

CLASS: 8 **IMAGINATION** SUBJECT: ENGLISH

**ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:**

**1. What games did the poet play as a child? What impact did they have on him?**

The poet liked to play pirates and cowboys as a child. This enabled him to develop a vivid imagination.

**2. The poet’s life is unlike the books he reads. Quote from the poem to validate this.**

“I discovered the joys of reading, And escaped the daily grind.”

**3. What was the impact of science fiction on his life?**

The poet read the books of Jules Verne and went travelling to the moon. He takes a look around the moon through the pages of the science fiction book and comes back home when he is done reading.

**4. In the fifth stanza, the speaker alludes to two people. Find out who they are. What do these allusions convey?**

Dr Livingstone was an explorer in Africa in the 1850s. His knowledge of the Nile opened up routes for missionaries and freedom for slaves. Huckleberry Finn is a fictional character created by Mark Twain. He is a mischievous boy who likes to explore the countryside and gets into trouble for doing so.

**5. What impact did growing up have on the poet?**

When the poet grew up, the fantasy world of heroes was lost to him. His childish world of games and imagination came to an end. Although he became serious, a part of him never forgot the mysterious and the imaginary world of his younger days.