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## The Poet of the East



Allama Iqbal, the Poet of the East, was born on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 1877 in Sialkot. He received his early education from tutors who came to his house to teach him subjects related to languages, religion and history. He had a flair for writing poetry ever since he was young.

When he grew up, he joined the Government College in Lahore to study Arabic and English Literature. He later

went to Europe for further studies.

He became a poet, a thinker and a philosopher. He wrote many poems and articles to teach Muslims the proper way of life.

He loved children and has written many poems for children. Some of his famous poems include "Spider and the Fly", "A Bird and the Firefly" and "The Bird's complaint". All his poems give a message to its readers. These poems are liked and enjoyed by young and old, alike. They have been translated into many different languages around the world.

Allama Iqbal died in Lahore in 1938. His tomb is located in Lahore near the Lahore Fort.

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Answer the following questions.

1. Who is the "Poet of the East"?

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2. He received his early education from

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3. When he grew up

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4. Who reads his poems and other work?

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5. What has he done for children?

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6. Where is his tomb?

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7. proper

- a. wrong
- b. straight
- c. correct
- d. bright

8. famous

- a. fresh
- b. popular
- c. trace
- d. result