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Topic :Father to Son

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S.No.	Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions given below.	Marks
I	<p>I do not understand this child Though we have lived together now In the same house for years. I know Nothing of him, so try to build Up a relationship from how He was when small.</p> <p>(a) Who have lived in the same house for years? The father and the son have lived in the same house for years.</p> <p>(b) Why does the father say that he knows nothing of him? They live like strangers in the same house. Complete silence surrounds them when they see each other's presence.</p> <p>(c) What kind of relationship does he want to build up? He wants to build up the same kind of relationship as he used to have when his son was a little child.</p>	3
II	<p>Yet have I killed The seed I spent or sown it where The land is his and none of mine? We speak like strangers. There is no sign Of understanding in the air.</p> <p>(a) What does the word 'seed' signify? The word 'seed' here refers to all the hard work the father had to do to bring up the child.</p> <p>(b) What 'land' does the speaker refer to? The child's mind is the land into which the father had tried to sow the seeds of his thoughts.</p> <p>(c) Why do they speak like strangers? They speak like strangers because they have different ways of life and thoughts.</p>	3
III	<p>Father and son, we both must live On the same globe and the same land. He speaks: I cannot understand Myself, why anger grows from grief. We each put out an empty hand,</p> <p>(a) How does the poet feel when his relationship with his son comes under strain?</p>	3

	<p>The poet is keen to save the blood ties with his son. He wants the son to return to his old house.</p> <p>(b) What could be the cause for their distancing from each other? The cause of the growing gap between the father and his son is lack of understanding. Both need each other, yet they turn apart because of ego-problem</p> <p>(c) What do the words 'an empty hand' signify? The words 'an empty hand' signify that neither father nor the son has gained anything from their state of estrangement. Both of them are empty handed.</p>	
	Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.	
1.	<p>Why is the father unhappy with his son? The father is unhappy with his son as there is no interaction between the two. They do not understand each other and are like strangers. Though they live under the same roof, yet they have nothing common between them. Their thinking and outlook are totally different.</p>	3
2.	<p>'I would have him prodigal'. What does the father mean by this? Prodigal means wastefully extravagant. In the Bible, there is a story, where a father inherits property and gives to his sons. The younger son wastes a lot but returns to his father's home. Here in the poem, the father is ready to forgive and accept his son and he may start living with him under the same roof.</p>	3