

Rhetorical Questions Worksheet: Class 11 and 12

Set 1. Read the questions below and identify whether each is an example of Anthypophora (Hypophora), Erotesis, or Epiplexis.

- i) Why do we learn history? To understand the present and shape the future.
- ii) Isn't it obvious that we need to act now to save the environment?
- iii) Why can't you ever arrive on time?
- iv) What is the purpose of exams? They assess our understanding.
- v) How could you forget something so important?

Answers:

- i) Anthypophora
- ii) Erotesis
- iii) Epiplexis
- iv) Anthypophora
- v) Epiplexis

Set 2: Instructions: Convert the following statements into rhetorical questions. Use Erotesis or Epiplexis style as appropriate.

- i) You never take anyone's advice.
- ii) Everyone wants peace in the world.
- iii) He failed because he didn't prepare.
- iv) Nobody likes being ignored.
- v) It is unacceptable to waste food.

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Answers:

- i) Do you ever listen to anyone's advice?
- ii) Who doesn't want peace in the world?
- iii) How could he expect to pass without preparing?
- iv) Who enjoys being ignored?
- v) Isn't it shameful to waste food?

Set 3: Instructions: Based on the given topics, write one rhetorical question each. Specify which type it is: Anthypophora, Erotesis, or Epiplexis.

- i) Use of mobile phones in classrooms
- ii) Climate change
- iii) Cheating in exams
- iv) Importance of reading
- v) Public cleanliness

Answers:

- i) Why are mobile phones banned in class? : Anthypophora
- ii) Isn't it time we took climate change seriously? : Erotesis
- iii) Do you really think cheating will help you in life? : Epiplexis
- iv) Why should we read regularly? : Anthypophora
- v) Can't we use a dustbin instead of littering everywhere? : Epiplexis

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Set 4: Instructions: Analyse and Classify Rhetorical Questions in Context

- i. The type of rhetorical question, and
- ii. The function it serves in the sentence.
- iii. Why do we study literature? Because it teaches us about life.
- iv. Isn't it strange how silence can be louder than words?
- v. How many times must I remind you to complete your homework?
- vi. Why should we ignore poverty when we see it around us every day?
- vii. What is the role of leadership? To guide, inspire, and support.

Answers:

- i. Type: Anthypophora | Function: To explain
- ii. Type: Erotesis | Function: To provoke thought
- iii. Type: Epiplexis | Function: To criticise
- iv. Type: Erotesis | Function: To provoke social awareness
- v. Type: Anthypophora | Function: To inform