Q.3. How did Derry feel about it?**

- (A) They were cruel  
(B) They were sympathetic  
(C) They were happy  
(D) They were indifferent

**Ans. Option (A) is correct.**





**Q.4. How does Mr. Lamb interpret the conversation?**

- (A) Sympathetic (B) Casual  
(C) Funny (D) Serious

**Ans. Option (B) is correct.**

**IX.** "I am not fond of curtains. Shutting things out, shutting things in. I like the light and the darkness, and the windows open, to hear the wind."

**Q.1. Whose house is being referred here?**

- (A) Dr. Sadao (B) Humi  
(C) Lamb (D) Douglas

**Ans. Option (C) is correct.**

**Q.2. What things the house is full of?**

- (A) Books (B) Dust  
(C) Garbage (D) Paintings

**Ans. Option (A) is correct.**

**Q.3. Why is 'I' not fond of curtains?**

- (A) They shut things in (B) They shut things out  
(C) They are useless (D) They are waste of money

**Ans. Option (B) is correct.**

**Q.4. What does the listener like to hear?**

- (A) Barking of dog (B) Honking of vehicles  
(c) Calmness of the nature (D) Pitter patter of rain

**Ans. Option (D) is correct.**

**X.** "What'll he ever do? What's going to happen to him when we've gone? How ever will he get on in this world?"

**Q.1. Who is the author of this story?**

- (A) Colin Dexter (B) Pearl S. Buck  
(C) Susan Hill (D) John Updike

**Ans. Option (C) is correct.**

**Q.2. Who speaks these words?**

- (A) Lamb (B) Lamb's wife  
(C) Derry (D) Derry's parents

**Ans. Option (D) is correct.**

**Q.3. For whom is the concern being expressed?**

- (A) Lamb (B) Derry  
(C) Lamb's wife (D) Derry's parents

**Ans. Option (B) is correct.**

**Q.4. Who is the listener?**

- (A) Derry (B) Mr. Lamb  
(C) Dr. Humi (D) Louisa

**Ans. Option (B) is correct.**

**XI.** "It's got nothing to do with my face and what I look like. I don't care about that and it isn't important. It's what I think and feel and what I want to see and find out and hear."

**Q.1. Who is the speaker?**

- (A) Derry (B) Derry's mother  
(C) Derry's father (D) Lamb

**Ans. Option (A) is correct.**

**Q.2. Where is he willing to go?**

- (A) School (B) College  
(C) Lamb's house (D) Playground

**Ans. Option (C) is correct.**

**Q.3. Why does Derry want to return to Lamb's garden?**

- (A) To get his ball (B) To make fun of him  
(C) To exchange books (D) To keep his promise

**Ans. Option (D) is correct.**

**Q.4. What does Derry see when he returns to Lamb's garden?**

- (A) The flowers have been plucked (B) The apples have been plucked  
(C) Lamb is lying on the ground (d) Lamb is watering the plants

**Ans. Option (C) is correct.**