

A Wrong Man in Worker's Paradise  
Solved: Previous Year Question Paper

1 Mark Questions:

1. Why is the torrent in the worker's Paradise silent? [MQP 22-23]  
[Jun 2022]

Ans. : The torrent in the worker's paradise was silent because even a torrent would not waste its energy singing in the worker's Paradise.

2. What does Rabindranath Tagore compare the girl's movement on the road to? [Sep 2020]

Ans. : Rabindranath Tagore compares the girls' movement on the road to the rapid movement of a skilled hand on the strings of a guitar.

3. Why did the idle man ask the girl of the silent torrent to give one of her pitchers? - [Jun 2018]

Ans. : The idler man asked the girl of the silent torrent to give one of her pitchers to draw pictures on the pitcher.

4. Why didn't the man fit in with the scheme of things in Workers' Paradise? [Apr 2018]

Ans. : The Workers' Paradise had people who enjoyed working and did not waste time on useless things. The idler spent all his life on earth without doing a scrap of useful work and therefore didn't fit the scheme of things in Workers' Paradise.

5. How did the man waste his time on the earth? [Apr 2017]

Ans. : The man wasted his time on earth by painting, making little pieces of sculpture, and being idle

6. What is the girl's movement on the road compared to? [Jun 2016]

Ans. : The girl's movement on the road is compared to the rapid movement of a skilled hand on the strings of a guitar.

7. The lesson 'A Wrong man in workers' Paradise' finally illustrates

- A) how humans waste time in doing useless things
- B) how people in workers' paradise enjoyed their busy schedule
- C) how the impact of art work and beauty can change people
- D) how the idle man was ignored in the workers' paradise - [2021]

Ans. : C) how the impact of art work and beauty can change people

8. When the men say "We haven't a moment to spare" they mean that they are

- A) over-burdened with their work
- B) happy and proud to be so busy
- C) indifferent
- D) complaining [2021]

Ans. : B) happy and proud to be so busy

9. The girl scanned the painted pot at home secretly because the girl was

- A. impressed by its beauty
- B. very secretive in nature
- C. afraid of the idle man
- D. afraid of the elders' rebuke for wasting her time. [MQP 21-22]

Ans. : D. afraid of the elders' rebuke for wasting her time.

10. The elders in the workers' Paradise became anxious because

- A. the girl became lazy
- B. people were not happy
- C. work began to suffer
- D. the man was idle. [MQP 21-22]

Ans. : C. work began to suffer.

## 2 Mark Questions:

1. Describe the appearance of the 'girl of the silent torrent'. [Apr 2023]

Ans. : The bustling girl of the silent torrent moved rapidly, like the skilled hand moves on the strings of the guitar. Her hair was carelessly done, and inquisitive wisps of hair peeped often over her forehead to peer at the dark wonder of her eye.

2. How did the elders come to know that the man was not the right sort for worker's Paradise? [MQP 22-23]

Ans. : When the elders summoned the man, they saw his fantastic dress, his quaint brushes, his paints. They knew at once that he was not the right sort for Workers' Paradise.

3. Why did the aerial messenger say, "I brought a wrong man into this Paradise"? - [Jun 2018]

Ans. : Being influenced by the wrong man, many people in workers' paradise began spending their time painting, sculpting, and being idle. Hence work began to suffer making the elders anxious. The aerial messenger appears here and says, "I brought a wrong man into this Paradise."

4. What changes took place in the girl after the wrong man gave her the painted pitcher? [Apr 2018]

Ans. : For the first time in her life, the girl had seen something that had no meaning and no purpose at all. She scanned the painted pitcher from all angles. Her hurrying feet became less hurried, and what was meaningless became more meaningful.

5. Why did the elders of the worker's paradise become anxious? [Apr 2017] [Apr 2022]

Ans. : The elders of the worker's paradise became anxious because work had of late begun to suffer. Influenced by the wrong man, active people became idle and were wasting their precious time on useless things such as painting and sculpture.

6. What does "hurrying feet" suggest? Why did they become less hurried? [Jun 2016]

Ans. : "Hurrying feet" suggests the feet of the bustling girl. It means the girl was always rushing since she was busy with work. After the wrong man gives her the painted pitcher, she begins to

find beauty in the meaningless. She spends time scanning the pitcher from all angles and the next day her feet become less hurried because she spends time thinking about the paintings.

7. **How were the ribbons, made by the idler, responsible for the girl's work remaining unfinished? [Mar 2019]**

Ans. : The girl liked the coloured ribbons and started to spend a lot of time tying her hair with them. The minutes slipped by, unutilised and much work was left unfinished.

### 3 Mark Questions

1. **How did the wrong man spend his life on earth? [Apr 2022]**

Ans. : The wrong man did no useful work on earth. He made pieces of sculpture - men, women, castles, quaint earthen things dotted over with sea shells. He painted. Thus, he wasted his time on useless and needless work. People laughed at him. At times, he vowed to shake off his whims but they lingered in his mind.

