



QUESTION BANK – HARVEST HYMN

Class: VIII

Sub: ENGLISH

I. Fill in the blanks with information from the poem.

1. The lord of the harvest is _____.
2. Surya is worshipped with golden things because _____.
3. Varuna is responsible for _____.
4. The women praise Prithvi because _____.
5. The singers honour the three Gods who give them the harvest by _____.
6. The queen of the harvest is _____.
7. Farmers praise Lord Surya with _____ and _____.
8. The sender of rain and dewfall is _____.
9. The giver of mellowing radiance is _____.
10. The lord of the morning is _____.

II. Match these words with their opposites.

<u>WORD</u>	<u>OPPOSITE</u>
1. nurture	a. curse
2. bounty	b. dull
3. prosper	c. blame
4. bright	d. languish
5. beneficent	e. debt
6. riches	f. neglect
7. praise	g. malicious
8. foster	h. few
9. garner	i. neglect
10. manifold	j. disperse

III. Find two synonyms for each word

1. opulent
2. cherished
3. manifold
4. munificent
5. tribute
6. beneficent
7. hail
8. harvest
9. worship
10. praise

IV. Answer the following questions (in one or two sentences)

1. Why do the farmers thank the various gods?
2. Which God prospered the sowing of the farmers and how?
3. Which God's mercy do the farmers seek and why?

V. Answer the following questions in not more than one paragraph.

1. Comment on the theme of the poem, "Harvest Hymn".
2. "We owe a debt to nature", give reasons for your answer.
3. In what ways did Lord Surya help the farmers?
4. Lord Varuna fostered and cherished the sowings of the farmers, briefly explain how?
5. How important do you think are farmers for us?

VI. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow:

1. *"Lord of the rainbow, lord of the harvest, Great and beneficent lord of the main! Thine is the mercy that cherished our furrows, Thine is the mercy that fostered our grain."*

- (a) Which God is addressed in the above extract?
- (b) What do you mean by main in the above extract?
- (c) How did the God show his mercy?
- (d) How do the farmers praise the God addressed in the extract?

2. *"Lord of the Lotus, lord of the harvest, Bright and munificent lord of the morn! Thine is the bounty that prospered our sowing, Thine is the bounty that nurtured our corn."*

- (a) Which God is addressed in the above extract?
- (b) What do you mean by the word morn in the above extract?
- (c) What did the farmers offer the God as tribute?
- (d) How the God prospered the farmer's sowing?

3. *"Queen of the gourd flower, queen of the harvest, Sweet and omnipotent mother, O Earth! Thine is the plentiful bosom that feeds us, Thine is the womb where our riches have birth."*

- (a) Why Mother Earth is called the queen of the harvest?
- (b) What was offered to the Goddess as tribute by the farmers?
- (c) What are the various gifts provided by Goddess Earth?
- (d) Why is she called as the source of manifold gladness?

VII. Write a short poem in praise of the people in your family.