

Q.1 Read the given extracts and answer the questions that follow.

a. Water, water every where

and all the boards did shrink

water, water, every where

nor any drop to drink.

(i). What is the poetic device used in the given stanza?

Ans. Repetition

(ii). Why was there not a drop to drink?

Ans. The water was every where but as it was sea water it could not be drunk.

(iii). Give the opposite of "expand".

Ans. Shrink

b." Ah! Well- a -day! What evil look

had I from old and young!

Instead of the cross, the Albatross

About my neck was hung".

(i). Who is an Albatross?

Ans. Albatross is a big white sea bird with big wings.

(ii). What did the Mariner do and what did he get?

Ans. The Mariner shot the bird and hence got evil looks from the old and young.

(iii). Give the opposite of the word "evil".

Ans. Noble.

2. Draft a summary of the poem “ The Rime of Ancient Mariner” using the given points, using sentence linkers and connectors.

- a. The ancient Mariner stops one of the wedding guests to narrate his tale.
- b. The guests were in a hurry to attend a wedding but had no option than listen to his tale.
- c. The old Mariner began saying that the ship cheered of the harbour.
- d. There came a severe storm and they were surrounded by mist and snow and huge ice bergs.
- e. Then came an Albatross which was cheered as a Christian soul.
- f. The sailors gave it food and it flew over the ship.
- g. In a senseless fit the old Mariner killed it with his cross-bow.
- h. The fellow Mariners cursed him as the weather worsened and sadness prevailed.
- i. The sun started blazing the ocean began to rot, the wind stopped and the ship got stuck.
- j. It looked like a painted ship on a painted ocean.
- k. Water was every where but they could not drink.
- l. The sailors felt the spirit of the Albatross plaguing them and they were in a hopeless situation.
- m. They held the old Mariner responsible for their sufferings.
- n. They punished him for his crime.
- o. Instead of the holy cross the dead Albatross was hung around his neck.

3. Answer the following questions in 30 – 40 words.

- 1. Compare and contrast the weather conditions, before and after the arrival and killing of the Albatross ,in the journey of the sailors.
- 2. What was the terrible deed done by the Mariner?