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Questions:

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

1.

youth to old age	up or down the hill	to hurry nor move away	
high adventure	joyful	mourn	looking ahead

The poet wants to live his life (i)_____, willing to do something. He neither wants (ii)_____from his goal. He does not want to (iii)_____ 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 (iv)_____. Therefore, it does not matter to him whether the path goes (v)_____, rough or smooth, the journey will be (vi)_____. He will continue to seek what he wanted as a boy - new friendship, (vii)_____ 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.

Write Synonyms

2. Forward
3. Hurrying
4. Dim
5. Holding back
6. Veils
7. Pays its toll
8. Cheer
9. Wind up
10. Seeking
11. Adventure

Poem - Answer the Following

12. Let me but live my life from year to year,
With forward face and unreluctant soul;
(a) Whom does the word 'me' refer to?
(b) What kind of life does the poet want to lead?

13. Not hurrying to, nor turning from the goal;
Not mourning for the things that disappear
(a) Why do you think the poet is not in a hurry?
(b) What should one not mourn for?

14. 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.
(a) What does the poet mean by the phrase 'in the dim past'?
(b) Is the poet afraid of future?
(c) How can one travel on with cheer?

15. 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,
(a) How is the way of life?
(b) How should be the journey of life?
(c) What did the poet seek as a boy?

16. My heart will keep the courage of the quest,
And hope the road's last turn will be the best.
(a) What kind of quest does the poet seek here?
(b) What is the poet's hope?

17. 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.
Identify the rhyming words of the given lines.

18. Let me but live my life from year to year,
With forward face and unreluctant soul;
Not hurrying to, nor turning from the goal;
Not mourning for the things that disappear
Identify the rhyme scheme of the given lines.

19. Let me but live my life from year to year,
With forward face and unreluctant soul;
Not hurrying to, nor turning from the goal;
Not mourning for the things that disappear
(a) How does the poet want to live his life?
(b) What does he say about past events?

20. With forward face and unreluctant soul;
Not hurrying to, nor turning from the goal;

(a) What literary device is used here?
(b) Pick out the alliterated words in these lines.

21. "So let the way wind up the hill or down"
What is the figure of speech used here?

22. "My heart will keep the courage of the quest,
And hope the road's last turn will be the best"
What is the literary device used here?

23. Let me but live my life from year to year,
With forward face and unreluctant soul;
Not hurrying to, nor turning from the goal;
Not mourning for the things that disappear
Identify the rhyming words in the given lines.

24. 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 pf the quest,
And hope the road's last turn will be the best.
Identify the rhyming words in the given lines

25. O'er the rough or smooth, the journey will be joy;
Pick out the words in alliteration.

Poem - Paragraph questions

26. Describe the journey of life as depicted in the poem by Henry Van Dyke.

27. What is the message of the poem "Life"?

28. What does the poet narrate to us in this poem?

29. What are the main concepts and ideas in the poem 'Life'?

30. How according to Dyke, should we take the ups and downs in life?

Poem - Memory Poem

31. Quote from Memory.
Let me but.....

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