

Steady Test
A Tiger in the Zoo. MB4-15

A. He stalks in his vivid stripes,
The few steps of his cage,
On pads of velvet quiet,
In his quiet rage.

- i) Why could the tiger walk only a few steps?
- ii) How does the tiger move in the cage?
- iii) What are the two qualities of the animal under reference?
- iv) Why is he in quiet rage?

B. He should be lurking in shadow,
Sliding through long grass
Near the water hole
Where plump deer pass.

- i) who is "he"?
- ii) Select a synonym of "chubby"
- iii) Why should 'he' lurk and slide?
- iv) Why do deer pass to reach the water hole?
- v) The scene in this stanza is of a _____
 - a. Zoo
 - b. Forest
 - c. Museum
 - d. can't say

A. He should be snarling around houses
At the jungle's edge,
Baring his white fangs, his claws,
Terrorising the village!

- i) Why should 'he' do all the activities mentioned in this stanza?
- ii) Choose a synonym of 'showing'
- iii) Fangs means _____
 - A. moustache
 - B. teeth
 - C. claws
 - D. paws

Q Do you think that Tiger in the poem had lost its natural instinct due to captivity? Support your answer with evidence from the poem.(3)

Or

What makes a tiger in the jungle look ferocious? How do people react at the sight of a tiger?

