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I	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:-	
1.	<p><i>‘Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, ...To where it bent in the undergrowth;’</i></p> <p>(a)What is the poet’s state of mind? <i>The poet is in a dilemma. He found it difficult to decide which road he should take.</i></p> <p>(b)Why was it a difficult decision? <i>It was difficult decision for him because both the roads were equally fair and promising.</i></p> <p>(c)Why did the poet feel sorry? <i>He felt sorry as being a lone traveller, he could not travel on both the roads.</i></p> <p>(d)Explain : long I stood.... <i>The poet took a long time to make up his mind as to which road he should take.</i></p>	4
2.	<p><i>‘Then took the other, as just as fair, ...Had worn them really about the same.</i></p> <p>(a)‘took the other’, What does the ‘the other’ refer to? <i>It refers to the road that the poet chose to travel.</i></p> <p>(b) Why did the other road have a better claim? <i>The other road was grassy and less worn out.</i></p> <p>(c) What is the rhyming scheme of the poem? <i>abaab</i></p> <p>(d) What do the roads being talked about in the stanza symbolize? <i>The roads symbolize the decisions we have to make in life when we are in a state of dilemma.</i></p>	
3.	<p><i>‘And both that morning equally lay ... I doubted if I should ever come back.’</i></p> <p>(a) What does ‘both’ stand for? <i>‘Both’ stands for the two roads.</i></p> <p>(b) What did the poet decide? <i>He decided that he would take the second road and leave the first one for some other day.</i></p> <p>(c) What does ‘leaves no step had trodden black’ imply? <i>It implies that the road was not taken by anyone.</i></p> <p>(d)What does ‘I kept the first for another day’ convey? <i>The poet had taken the second road and wished to take the first road some other day.</i></p>	4
II.	Short Answers to Questions (30-40 words):-	
1.	<p>“I doubted if I should ever come back.” Why does the poet doubt he should ever come back? Ans: Once a decision is taken, it is difficult to change, especially a career chosen can’t be changed easily as one career involves many years and after the passage of time, choosing another career is</p>	

	difficult.	
2.	<p>What images does the poet use to compare the two roads?</p> <p>Ans: The poet has used two roads to symbolize the options or the opportunities one faces in one's life. He further differentiates the two roads to bring his point home. One road is less travelled by. Though both are equally fair and tempting yet one has to take only one. He uses expressions like wear, trodden black, grassy etc to compare both roads.</p>	
III.	Answers to Long Answer Questions (Value Based)	8
1.	<p>Do you think the poet would have ultimately found his destination, even by taking the first one? Would he have cherished the time spent while travelling the first one as well? Discuss.</p> <p>Ans: In the poem 'The Road Not Taken', the poet Robert Frost, has revealed that the world being round, one road leads to another. Hence, the poet would have ultimately reached his destination. He might have taken a little more time by taking the first one. The poet might not have cherished the time spent to an equal degree while travelling the first road as his enthusiasm for the second road was much more than for the first one. The second road was less taken by the travelers so it generated more enthusiasm in the poet's mind. Therefore he cherished those moments for a long time.</p>	8
	Practice Questions	
1.	Based on your understanding of the poem 'The Road Not Taken', write a diary entry of the poet about the day he had to make a choice.(150 words)	8
	Assignment Question	
1.	<p><i>' Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, And sorry I could not travel both, And be one traveler, long I stood And looked down one as far as I could To where it bent in the undergrowth;'</i></p> <p>(a) What does the poet mean by yellow wood? (b) Explain : be one traveller. (c) What does the road bent in the undergrowth imply? (d) What does the word diverged mean?</p>	4