

A. Match the key words with their definitions:

1. consensus	a. to look at and be amazed
2. pin-up	b. poster
3. culprit	c. helping to cause something
4. marvel	d. when everyone agrees
5. conducive	e. to shake because you are cold
6. shiver	f. the person who is to blame
7. bleak	g. to stop
8. cease	h. unpleasant and unlikely to improve
9. rot	i. a place where dead people are buried
10. graveyard	j. to decay, decompose

B: Mark the following statements (T) True, (F) False or (NM) Not Mentioned:

The writer suggests:

1. People who liked poetry a hundred years ago enjoyed silence.
2. Book reading and poetry was made possible by the printing press.
3. Only the upper class were interested in reading poetry.
4. People travelled to the countryside by horse and carriage to read poetry.
5. In the old days, if you wanted to listen to music you had to go to concerts.
6. For many people, times seems to pass slowly when there is no noise.
7. It was probably easier to meditate a hundred years ago.
8. Entertainment was responsible for poetry dying out.
9. Parents read poetry to their children as bedtime stories.
10. Houses a hundred years ago were quite noisy.