

POINTS TO BE REMEMBERED

- Be thorough with the format of speech.
- Wish your audience.
(Good Morning, Good Afternoon etc.)
- Inform them about your topic.
(Today I am going to speak on...)
- Elaborate the hints given in the Question Paper.
- Use simple language.
- Correct spellings and structure of sentences.
- Conclude your speech with a “Thank You”.

EXAMPLE : (5 Marks)

Q1. Your college is celebrating “Road Safety Week”. You are asked to speak in your college assembly highlighting some of the traffic rules and mention the need to follow them. Write a speech in about 100 words.

Your speech should include the following points:

- Road accident – causes.
- Negligence.
- Use of mobile phones while driving.
- Overtaking and speeding.

Elaborate the hints given in the Question paper.

Answer:

Respected principal, teachers and my dear friends. I am happy to tell you all that our college is celebrating Road Safety Week. We are seeing increase in traffic accidents these days. The main reasons are increase in traffic and ignoring traffic rules.

People jump signals, do not follow lane discipline and speed and overtake. Also the use of mobile phones while driving also contributes to accidents.

Drunken driving is also another cause.

Therefore we must follow the traffic rules very strictly to avoid accidents, we should not use mobiles phones while driving and must not drive rashly to overtake.

Thank you

Q2. Imagine that you have been invited by a local Science Club to speak on superstition. Prepare a speech in about 120 words, on the basis of the points given below:

- **Traditional beliefs- irrational guillible minds**
- **Fear, ignorance, illiteracy, lack of scientific knowledge**
- **Common beliefs – cat crossing one’s path, presence of owls in the courtyard**
- **Measures to eradicate – scientific clarifications creating awareness literacy drive**

Answer:

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to congratulate the Science Club for their efforts to create awareness about superstition. Superstition is nothing but blind beliefs. They arise from traditional beliefs followed by us. Fear, ignorance, illiteracy, lack of scientific knowledge are the main causes of this.

The fear that if something is not done it will cause harm is the basic factor making people superstitious. They believe blindly in things like cat crossing one’s path or presence of owls in the courtyard will bring trouble. This can be eradicated by instilling scientific awareness in people.

Thank You.

The House by the side of the Road

- Sam Walter Foss



Questions & Answers: 1 mark

1. When does the speaker rejoice in “The House by the side of the Road” ?

A: The speaker rejoices when the travelers rejoice.

2. In the poem “The House by the Side of the Road”,

A: “brook-gladdened meadows” suggests happy moments of life.

3. In the poem “The House by the Side of Road” the phrase -

A: ‘the mountains of wearisome height’ suggests: hardships of life.

4. Souls like stars dwell apart in a fellowless firmament.

(Fill in the blank with the right phrase from the House by the side of the Road).

4A. Who dwell apart in a fellowless firmament ?

A: Souls like stars.

5. What does the speaker want to be in “The House by the side of the Road”?

A: Speaker wants to be a friend to common man.

6. What do the pioneer souls do?

A: The pioneer souls blaze the paths where highways never ran.

7. Which place does the speaker choose to live in?

A: House by the side of the road.

4 Marks Questions:

1. Why does the speaker not want to ‘sit in the scorner’s seat’ or ‘hurl’ the cynic’s ban’ in The House by the side of the Road’ ?

OR

How does the poet identify himself with the people on the highway of life in ‘The House by the Side of the Road’?

Ans: The poet wants to be a friend of man. He does not want to be like hermit souls or people who do not wish to live with the common man.

He does not want to be souls like stars and live far apart from the common man like stars in the sky that are far away from each other.

He does not also want to be like pioneer souls or people who do something for the first time and who are too involved with their work. They also do not want to be with the common man. He would like to be with the common man and share their joys and sorrows. This joy and sorrow is part of the divine plan of God.

Thus he wants to accept people as they are.

2. How does the speaker of 'The House by the side of the Road' want to become a friend to man ?

Ans The poet wants to be a friend of man by accepting people as they are. He wants to be with them even if they are good or bad as he himself has good and bad within him. He does not want to judge people or make unkind or unfair remarks. He does not want to think as being superior to others. He just wants to be friend to all.

6 Marks Questions:

1. "The Road stands for activity and life and the speaker wants to be a part of it." How is this idea presented in the poem "The House by the side of the Road" ?

OR

2. "Humble hearts have humble desires." Justify your answer with reference to "The House by the side of the Road."

Ans The poet wishes to live in a house by the side of the road, meaning that he wants to live with people. He does not want to be like hermit souls who do not want to live with the common man. He wants to be a friend to man whether they are good or bad, weak or strong, wise or foolish. He feels that he is no different from them.

He would like to be a friend to man who is happy about life or fearful and anxious. He wants to be a friend to both the man of smiles and the man of tears. The poet says that joy and sorrow are part of the divine plan. In short, he wants to be a friend to all. He says that life is full of problems, but he says he shall be happy when the common man is happy. He shall be sad when the common man is sad. He wants to share in the joy and sorrow of the common man.

He does not want to sit in the judgment of people. He does not want to pass unkind remarks on them. He extends his hand of friendship to all men.

All the best for your exams. May you come out with flying colours.