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ANSWER KEY: No 3	Topic: I KEEP SIX HONEST SERVING MEN (POEM)	Note: NOTEBOOK

I. Answer the following questions.

1. How do What, Why, When, How, Where and Who succeed in teaching the speaker?

Ans: Right from the time the speaker started speaking- questioning had been a part and parcel of his speech. He used simple sentences followed by ‘Who’, ‘What’, ‘Where’ and so on extensively to get answers to his doubts. As a child, his curiosity was satisfied by these six words.

2. When does the speaker give them rest?

Ans: The speaker gives them rest from nine till five when the speaker is busy in another work.

3. Who is ‘the person small’ who doesn’t let her servants rest at all?

Ans: The small person here refers to the small girl who doesn’t let her servants rest at all.

4. Who has taught the speaker all he knew?

Ans: The six honest serving men taught the speaker all he knew.

5. Where does the speaker send his men?

Ans: The speaker sends his men over land and sea.

6. What directions did the speaker send his six serving men?

Ans: The speaker sent his serving men east and west.



II Reference to Context Questions:

1. *I keep six honest serving-men
(They taught me all I knew)*

(a) Who are the six honest serving-men?

Ans: The six honest serving men are: Who, What, Where, When, Why and How- who are the hard-working men (persons) and who have helped the speaker learn all he knows.

(b) What does the word ‘knew’ signify?

Ans: It signifies that although he used their help as a child- as he becomes older he often gives these six honest serving men a little rest.

(c) Why does the poet say that his serving-men are honest?

Ans: These 'men'/questions are honest because they helped him to objectively learn the truth.

**2. *She sends'em abroad on her own affairs,
From the second she opens her eyes-***

(a) What do these lines tell about the 'person small'?

Ans: These lines say that the person small is curious- she asks questions all the time and doesn't give her mind a rest.

(b) How many serving-men does the person small have?

Ans: She keeps ten million serving-men. One million HOWS, two million WHEREs, and seven million WHYS.
