



# Year 9 Poetry 1: The Forgotten Garden

Read the following poem and answer the questions below:

## The Forgotten Garden

In a corner of the city,  
Where the grass has turned to stone,  
Lies a garden once so vibrant,  
Now a place of all alone.

Where flowers used to flourish,  
Now weeds have made their claim,  
And the sun, once so forgiving,  
Has left without a name.

The fountain, cracked and empty,  
Speaks of days long gone by,  
Its waters once so crystal-clear,  
Now beneath a mournful sky.

Yet hope, like a stubborn seed,  
May find its way through cracks,  
To bloom in the face of silence,  
And the echoes of the past.



## Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the central theme of the poem?
  - A) Urban decay
  - B) Nature's resilience
  - C) Loneliness
  - D) Time
  
2. What does the "garden" symbolize in the poem?
  - A) A forgotten memory
  - B) A bustling city
  - C) A sunny day
  - D) A place of peace
  
3. How is the garden described in the poem?
  - A) As vibrant and full of life
  - B) As a place of all alone
  - C) As a busy marketplace
  - D) As a tropical paradise
  
4. What technique is used in "Where the grass has turned to stone"?
  - A) Metaphor
  - B) Simile
  - C) Hyperbole
  - D) Personification



5. What does the "cracked and empty" fountain represent?

- A) The passage of time
- B) A lack of hope
- C) The loss of innocence
- D) The impact of neglect

6. What does the "stubborn seed" symbolize?

- A) Determination and hope
- B) The end of a cycle
- C) A new beginning
- D) An old memory

7. How does the poet convey a sense of emptiness?

- A) Through imagery
- B) Through rhyme
- C) Through alliteration
- D) Through tone

8. What mood is evoked by the line "beneath a mournful sky"?

- A) Joyful
- B) Reflective
- C) Sad
- D) Angry



9. What does the poet mean by "The sun, once so forgiving, / Has left without a name"?

- A) The sun has disappeared
- B) The sun is now harsh
- C) The sun has become irrelevant
- D) The sun is unrecognizable

10. Which language technique is used in "Echoes of the past"?

- A) Imagery
- B) Simile
- C) Alliteration
- D) Symbolism



## Short Answer Questions

1. Explain the significance of the garden in the poem.

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2. How does the poet use contrast to enhance the theme of decay?

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3. Describe the imagery used to depict the fountain.

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4. What role does hope play in the poem?

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5. How does the poet create a sense of desolation in the garden?

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6. Identify and explain one metaphor used in the poem.

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7. How does the poem reflect the passage of time?

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8. Discuss the use of personification in the description of the fountain.

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9. What emotions does the poet evoke through the description of the garden?

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10. How does the ending of the poem contribute to its overall meaning?

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## Answer Key

### Multiple Choice Answers:

1. B) Nature's resilience
2. A) A forgotten memory
3. B) As a place of all alone
4. A) Metaphor
5. D) The impact of neglect
6. A) Determination and hope
7. A) Through imagery
8. C) Sad
9. C) The sun has become irrelevant
10. D) Symbolism

### Short Answer Key:

1. The garden represents a place that was once lively and full of potential but has now fallen into neglect, symbolizing loss and change.
2. The contrast between the vibrant past and the desolate present emphasizes the theme of decay.
3. The fountain is described as "cracked and empty," indicating its disrepair and loss of function.
4. Hope is portrayed as a resilient force that might find a way to bloom despite neglect.
5. The poet uses imagery and metaphor to create a sense of emptiness and decay in the garden.
6. The metaphor "Where the grass has turned to stone" compares the garden's withered state to stone, emphasizing its lifelessness.
7. The poem reflects the passage of time through the garden's transformation from vibrant to desolate.
8. The fountain is personified by describing it as "cracked and empty," giving it human-like characteristics of loss and abandonment.
9. The emotions evoked include sadness and nostalgia, reflecting on what once was and what has been lost.
10. The ending of the poem suggests that despite the neglect, hope and resilience persist, symbolized by the "stubborn seed."





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