

## INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

Class: VII	Department: ENGLISH	Date of Submission: JUNE, 2021
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:

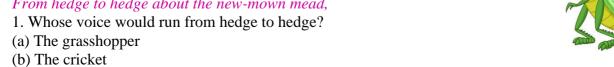
- 1. What happens to birds during summer?
- 2. Where do the birds hide to avoid the heat of the sun?
- 3. Which words or phrases suggest a sense of relief from the heat of summer in stanza 1?
- 4. Who are half lost in drowsiness and why?
- 5. Who does the cricket's song resemble to people lost in drowsiness?
- 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: O1:

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,









- (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

