ON THE GRASSHOPPER AND CRICKET – By John Keats

Class 8

WORKSHEET

VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

1. What happens to birds during summer?

2. Where do the birds to avoid the heat of the sun?

3. What happens during winter?

4. Which words or phrases suggest a sense of relief from the heat of summer in stanza 1?

5. Who are half lost in drowsiness and why? During winter, people get half lost in drowsiness because of the weather that spreads a chilling numbness.

SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the common features between the grasshopper and the cricket?

2. Why does the poet believe that the poetry of earth is never dead?

EXTRACT BASED QUESTION

EXTRACT-1

Directions: (Q. Nos. 1-6) Read the extract given below and the answer the following questions.

> 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 word cooling means................ .

4. Why do the birds become faint?

5. What does the poet mean by 'the poetry of earth'?

6. The grasshopper's song is representative of which season?

EXTRACT-2

Directions: (Q. Nos. 1-6) Read the extract given below and the answer the following questions.

On a long winter evening when the frost

Has wrought a silence, from the stone 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 stones?

(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

3. Who does the cricket's song resemble to people lost in drowsiness?

4. What happens during winter?

5. Who is lost in drowsiness?

6. Why does the cricket's song spread warmth?