2. **Describe how the girl examined the painted pitcher at home. What was the impact on her? [July 2020] [MQP 21-22]**

Ans. : The girl went away with the pitcher. At home, away from prying eyes, she held it in the light, turned it round and round, and scanned it from all angles. At night, she lit a lamp and scanned it in silence. For the first time, she saw something that had no meaning and no purpose at all. The next day, her hurrying feet were a little less hurried. A new sense awakened in her, a sense that had no meaning and no purpose at all.

3. **Why did the elders of the Workers' Paradise become anxious? What decision did they take? - [Jun 2019]**

Ans. : The elders of the worker's paradise became anxious because work had of late begun to suffer. Influenced by the wrong man, active people became idle and were wasting their precious time on useless things such as painting sculptures and being idle. A meeting was called. All agreed that such a state of affairs had so far been unknown in the history of the Worker's Paradise. The aerial messenger confessed that it was all because of the wrong man whom he had brought into the paradise. The man was summoned. Seeing his dress, brushes, and paints, they realised this was not the right place for him. The President asked him to leave.

4. Write briefly the proceedings of the meeting of the elders in the Workers' Paradise. - [Jun 2017]

Ans. : The elders became anxious because work remained unfinished in Workers' Paradise, and a meeting was called. All agreed that such a state of affairs had so far been unknown in the history of the Worker's Paradise. The aerial messenger confessed that it was all because of the wrong man whom he had brought into the paradise. The man was summoned. Seeing his dress, brushes, and paints, they realised this was not the right place for him. The President asked him to leave. The man was relieved and started gathering his brush and paints. The girl of the silent torrent decided to go with him. The elders gasped in surprise.

5. What changes were noticed in the movement and attitude of the girl of the silent torrent after the man gave her the painted pitcher? - [Apr 2016]

Ans. : Earlier the busy girl of the silent torrent had a movement on the road like the rapid movement of a skilled hand on the strings of a guitar. She walked with hurrying feet which means she was always rushing because of work. However, after she saw the painted pitcher, her hurrying feet were a little less hurried. She spent time admiring and thinking about the paintings and the meaningless slowly started becoming meaningful. She also allowed the painter to make coloured ribbons for her hair. Her work was unfinished.

6. There are two worlds – the world of the idler artist and the world of the inhabitants of the Workers' Paradise. Which world is better? Why do you feel so? - [Jun 2015]

Ans. : The world of the idler artist is very different from the world of the inhabitants of the workers' paradise. The inhabitants of the worker's paradise are proud to be busy and involved in useful activities. The artist lays down in the green meadows and likes to paint on pitchers or make colourful ribbons - things that don't have any purpose. While I prefer the rigour and hard work of the girl, the farmers, and the workers of the worker's paradise, I also feel the need to have idle time, to make art and be with nature like the idler. I don't think either world is better than the other, I would instead prefer a balanced world with elements from both.

7. Compare the attitude of the people in Workers' Paradise before and after the Wrong man was brought there. [Mar 2019]

Ans. : Before the Wrong man came to Workers' Paradise, the people were busy. Men said they hadn't a moment to spare, women were conscious of time flying. Time was precious. People were happy and proud to be busy. After the wrong man came, work began to suffer. Many people who were active before were influenced by the wrong man and became idle. They wasted their time on useless things such as painting and sculpture. This made the elders anxious as such a state of affairs had been unknown to the worker's paradise.

### Reference to Context Questions - 3 Marks

1. "Wait a moment! I shall come with you." - [Apr 2022] [Jun 2018]

Ans. : The given statement is from 'A Wrong Man in Workers' Paradise' by Rabindranath Tagore. The girl of the silent torrent said these words to the wrong man. The idle man was summoned before the elders of the Workers' Paradise and was asked to leave the Paradise. The man sighed in relief and gathered his brush and paints to go. The girl came up tripping and cried these words.

2. "You have no work in hand, have you?" [Jun 2022]

Ans. : The given statement is from 'A Wrong Man in Workers' Paradise' by Rabindranath Tagore. The girl of the silent torrent said these words to the idler. When the girl was rapidly walking on the road, she saw the idler standing by the stream. As a princess sees a lonely beggar and is filled with pity, the busy girl saw the idler and was filled with pity. She asked the above question to the idler with concern.

3. "Only some more work from your hands." [Sep 2020]

Ans. : The given statement is from 'A Wrong Man in Workers' Paradise' by Rabindranath Tagore. The idler said these words to the girl. After the idler had painted the pitchers, the next day the girl saw him standing by the torrent. In confusion, she asked him what he wanted from her. In reply to her, the idler said the above line. He wanted to make a coloured ribbon for her hair.

4. "What do they mean, all those lines and colours?" [Jun 2019]

Ans. : The given statement is from 'A Wrong Man in Workers' Paradise' by Rabindranath Tagore. The girl of the silent torrent asked this question to the idle man. She had given him one of her pitchers to paint on. The man started painting. He drew line after line, he put colour after colour. When he had completed his work, the girl held up the pitcher and stared at its sides, her eyes puzzled. That's when she asked him the above question.