

**LITERATURE**

**CH-3 : Malgudi Cricket Club**

**Theme: It discusses the themes of cultural purism, the fascination with cricket as a legacy of British colonialism, and the simplicity and warmth in Narayan's writings. It also provides a summary of the story and character sketch of Rajam, describing him as confident but conceited and judgmental towards others.**

Q1. Who was better at coming up with names for the team?

Q2. What were Mani's objections to the letter?

Q3 '*But suppose one breaks in a middle as a match.*'

a) What is the speaker talking about?

b) Why does the speaker consider this possibility?

c) What personality does the speaker exhibit by considering this possibility.

Q4. Comment on the spirit of sportsmanship.

**CH-4 : On the Grasshopper and the Cricket**

**Theme: Nature is always a spontaneous source of optimism and happiness is the theme of the poem. Nature never imparts pessimism and is never sad and is always singing. Change in situation on weather does not bring hindrances in the ever-continuous mirth of nature.**

**Poetic Devices**

1. **Personification** – When a non living thing is given a characteristic of a living being.

Eg- The poetry of earth

2. **Repetition**- Repeated use of words or phrases for emphasis.

Eg- hedge

3. **Transferred Epithet**- The use of an adjective with a noun when it refers to another noun.

Eg- pleasant weed, winter evening

4. **Alliteration**- The repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of words in close proximity.

Eg- he has, grasshopper's among some grassy hills.

Q1. Which insect takes over from the grasshopper in winter?

Q2. Why does the cricket's song sound like the grasshopper's?

Q3. *'On a long winter evening, when the Frost*

*Has wrought a silence, from the stove*

*there shrills*

*The cricket's song, in warmth increasing ever.'*

- a) What does Frost do?
  - b) What does the poet want to convey?
  - c) What season is described here?
- Q4. What is the mood of the poem?

### **CH-5 : Binya's Blue Umbrella**

**Theme:** The Blue Umbrella explores the themes of kindness and forgiveness in a world full of selfishness and envy. The little hero of the story, Binya, embodies these virtues as she expresses her compassion towards the person who tried to snatch her priciest possession.

Q1. Why did everyone on the road turn their heads to stare at Binya?

Q2. Why was Ram Bharosa astonished?

Q3. *'But the most difficult task remained.'*

- a) What was 'the most difficult task?'
- b) Why was it 'the most difficult task?'
- c) Who attempted 'the most difficult task?'

### **CH-6 : Somebody's Mother**

**Theme:** Theme of this poem is that **we should always be unselfish and help others**. The main feature of this poem is to have compassion and kindness for others like the young boy had for the old woman. It leaves the reader with a thought-provoking message and a good feeling in the heart to help who are in need.

### **Poetic Devices**

**1. Repetition-** Repeated use of words or phrases for emphasis.

Eg- woman, boy.

**2. Imagery-** Imagery uses a vivid description that appeals to a reader's senses to create an image in their head.

Eg- The street was wet with a recent snow.

**Simile-** A figure of speech that makes a comparison between two different things using 'like' or 'as.'

Eg- came the boys like a flock of sheep

**Alliteration-** The repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of words in close proximity.

Eg- helping hand, hurt or harm.

**Transferred Epithet-** The use of an adjective with a noun when it refers to another noun.

Eg- merry troop, anxious eyes

Q1. What did the people in the street do for the old woman?

Q2. Why was the old woman afraid to move?

Q3. *'And 'somebody's mother' bowed her head.*

*In her home that night, and the prayer  
she said.'*

Q4. What is the central idea of the poem?