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Answers Key:

Complete the following passage by the using the phrases given in the box

1. (i) looking ahead
   (ii) to hurry nor move away
   (iii) mourn
   (iv) youth to old age
   (v) up or down the hill
   (vi) joyful
   (vii) high adventure

Write Synonyms

2. Ahead
3. Speeding up/ hastening
4. Not bright/ (here) unpleasant past
5. Stopping
6. Covers/hides
7. To harm/damage someone or something
8. Joyfulness
9. Arrive or end up
10. Searching
11. Unusual and unexpected experience

Poem - Answer the Following

12. (a) The word 'me' refers to the poet Henry Van Dyke
    (b) The poet wants to lead his life without any hesitation, always looking forward with a willing soul.
13. (a) I think the poet is not in a hurry because he wants to enjoy all aspects of life.
    (b) One should not mourn for the things one has lost in the past.
14. (a) The poet means by the phrase 'in the dim past' that what was in the past is clear in our mind. The past becomes dimer and dimer in our life.
    (b) No, the poet is not afraid of the future.
    (c) One can travel with cheer if one does not think much the past and the future.
15. (a) The way of life is not always smooth. It has ups and downs.
    (b) The journey of life should be a joyful one, full of unexpected things.
    (c) The poet as a boy sought new friendship, high adventures and success.
16. (a) The poet seeks quest or opportunities which need courage to accomplish.
    (b) The poet's hope is that the life will be the best after the last twist in life.
17. (i) fear – cheer;
    (ii) whole – toll;
18. abba
19. (a) He wants to live his life happily with forwarding momentum and positivity.
    (b) He tells us not to worry about the past things that disappeared.
20. (a) Couplet is used in this poem. A couplet is two lines of verse that are joined by a rhyme.
    (b) The alliterated words: forward - face; (1st line), Not-nor;- (2nd line)
21. Personification. The way is personified as a human. It takes us up the hill or down.
22. Couplet is the literary device used here.
23. (i) year – disappear;
    (ii) soul – goal;
24. (i) down, crown;
    (ii) joy – boy;
    (iii) quest – best;
25. journey, joy.

Poem - Paragraph questions

26.

Title	Life
Poet	Henry Van Dyke
Theme	Optimism makes the journey of life cheerful
Life is very important so take it seriously.	

Henry Van Dyke (1852 – 1933) was an American author, poet, educator and clergyman; His early works, 'The story of the other Wise Man' and 'The First Christians Tree', were first read aloud to his conjugation in New York as sermons.
The poet wants to live his life looking ahead with a burning desire to accomplish something in his life. He neither wants to hurry nor wants to move away from his goal. He does not want to mourn or cry over the setbacks in the past. Also he does not worry about the future. He instead prefers to live his

life with a whole and happy heart which cheerfully travels from youth to old age. Hence, it or smooth. Whatever may be the path, he believes that his journey will be cheerful. He states that he will continue to seek what he wanted as a boy – new friendship, high adventure and a crown (prize). His heart will remain courageous and pursue his desires. He hopes that every turn in his life's journey will be the best.

My heart will keep the courage of the quest And hope the road's last turn will be the best.

27. 'His first flight' is a parable. The seagulls convey the message of self-confidence, motivation and self-reliance. The mother seagull motivates the young one enough to get him to learn flying. The young seagull realises the importance of belief and faith. He flaps his wings to learn flying and gain the confidence to be independent. The story conveys "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime': The parable also stresses the importance of family ties and devoted support. It tells about the painful process of learning an important lesson in life.
28. In this poem, the poet narrates to us about how he would want to look forward with a happy and cheerful mind without worrying too much about the future. He thinks that he should live life to the fullest by retaining the child-like innocence and pleasures of life. Finally, he hopes that his life will be meaningful and that better things will happen to him in the future which lies ahead of him.
29. The poet wants to live his life looking ahead, willing to do something. He neither wants to hurry nor move away from his goal. He does not want to mourn the things he has lost, not hold back for fear of the future. He instead prefers to live his life with a whole and happy heart which cheerfully travels from youth to old age. Therefore, it does not matter to him whether the path goes up or down the hill, rough or smooth, the journey will be joyful. He will continue to seek what he wanted as a boy - new friendship, (vii) high adventure and a crown (prize). His heart will remain courageous and pursue his desires. He hopes that every turn in his life's journey will be the best.
30.

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Keep your eyes on the stars and feet on the ground

Henry Van Dyke (1852 – 1933) was an American author, poet, educator and clergyman; His early works, 'The story of the other Wise Man' and 'The First Christians Tree', were first read aloud to his conjugation in New York as sermons The poet wants us to lead our life looking ahead with a zeal to accomplish something in course of our life. We should not be in a hurry because we should enjoy every bit of our life, whether it is happiness or sorrow, success or failure as life progresses. We should neither mourn the things lost in the past nor have fears of the things that may or may not happen in the future. He uses the phrase 'the dim past' to suggest that the past has always some unfulfilled things or failures about which we should not worry. We should rather be hopeful to face the future. In addition, the poet goes to state that one can travel on to the future with a whole and happy heart from youth to old age. If we have will power and willingness to travel through the ups and downs of life, our life will be a high adventure.

...but with a whole *And happy heart, that pays its toll.* *To Youth and Age, and travels on with cheer.*

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Poem - Memory Poem

31. Let me but live my life from year to year,
With forward face and unreluctantly soul;
Not hurrying to, nor turning from the goal;
Not mourning for the things that disappear
In the dim past, nor holding back in fear
From what the future veils; but with a whole
And happy heart, that pays its toll
To Youth and Age, and travels on with cheer.
So let the way wind up the hill or down,
O'er rough or smooth, the journey will be joy:
Still seeking what I sought when but a boy,
New friendship, high adventure, and a crown,
My heart will keep the courage of the quest,
And hope the road's last turn will be the best
-Henry Van Dyke