

L-1The guest house

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:-

1) 'Be grateful for whatever comes,

Because each has been sent

As a guide from beyond'.

a) Name the poem and the poet.

b) What is the poet asking us to be grateful for?

c) What do you understand by the phrase 'guide from beyond'?

2) 'This being, human, is a guest house

Every morning a new arrival,

A joy, a depression, a meanness,

Some momentary awareness comes

As an unexpected visitor'.

a) What has the poet compared human being with? Why?

b) Which are the new arrivals in the life of a person?

c) Identify the poetic device and explain it.

3) Why does the poet ask us to treat each guest honourably?

4) What is the value conveyed through the poem "The guest house"?

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