

ASSIGNMENT NO. 10
TOPIC: THE PIGTAIL

Q.1. Reference to Context:

1. “But wondered much and sorrowed more because it hung behind him.”

- i) Who wondered much and sorrowed more? Why?
- ii) What is ‘it’ in the above lines?
- iii) Name the poem and the poet in the above lines.

**2.”He mused upon this curious case ,
And swore he’d change the pigtail’s place.”**

- i) Who is ‘he’ in the given lines?
- ii) What is the curious case referred to in these lines?
- iii) Could he change the pigtail’s place?

3. “says he, “The mystery I’ve found – I’ll turn me around.”

- i) Who is referred to as ‘he’ in the above line?
- ii) Which ‘mystery’ is being referred to in the above lines?
- iii) After thinking about the curious case, what did the sage swear?
- iv) What efforts did he make to fulfill the desire and did he succeed in that?

**4. “And right , and left, and round about, And up, And down
and in, and out, He turned; but still the pigtail stout
Hung steadily behind him.”**

- i) Was the attempt of sage to solve the problem successful? Why?
- ii) What do you infer about the sage from the above lines?
- iii) Name the poem and the poet in the above lines.

Q.2. What did the sage want to do with his pigtail which hung behind him?

Q.3. Where did he want his pigtail to hang?

Q.4. Why did the sage not succeed in changing the place of his pigtail?