Worksheet: The Laburnum Top (Ted Hughes)

IB · Class 11 · English · 3 questions · 9 marks

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Q1. Explain the simile 'sleek as a lizard' for the goldfinch. Why is a lizard (rather than a bird) used? *[2 marks]*

Q2. How does Ted Hughes use the metaphors 'machine' and 'engine' to describe the laburnum tree? What do these metaphors suggest about life and energy? *[3 marks]*

Q3. How does the poem use CONTRAST (before, during, and after the goldfinch's visit) to convey its central idea? Refer closely to the poem. *[4 marks]*