

ANSWERS: Week 3

English (Grade 9)

Question 1:

1. Two children
2. 'without warning' (line 3)
3. Accept any of the following:
 - He wanted to enjoy himself.
 - He felt that he wasn't suited to married life and work.
4. He borrowed (from his friends and his brother).
5. Example: • He was spendthrift / shallow / frivolous / irresponsible.
 - He enjoyed the high life.
6. He gave him considerable sums so that he could make a fresh start.
7. He bought a new car and some very nice jewellery.
8. Example: Tom started working in restaurants which George would visit. He asked George to give him money if the latter did not want him to work in those restaurants.
9. By one year (only)
10. Example: • He worked hard.
 - He took life seriously.
 - He was stressed due to work and family life.
 - He did not enjoy life and rarely went on holidays.
11. Tom was growing old too (and would not be able to find life easy.)
12. Example: • He was very angry.
 - He was full of emotions (rage / jealousy / surprise.)
 - He had a lot on his mind
13. Example: • Life had been unfair as he had been hardworking while Tom had been enjoying himself.

- The fact that his brother inherited a large fortune without working hard for it (while he didn't.)

14. • The narrator had laughed at George's plight.

- The narrator did not sympathise with George.

15.

- black sheep (line 1) - odd or disreputable member of the family
- steady (line 7) - constant / regular / dependable
- insensible (line 11) - indifferent to / did not pay much attention
- to wash his hands of (line 14) - refused to be involved with or refused to take responsibility for / got rid of
- idle (line 24) - unemployed / a state of doing nothing / to spend time doing nothing concrete / lazy

Question 2:

1. (a) B

(b) Example: • trill – still – hill

- heard – bird

2. (a) theme which is the freedom of the open world whereas the limiting surroundings of and restrictions imposed on the caged bird.)

(b) Mood of the poem: (Accept any reference to the mood of anger, frustration, sorrow, despair of the caged bird.)

3. Imagine you are the caged bird. Write down your feelings about your situation.