### A Fragment (Poem)

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#### Stanza No. 1
Awake! Arise! The hour is late!
Angels are knocking at the door!
They are in haste and cannot wait,
And once departed come no more.

Reference:
These lines have been taken from the poem "A Fragment" composed by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Context:
The poet emphasizes the importance of early rising. He advises us to awake from the bed. If we do not rise at proper time, we shall lose our strength and become like a barren land where only weeds grow.

Paraphrase:
Awake and arise from your bed. It's too late now. Angels are knocking at your door. They are in hurry and cannot wait for you any more. Once, they go away, they would not come back. If we do not get up early in the morning, we shall not be able to make progress in life.

#### Stanza No. 2
Awake! Arise! the athlete's arm
Loses its strength by too much rest;
The fallow land, the untilled farm,
Produces only weeds at best.

Reference:
These lines have been taken from the poem "A Fragment" composed by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.
Context:
The poet emphasizes the importance of early rising. He advises us to rise from bed. If we do not rise at proper time we shall lose our strength and become like a barren land where only weeds grow.

Paraphrase
Awake and arise up without any delay. If we continue taking rest we will lose our strength and become useless like a barren land and uncultivated farm that produces nothing but weeds only.

SUMMARY
(Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)
"An early bird catches the worm".

This didactic poem has been composed by H.W Longfellow. The poet tries to inculcate in the reader the blessings of early rising. He advises the people to leave the bed early in the morning, be active and get ready for work because

"Early to bed, early to rise
Makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."

Man himself is the architect of his fate. If he does not get up early in the morning and continues taking rest, he will lose his strength and will become useless. He cannot make progress in life. Goodness is knocking at his door and is inviting him to the path of virtue. The angels of goodness are in a hurry and cannot wait long. So he should avail himself of these chances of goodness. If he misses them, such chances will never return and he will have to repent the whole life.

The farmer’s strength becomes his weakness due to oversleep. Laziness renders him good-for-nothing. Too much rest is rust. He has not cultivated and watered the land. As a result, weeds and shrubs de shape the land everywhere. The fallow and untilled land can produce nothing else. Hence, we should also get up early and enjoy the blessings of early rising. Otherwise, laziness will cause poverty and ruination. The poem is in the form of address. The poet addresses to the imaginary readers. This poem is a beacon of light for the path of success and describes as the disadvantages of laziness, as

"Sloth is the mother of poverty."

EXERCISES
Write down the rhyming words used in the poem.
Ans. Late, Wait, Door, More, Arm, Farm, Rest, Best.

Write two more rhyming in each line.

a) arise, Prize, Fries
b) knock, Cock, Shock
c) weed, Tweed, Lead
Answer the following questions.

i. What advice does the poet give to the late riser?
   Ans. The poet advises the late riser that he should get up early. Otherwise, he may lose his time as well as his strength.

ii. What is the benefit of early rising?
    Ans. Early risers get much time to do other things. They remain fresh and happy the whole day.

iii. What is meant by "fallow land"?
    Ans. Fallow land means barren land that grows nothing.

iv. What is the theme of the poem?
    Ans. One should not waste time in taking too much rest.

v. Explain the last two lines of the poem.
   Ans. If you continue taking rest you will become useless. You will become as useless as fallow and untilled farm, that grows nothing. Taking too much rest, spoils the cells and one becomes lazy and dull and becomes unfit for healthy activities.

Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

i. Angels are knocking ______ your door.

ii. They cannot wait ______ you.

iii. They will not come back ______ their departure.

iv. The athlete loses his strength ______ taking too much rest.

v. Fragment means separate or ______ parts.

Use contractions in the following sentences.

i. I have missed my school bus.
   Ans. I've missed my school bus.

ii. They had a pleasant party.
    Ans. They'd a pleasant party.

iii. It is not a fine day.
    Ans. It's not a fine day.

iv. You are a genius boy.
    Ans. You're a genius boy.

v. We have passed the admission test.
   Ans. We've passed the admission test.

Missing Letters:

i. dep__rt
   ii. prod__ces
   iii. we__ds
   iv. aw__ke
   v. kn__cking

Match the words similar in meaning in List 'A' with 'B' and write the answer in 'C'.

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<td>ii. Haste</td>
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<td>iv. Fallow</td>
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Use the following words in your own sentences.

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<td>We should awake from the bed early in the morning.</td>
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<td>Arise</td>
<td>نیاگرہ</td>
<td>So many questions arise about the present political situation in Pakistan.</td>
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<td>Knock at</td>
<td>بھکہ دینا</td>
<td>I saw a man knocking at the door.</td>
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<td>Haste</td>
<td>جلدی</td>
<td>Haste makes waste.</td>
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<td>Depart</td>
<td>مرنے والے</td>
<td>We should pray for the departed souls.</td>
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<td>Strength</td>
<td>تقریبے</td>
<td>Union is strength.</td>
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<td>Untilled</td>
<td>نہ کاکٹاہتی</td>
<td>Untilled land produces nothing.</td>
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<td>Angels</td>
<td>نہوں نہیں</td>
<td>Angels always pray to God.</td>
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<td>Wait</td>
<td>اٹھا کرنا</td>
<td>Time and tide wait for none.</td>
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<td>Untilled farm produces weeds only.</td>
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Answers

Fill in the blanks.

1. at  
2. for  
3. after  
4. after  
5. in

Missing letters.

1. a  
2. u  
3. e  
4. a  
5. o

Match List 'C'.

1. Part  
2. Speed  
3. To leave  
4. Barren  
5. Rise