



Brain International School

Vikas Puri, New Delhi

ASSIGNMENT NO. 2

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

CLASS-VII

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Poem-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.

I. Answer the following questions

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

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

Q3. What is the mood of the poem?

Q4. *'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) Which season is described here?

Q5. "The poetry of earth is never dead:

*When all the birds are faint with the hot sun,
And hide in cooling trees, a voice will run
From hedge to hedge about the new-mown mead,
That is the grasshopper's
he takes the lead, In summer luxury
he has never done, With his delights, for when tired out with fun
He rests at ease beneath some pleasant weed."*

- a) What is an ongoing process in nature?
- b) Where do birds go when heat of the sun rises?
- c) How has the continuity of music been maintained?
- d) Name the figure of speech in the above stanza.
- e) Describe the type of poem and its rhyming scheme.

GRAMMAR

Q6. Fill in the blanks with the tenses mentioned in the bracket:

- a) David _____ (run) the marathon this Sunday. (future continuous)
- b) Mira _____ (teach) us baking since last year. (present perfect continuous tense)
- c) The earthquake _____ (destroy) the building two years ago. (simple past)
- d) He _____ (come) to my house tomorrow (simple future)

Q7. Fill in the blanks with the suitable determiners from the bracket.

- a) Life teaches us _____ (many/much) lessons.
- b) We are planning _____ (the/ a) surprise party on Alex's birthday.
- c) _____ (our/ this) papers have been marked.
- d) _____ (a/the) Hindustan Times is a leading newspaper in India.

WRITING SKILLS

Q8. It was the happiest day of your life when your teacher informed you that you had been selected as the 'Best Sportsperson of the Year'. You are thrilled as you will receive the award at the Annual Day Function. Write a page of your diary expressing your feelings in about 100-120 words.