



NAS Based Poem Comprehension

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Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:

Be the Best

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,
Be a scrub in the valley—but be
The best little scrub by the side of the rill,
Be a bush if you can't be a tree
If you can't be a bush be a bit of the grass,
And some highway happier make;
If you can't be a muskie then just be a bass
But be the liveliest bass in the lake!
We can't all be captains; we've got to be crew,
There's something for all of us here
There's big work to do and there's lesser to do,
And the task we must do is the near.
If you can't be a highway then just be a trait
If you can't be the sun, be a star,
It isn't by size that you win or you fail
Be the best of whatever you are!

Q1. What is the poet's tone in the poem?

- a) optimistic
- b) pessimistic
- c) neutral
- d) none of these

Q2. What should be our attitude towards our work?

- a) Be aggressive towards work.
- b) Avoid the important work.
- c) Whatever we do, we should do it whole-heartedly.
- d) all of these

Q3.What is the message in the poem?

- a) One should always try to do one's best.
- b) Always dream big.
- c) Less work, more sleep.
- d) none of these

Q4.Winning does not depend on.....

- a) attitude
- b) mentality
- c) desire
- d) size

Q5. Which word in the poem means the same as “a piece of work”.

- a) big
- b) bass
- c) highway
- d) task

