

SPEECH

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)

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.**

➤ **Wish your audience.**

(Good Morning,

Good Afternoon etc.)

**Good morning to one and all
present here.**

**Respected principal, teachers
and my dear friends.**

Inform them about your topic:

Today I am going to speak on...

Road Safety week.

**Elaborate the hints given
in the Question Paper.**

Hints :

- **Road accident – causes.**
 - a. rapid increase in traffic**
 - b. people ignoring traffic rules**

➤ **Negligence.**

a. People neglect traffic rules.

b. and jump the signal

➤ **Overtaking and speeding.**

a. people do not follow the lane discipline

b. and always try to overtake

➤ **Use of mobile phones while driving.**

a. we should not use mobile phones while driving

The House by the side of the Road

- Sam Walter Foss



1. There are **hermit souls** that
live withdrawn In the place
of their self-content;
There are souls like stars,
that dwell apart, In a
fellowless **firmament**;

There are **pioneer souls**
that **blaze the paths**

Where highways never ran-
But let me live by the side of
the road

And be a friend to man.

2. Let me live in a house by the
side of the road,
Where the race of men go by –
The men who are **good** and the
men who are **bad**,
As good and as bad as I.

I would not sit in the

scorner's seat,

or hurl the cynic's ban –

Let me live in a house by

the side of the road

and be a friend to man.

3. I see from my house by the
side of the road,
By the side of the highway
of life,
The men who press with the
ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with the
strife

**But I turn not away from
their smiles nor their tears.**

Both parts of an **infinite plan –**

Let me live in a house

by the side of the road

And be a friend to man.

4. I know there are **brook-**
gladdened meadows ahead

And mountains of **wearisome**
height;

That the road passes on through
the long afternoon

And stretches away to the night.

**But still I rejoice when the
travelers rejoice,**

**And weep with the
strangers that moan,**

**Nor live in my house by the
side of the road**

Like a man who dwells alone.

5. Let me live in my house
by the side of the road –
It's here the race of men go by.
They are **good**, they are **bad**,
they are **weak**, they are **strong**.
Wise, foolish – so am I ;

Then why should I sit in the
scorner's seat,
or **hurl** the **cynic's ban** ?

Let me live in my house by
the side of the road

And be a friend to man.

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 high ways
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' ?

A: Speaker –

- **likes to be a friend to man**
- **not want to be like
hermit souls or souls like stars
or pioneer souls**
- **identifies with common man**

- **shares joys and sorrows
both parts of an infinite plan**
- **rejoices with travelers' joy and
weeps when strangers moan**
- **accepts people as they are
very humble.**

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

A: Speaker-

- **The poet stresses on the idea of acceptance as they are.**
- **wants to be a friend to all human beings.**
- **wants to live with men who are either good or bad like himself.**

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- **doesn't want to be the judge to sit in the scorner seat and hurl the cynic's ban.**
- **does not like to claim superiority over others.**
- **just wants to be a 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.”

A: The speaker –

➤ **wishes to live in the
house by the side of the
road unlike hermit souls.**

- **wants to be a friend to man**
- **Identifies with the common man -**
good / bad, weak / strong,
wise / foolish –
in short men like him.

- **What type of men then?**
- **men who press with the ardor of hope and men who are faint with strife**

- **Who don't turn away from their smiles or tears**
- **as they are the parts of an infinite plan-life**

- **Realizes -**
- **his strengths and weakness by living in the house by... road**
- **being a friend to all**
- **knows that life is full of problems and hurdles**

- **feels happy when travelers rejoice**
- **weeps with the strangers that moan.**
- **shares the joys and sorrows of the people.**

- **does not want to sit in the scorner's seat or hurl the cynic's ban.**
- **instead wants to be a friend to man.**

Thank You