

INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

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ANSWER KEY	Topic: I KEEP SIX HONEST SERVING MEN (POEM)	Note: NOTEBOOK



I. Answer the following questions.

1. Who has taught the poet all he knew?

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

2. When does the poet give them all a rest?

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

3. How did What, Why, When, How, Where and Who succeed in teaching the poet?

Ans: Right from the time the poet 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.

4. 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.

5. Who keeps the ten million serving men?

Answer: A small person keeps ten million serving men

6. Do the serving men of the small person get any rest?

Answer: No, the serving men of the small person do not get any rest at all.

7. Where does the poet send his men?

Answer: The poet sends his men over land and sea.

8. What directions did the author send his six serving men?

Answer: The author sent his serving men east and west.

9. Name the poet and name some of his famous works.

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Answer: The author of his poem is Rudyard Kipling. Some of his famous works are Jungle Book, Kim,

Captain Courageous etc.

10. Which trait of the child is highlighted by the poet?

Ans: Inquisitiveness

II. Reference to Context Questions:



i. "But after they have worked for me, I give them all a rest."

1. Whom does 'They' here refer to?

Ans: 'They' here refers to the six honest serving-men.

2. When does the poet give them all a rest?

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

3. What do these lines signify?

Ans: These lines signify that as we grow old, we become too lazy to take an active interest in the world around us.

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

1. 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.

2. 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 6 honest serving men a little rest.

3. 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.

iii. She sends'em abroad on her own affairs, From the second she opens her eyes –

1. What do these lines tell about the 'person small'?

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

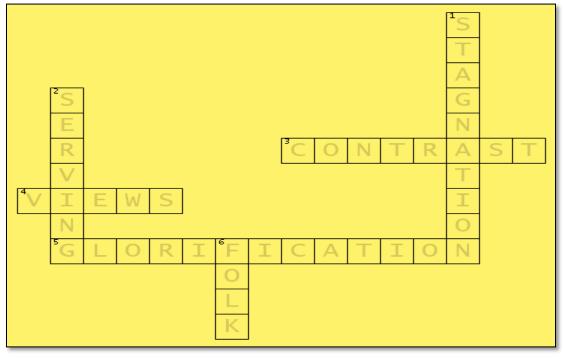
a rest.

2. 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.

III. Criss Cross Puzzle







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