2. The Road Not Taken: LITERATURE CLASS IX
WORKSHEET 1

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Extract Based Questions

1. Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, and sorry I could not travel on both
   And be one traveller, long as I stood
   And looked down one as far as I could
   To where it bent in the undergrowth;

   (a) Where was the poet standing? What did he see?
   (b) Why did the poet stand there for so long?
   (c) Why did the poet describe the wood as yellow?

2. Then took the other, as just as fair,
   And having perhaps the better claim,
   Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
   Though as for that the passing there
   Had worn them really about the same,

   (a) Which road did the poet take?
   (b) Why did the poet take the other road?
   (c) Was it a worn out road or a less travelled path?

3. And both that morning equally lay
   In leaves no step had trodden black
   Oh, I kept the first for another day!
   Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
   I doubted if I should ever come back.

   (a) Who does the word “both” refer to?
   (b) Explain the phrase “.....way leads on to way”?
   (c) What doubt did the poet have in his mind?

4. I shall be telling this with a sigh
   Somewhere ages and ages hence;
   Two roads diverged in a wood, and I
   I took the one less travelled by,
   And that has made all the difference.

   (a) What would the poet be telling his future generations with a sigh?
   (b) What was going on in the poet’s mind as reflected in the above lines?
   (c) Explain the phrase “And that has made all the difference”?
Short Answer Type Questions

6. The title “The Road Not Taken” is an appropriate title for the poem. Comment.
7. Why does the poet want the passers by to “stop here or gently pass”?
8. Why does the poet say he shall tell people ‘this with a sigh’?
9. Why did the poet keep the first road for another day?
10. Why did the poet feel sorry? Why did the poet stand long at the crossroads?
11. What message does Robert Frost give to his readers through his poem ‘The Road Not Taken’.

Long Answer Type Questions

13. Discuss the anticipation or remorse in “The Road Not Taken”
14. Making choices seem to a part of everybody’s life. Yet they need to be made. Elaborate in about 150 words in relation to the poem, “The Road Not Taken”.

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