

**CLASS X –ASSIGNMENT**

**UNIT-1 POEM 2**

**FIRE AND ICE**

**ASSIGNMENT**

1. STANZA 1

Some say the world will end in fire  
Some say in ice.  
From what I've tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favour fire.

Questions :

- (a) What do people think about the ending of the world?
- (b) What is the poet's opinion?
- (c) What does 'desire' mean here?
- (d) What is the rhyme scheme of this stanza?
- (e) Name the poem and the poet.

STANZA 2

But if it had to perish twice.  
I think I know enough of hate  
To say that for destruction ice  
Is also great  
And would suffice.

Questions :

- (a) What does 'it' refer to here?
- (b) How is 'ice' sufficient for destruction?
- (c) What is the main idea of these lines?
- (d) What is ice a symbol Of?
- (e) What is the rhyme scheme of this stanza?

**Short questions:**

- a. What do you think would be enough to destroy the world?
- b. Which two ideas about how the world will end have been mentioned in the poem? Which idea does the poet support more?
- c. According to the poet, what do 'fire' and 'ice' represent? Do you agree with him?
- d. What do people think about the ending of the world? What does the poet think?

**Long Question**

- 1. How does the poem depict the two contrasting ideas— 'Fire' and 'Ice'? Can hatred destroy us and the world? Explain bringing out values which can make this world a better place to live in.
- 2. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem? How does it help in bringing out the contrasting ideas in the poem?