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Question Bank	Topic: On the Grasshopper and Cricket (Poem)	Note: To be written in English Prose notebook.

Textual Exercise:

I. Answer the following questions.

1. Whose voice do you hear on summer afternoons? Where does he go when he is tired?
2. Which insect takes over from the Grasshopper in winter?
3. Explain what the speaker means when he says, 'The poetry of earth is ceasing never'.
4. Why does the Cricket's song sound like the Grasshopper's?



II. Explain these lines with reference to the context.

- a. When all the birds are faint with the hot sun,
And hide in cooling trees, a voice will run.
- b. On a lone winter evening, when the frost
Has wrought a silence, from the stove there shrills
The Cricket's song, in warmth increasing ever.



III. Additional Questions:

1. What happens to birds during summer?
2. Where do the birds hide to avoid the heat of the sun?
3. Which words or phrases suggest a sense of relief from the heat of summer in stanza 1?
4. Who are half lost in drowsiness and why?
5. Who does the cricket's song resemble to people lost in drowsiness?
6. What happens during winter?
7. Why does the cricket's song spread warmth?
8. Discuss the common features between the grasshopper and the cricket?

IV. Read the extracts given below and the answer the following questions:

Q1:

*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,*

1. Whose voice would run from hedge to hedge?
 - (a) The grasshopper
 - (b) The cricket



- (c) The poet
- (d) The nature
- 2. Name the poet.
- (a) William Blake
- (b) John Keats
- (c) P B Shelley
- (d) Edward Lear
- 3. The grasshopper's song is representative of which season?
- (a) spring
- (b) summer
- (c) autumn
- (d) winter

Q2:

*On a lone winter evening when the frost
Has wrought a silence, from the stove there shrills
The cricket's song, in warmth increasing ever,
And seems to one in drowsiness half lost;
The Grasshopper's among some grassy hills.*

- 1. Whose voice is heard from the stoves?
- (a) The grasshopper
- (b) The cricket
- (c) The poet
- (d) The nature
- 2. Which element of nature has been personified in these lines?
- (a) Winter
- (b) Frost
- (c) Silence
- (d) wrought

V. Criss Cross Puzzle

Use the clues to fill in the words above.

Words can go across or down.

Letters are shared when the words intersect.

ACROSS

- 3. having no companions
- 4. meadow
- 5. sharp and high-pitched tone
- 7. underneath

DOWN

- 1. sleepiness
- 2. stop
- 6. feeling weak
- 8. fence





