

ENGLISH MAIN COURSE BOOK – POETRY

Name of the Poem	Name of the Poet
Character of a Happy Man	Sir Henry Wotton
Death the Leveller	James Shirley
A Ballad of Sir Pertab Singh	Sir Henry Newbolt
Razia, the Tigress	Keki N Daruwalla
Where the Mind is Without Fear	Rabindranath Tagore

1. Write the central idea of the poem 'Character of a Happy Man'.

Ans. A happy man is honest and truthful. He has faith in God. He is free from envy and vices. He enjoys the company of books and friends. He has no fear of death.

2. Write the central idea of the poem 'Death the Leveller'.

Ans. Death comes to all. It spares none. Even the kings and the brave have to die. Only good deeds of humans remain forever.

3. Write the central idea of the poem 'A Ballad of Sir Pertab Singh'.

Ans. The poem is against the caste system. A man's caste is determined by his actions. All the soldiers share the bond of bravery and courage.

4. Write the central idea of the poem 'Razia, the Tigress'.

Ans. Man has become the biggest enemy of nature. The wild animals live under the fear of hunters. Man has taken away their lands.

5. Write the central idea of the poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear'.

Ans. This poem is a prayer to God. The poet wants his country to be free. His countrymen should be hardworking and educated. The country should become a heaven.