



Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. (I am an orphan, roaming the street.  
I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.  
The silence is golden; the freedom is sweet.)

(a) Who is 'I' in the above extract?

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(b) Why does the speaker want to be an orphan?

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(c) What is the orphan doing?

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(d) What do you mean by 'hushed bare feet'?

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2.

Don't bite your nails, Amanda!

Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda!

Stop that slouching and sit up straight,

Amanda!

(a) Who do you think could be the speaker in the stanza?

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(b) What is expected from Amanda?

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(c) Why do you think Amanda is being instructed/scolded?

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(d) What is the tone of the speaker?

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3. (there is a languid, emerald sea,  
Where the sole inhabitant is me-  
A mermaid, drifting blissfully.)

(a) Who does 'me' stand for?

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(b) How does 'me' feel?

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(c) Who is 'me' compared to?  
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(d) Which word in the extract means opposite of 'sorrowfully'?  
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**ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

(1) Who was Amanda? What idea do you form of her through the poem?  
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(2) What message does the poet want to give through the poem- 'Amanda'?  
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(3) Why does she dream to be an orphan?  
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(4) Who is the mermaid in 'Amanda' what does 'she' wish to do?  
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(5) Is the purpose of someone constantly giving instructions to Amanda being fulfilled? Explain.  
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(6) Amanda imagines herself to be Rapunzel, yet would not like to do what all she did. Identify and state the reasons for her decision.  
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(7) Bringing up teenagers can be both a challenge and fun. How far do you agree? Express your views with reference to Amanda's life.  
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(8) Why is Amanda asked not to eat chocolate?

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(9) What is the fear of the speaker that is explained in the last stanza?

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(10) What picture do you form of Amanda's mother/parents after reading the poem 'Amanda'?

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## MCQ Questions

*Read the following extracts carefully and choose the correct option*

**Question 1 :**

Don't bit your nails. Amanda!

Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda!

Stop that slouching and sit up straight,

Amanda!

**i) Who is giving instructions to Amanda!**

a) Teacher

b) Grandmother

c) Mother

d) Father

**ii) What does Amanda do to her shoulders?**

a) Stretches

- b) Hunches
- c) Keep them loose
- d) None of these

**iii) What is Amanda's sitting posture?**

- a) Sitting straight
- b) Bending on the chair
- c) Slouching
- d) Not sitting at all

**iv) What is the literary device used in the third line?**

- a) Metaphor
- b) Alliteration
- c) Personification
- d) Simile

**Answer :** i) c) Mother

ii) b) Hunches

iii) c) Slouching

iv) b) Alliteration

**Question 2 :**

(There is a languid, emerald sea,

where the sole inhabitant is me-

a mermaid, drifting blissfully.)

i) Who do these lines refer to?

- a) Amanda
- b) Mermaid
- c) Amanda's sister
- d) None of these

ii) Why is this stanza given within brackets?

- a) to show inner thoughts of mother
- b) day dreaming by Amanda
- c) to show the contrast
- d) Both (b) and (c)

iii) Give the word from the stanza which means “free flowing act of going with motion and force”.

- a) languid
- b) Blissfully
- c) Drifting
- d) Emerald

iv) Why does Amanda want to be sole inhabitant of sea?

- a) Away from noise
- b) Away from mother
- c) Away from this noisy and disturbing atmosphere
- d) Away from everyone

### **Short Answer Type Questions**

**1: Write a short note on the title of the poem?**

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**2: Why is Amanda getting scolded for having chocolate?**

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**3: How life on a tower would be different from life anywhere else for Amanda?**

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**4: Why does Amanda seem moody most of the times?**

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**5: Why does Amanda wish to be a mermaid, an orphan, or Rapunzel?**

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**6: Do you consider Amanda's mother to be a nagging mother?**

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**7: Is Amanda at fault at all?**

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**8: What is the central theme of the poem Amanda?**

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**9. State the key points in the poem Amanda. What do you learn from it?**

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# Long Answer Type Questions

**1: Discuss the importance of proper upbringing with reference to the poem Amanda by Robin Klein.**

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**2: How does Amanda tackle the nagging nature of her parents? Explain with examples from the poem. What values does it portray about Amanda?**

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**3: Escapism is one way to run away from harsh realities. Discuss in context to the poem.**

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