



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

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<u>ANSWER KEY</u> WORKSHEET NO.18	Topic: THE SCHOOL BOY <i>BY WILLIAM BLAKE</i>	Note: TO BE DONE IN PROSE NOTEBOOK

Q.1. Find three or four words/phrases in stanza 1 that reflect the child's happiness and joy.

Ans: Phrases reflecting the child's happiness are:

- 'love to rise in a summer morning',
- 'birds sing on every tree',
- 'the Skylark sings with me',
- 'O! what a sweet company' and
- 'Huntsman winds his horn.'

Q.2. In stanza 2, the mood changes. Which words/phrases reflect the changed mood?

Ans: Phrases reflecting the changes in mood are:

- 'cruel eye outworn',
- 'in sighing and dismay',
- 'O! it drives all joy away.'

Q.3. 'A cruel eye outworn (stanza 2)' refers to

- (i) the classroom which is shabby/noisy
- (ii) the lessons which are difficult/uninteresting
- (iii) The dull/uninspiring life at school with lots of work and no play.

Mark the answer that you consider right.

Ans: (iii) the dull/uninspiring life at school with lots of work and no play.

Q.4. "Nor sit in learning's bower worn thro' with the dreary shower"

Which of the following is a close paraphrase of the lines above?

- (i) Nor can I sit in a roofless classroom when it is raining.
- (ii) Nor can I learn anything at school though teachers go on lecturing and explaining.
- (iii) Nor can I sit in the school garden for fear of getting wet in the rain.

Ans: (ii) nor can I learn anything at school though teachers go on lecturing and explaining.

LET'S REVISE:

1. Who is the poet of the poem "The School Boy"?

- A. William Blake
- B. Thomas Wilde
- C. Rabindranath Tagore
- D. T.S. Eliot

2. "I _____ to rise on a Sunday morn"

- A. Hate
- B. Despise
- C. Regret
- D. Love

3. What does the boy like about the huntsman?

- A. Sound of his horn
- B. Hunting skills
- C. His personality
- D. All of the Above

4. Who sings along with the school boy?

- A. His parents
- B. Huntsman
- C. Skylark
- D. His friends

5. What drives all the joy away?

- A. Caged bird
- B. Nip in the bud
- C. Blown blossoms
- D. School on a summer morning

6. "The little ones spend the day, in _____ and _____"

- A. Sighing, dismay
- B. Happiness, glory
- C. Happiness, joy
- D. Sighing, sorrow

7. "Nor in my _____ can I take delight"

- A. Book
- B. Learning bower
- C. Dreary shower
- D. All of the Above

8. Who does he compare himself to when he says "How can a child when fears annoy, But droop his tender wing, And forget his youthful spring."?

- A. Book
- B. Flower



C. Nip in the bud

D. Caged bird

9. Who is he talking to when he says “if buds are nip’d...”

A. His parents

B. Teacher

C. Caged bird

D. All of the Above

10. How shall the summer arise in joy, Or the summer fruits appear if ____.

A. Buds are nipped

B. Blossoms are blown

C. Plants are stripped

D. All of the Above
