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## ON KILLING A TREE BY-GIEVE PATEL

### **Main Facts: -**

- \* Gieve Patel, the poet considers tree as a living organism.
- \* Trees have right to live like other creatures, but the man kills it with cruelty.

### **Summary: -**

The presented poetry piece "On Killing A Tree" has been composed by "Gieve Patel". The poet has described the cruelty of the man who kills the tree and admired the determination and strength of trees to live very beautifully. The poem can be summarised in following ways: -

**\* Growth with Struggle: -** The poet says that a tree takes a long time to grow. In its growth, the tree uses natural resources, sunlight, air and water etc. After great struggle, it rises out of the earth and brings forth leaves. The poet makes us clear that a well-grown up tree cannot be cut by the simple job of knife.

**\* Natural and Painful Life: -** The poet says that trees are cut roughly by striking heavy blows. Being strong it goes on bearing the painful attack. When its barks are cut, they bleed but it heals in the course of time. So the poet has compared the tree as human body. Even the green twigs rise again and expand their former size.

**\* Necessity of Efforts: -** At last the poet describes that the root of the tree is held securely in the earth. It is to be tied with a rope and pulled out of the earth. Obviously a tremendous effort is required to uproot a developed tree. When the root of the tree is pulled out, then the strength is exposed. Afterwards it is not able to get nourishment. It scorches and chokes in sun and air. Finally and gradually the life of tree drains away.

**Q1: Read the passage carefully and write the answer of questions given below: -**

"Then the matter  
Of scorching and choking  
In sun and air,  
Browning, hardening.



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Twisting, withering  
And then it is done"

**Q2:** Name the poem and the poet.

**Ans-** The name of poem is "On killing a Tree". It has been written by "Gieve Patel".

**Q3:** What does this stanza signify?

**Ans-** It signifies the last phase of the life of tree. Its body goes limp and it dies after the tree is uprooted.

**Q4:** What does the word choking means?

**Ans-** Choking means unable to breathe.

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