I am the Land

by Marina De Bellagenta

Answer the following questions in two or three sentences. (2 marks)

1. Which actions of man are tolerated by the earth?

Answer: The farmers ploughing the earth and plants life that give fruits, grass, trees etc. The children play under these trees. These actions of man are tolerated by the earth.

2.How is the action of soldiers affect the earth?

Answer: The soldiers come with guns and shoot from their country to their enemy country. They put fence between the countries. This affect the earth with the choking. The fence appears to be the choking necklace.

3. Why was a chain-link necklace put around the land?

Answer: People who owned the land wanted to protect their property from trespassers and therefore might have put a chain-link necklace around the land.

4. What are the activities that go on over the land?

Answer: Man buys land, digs the land and plants trees, grows fruit on it. Children dance and play on land. Man also fences and makes boundaries over the land.

5. What quality of the land is highlighted in the poem?

Answer: The poem emphasizes the land's flexibility and optimism despite human exploitation, as it patiently awaits positive change brought by caring individuals, even though it is eventually harmed by mankind.

6. 'You cannot put a fence around the planet earth'. How do you justify this statement?

Answer: The Earth defies confinement by fences as it belongs to all. When people selfishly fence off their property, the Earth reminds them that the entire planet is their home and cannot be enclosed.

7. How does the land express her feelings in the poem I am the land?

Answer: In the poem, the land's feelings are expressed through personification and metaphor. It tolerates like a mother and emphasizes patience through repeated use of the word 'wait'.

8. How does the land show its patience towards man?

Answer: The land demonstrates patience by enduring human actions like wars and fencing, while also waiting patiently as people cultivate it, plant trees, and harvest fruits.

9. How does the poet described the land?

Answer: The poet portrays the land as patient amid transactions, seen as a commodity. It finds joy in natural growth and children's play, with personification lending realism to its portrayal.

10. What does the phrase "car lot eyes stare" suggest?

Answer: It is a perception as if the earth were staring with the lights of the car parked on it. This line is an imaginary perception to the planet which has no light of its own.

11. Pick out the line from the poem that expresses "self-assertion of the speaker."

Answer: "YOU CAN NOT PUT A FENCE AROUND THE PLANET EARTH" This line suggests the self-assertion of the poem.

12. "I wait" is repeated five times in the poem. What quality of the speaker is highlighted with this repetition?

Answer: The repetition of "I wait" highlights the self-assertion of the speaker (the earth). It also emphasizes the patience of the earth.

13. List the figures of speech "personification" used in the poem "I am the land."

Answer: These are the examples for the figures of speech "personification": I wait, I lie patient, car lot eyes I stare, someone tickles me, a chain link necklace chokes me now.

14. Pick out the images from the poem "I Am the Land".

Answer: Car lot eyes stare, someone tilling the earth, planting trees, children dance and sing, soldiers with guns shooting, fencing between the countries.

15. How does the poet Marina express the feelings of the land?

Answer: Here the poet Marina De Ballagenta Express the feeling of the land being to be the land or the mother earth. She tells how the land like the mother is full of patience while we, her children go about destroying her.

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