

**RASI ENGLISH GUIDES 2023-24****MARATHON TEST – 18**

STD: XI

SUB: ENGLISH

**I. Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions.****7x1=7****1. "Let's talk of graves of worms and epitaphs*****Make dust our paper, and with rainy eyes******Write sorrow on the bosom of the earth."***

- Define the term 'epitaph'.
- Mention the figure of speech used here.
- What does the speaker want to write?

**2. "All murdered-for within the hollow crown*****That rounds the mortal temples of a king******Keeps Death his court; and there the anticsits."***

- What does antic means?
- Identify the figure of speech used in this line.

**3. "Cover your heads, and mock not flesh and blood*****With solemn reverence;"***

- Whom does King appeal?
- What does 'Cover your heads' mean?

**II. Explain the following with reference to the context.****1x3 =3****1. "And yet not so-for what can we bequeath,*****Save our deposed bodies to the ground?"*****III. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.****1x5 =5**

- Write an appreciation of the poem "The Hollow Crown".

**ANSWER KEY**

1. a. Epitaph means **writing on a tombstone**.  
b. Metaphor  
c. The speaker wants to write **about the mortality of human life on earth**.
2. a. Antic means **a court jester**.  
b. Personification
3. a. King appeals to **the soldiers**.  
b. 'Cover your heads' means **taking off the hats of soldiers to show respect**.