

09. The Farmer's Wife

I. Answer the following in a word, a phrase or a sentence each as required :

1. According to the speaker in 'The Farmer's Wife', who is "the poor sinner"? (K)
2. Why did the farmer commit suicide? (K)
3. The farmer committed suicide by _____ (K)
4. In the poem 'The Farmer's Wife', the phrase 'the harvest of my womb' refers to _____ (C)
5. In the poem 'The Farmer's Wife', the line "You are virtuous and you are gone", "You" refers to _____.
6. According to the farmer's wife, what is she used to? (K)
7. What does the farmer's wife want to teach her children? (K)
8. How did the farmer treat his wife when he was drunk? (K)
9. What was the 'death blow' given by the farmer to his wife, in 'The Farmer's wife'? (C)
10. "Worm eaten cotton pods" are compared to _____ (K)
11. What does the farmer's wife mean by 'harvest of my womb'? (C)
12. How many children did the farmer's wife have? (K)
13. The phrase 'a bent head' in 'The Farmer's wife' refers to (C)
 - a. her physical deformity.
 - b. submissive nature of women in general.
 - c. aggressive nature of women in general.
14. What does the phrase 'you crossed over' refer to, in 'The Farmer's wife'? (C)
15. What does the farmer's wife decide at the end of the poem 'The Farmer's Wife'? (K)

II. Answer the following in a paragraph of 80-100 words.

1. How does the farmer's wife lament over the death of her husband? (C)

OR

What are the memories of her husband that haunt the farmer's wife?

2. How did the farmer poison his wife's existence? (E)
3. How does the farmer's wife resolve to live in 'The Farmer's Wife'? (E)

III. Answer the following in 200 words

1. How does the poem 'The Farmer's wife' bring out the plight of the woman and her assertion? (E)