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Question Bank No: 27	Topic: Caged Bird	Note: To be written in the notebook

A1. Answer the following questions

1. What does the phrase 'his bars of rage' imply?

Ans- The phrase 'his bars of rage' implies that the bars instill anger in the caged bird.

2. How has the poetess brought out the theme by juxtaposing the free and the caged birds?

Ans-The free bird is free to do anything, on the other hand, the caged bird's aspirations are as trapped as himself.



3. Explain the expression 'a fearful trill'?

Ans- 'A fearful trill' refers to the soft, sweet, high-pitched sound a bird makes when it is nervous.

4. What does the caged bird sing of and why?

Ans-The caged bird sings of freedom because he longs for it.

5. Who do you think the 'free bird' and the 'caged bird' represent?

Ans-The 'caged bird' represents the African Americans who were oppressed mindlessly by the white people who are the 'free birds'.

6. What is the message of Maya Angelou's poem "Caged Bird"?

Ans-The message of Maya Angelou's poem "Caged Bird" is that any person who is oppressed or "caged" will always continue to "long" for freedom, knowing that if others are entitled to it, they should be entitled to it, too. Nothing will ever eradicate the desire to reach the "distant hill" where the free bird cavorts, such that time spent in the cage becomes a "nightmare." In this poem, Angelou is writing metaphorically about the plight of African Americans, as represented by the "caged bird" which sings of freedom, despite the fact that its dreams have been dashed. She compares the caged bird to the free one, which "dares to claim the sky." The poem actually depicts the emotional and psychological effects of being oppressed and removed from the possibility of self-determination.

Q2. Reference to Context

1. *"The free bird thinks of another breeze
and the trade winds soft through the sighing trees
and the fat worms waiting on a dawn bright lawn
and he names the sky his own."*

