

# **A SHORT MONSOON DIARY By Ruskin Bond**

## **Class 8**

### **WORKSHEET-1**

#### **VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS**

1. In what form has the chapter been written?
2. Write two adjectives used to describe the early monsoon rain.
3. What is the colour of the minivets that arrive with the rains? How does the writer describe them?
4. "There is no dearth of food for the insectivorous birds." Explain, why?
5. What happens when the rain stops on 3rd August?
6. Why does the grandmother shout imprecations at the leopard?
7. Why does the writer call the mist melancholy?
8. Why does the writer feel lonely?
9. What changes in the trees does the writer describe in his diary entry on 26th August?
10. List down the words that indicate sound.

#### **SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS**

1. Why was the writer unable to sleep on the night of 2nd August?
2. How does the writer get to know that the monsoon was coming to an end?
3. Give description of the atmosphere when the winter came to an end.
4. Describe the general atmosphere of the hill-station. How does it get changed with the coming of the monsoons?

#### **LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS**

1. Assume yourself to be a tourist who has gone to Musoorie during the monsoon. Write a note describing your experiences.
2. Describe the writers day on 31st August.

## EXTRACT BASED QUESTION

### EXTRACT – 1

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

“The rains have heralded the arrival of some seasonal visitors- a leopard and several thousand leeches. Yesterday afternoon the leopard lifted a dog from near the servant’s quarter below the school. In the evening it attacked one of Bijju’s cows but fled at the approach of Bijju’s mother, who came screaming imprecations. As for the leeches, I shall soon get used to a little bloodletting everyday”.

1. Who are the obnoxious visitors that arrive at the hill station?  
(a) Leopards and leeches                      (b) Drongos and minivets  
(c) Drongos and leopards                      (d) Leopards and minivets
2. Whom does the leopard attack?  
(a) Dog      (b) Minivet      (c) Leeches      (d) Crows
3. Fearing whom does the leopard run away?  
(a) Bijju      (b) Bijju’s sister      (c) Bijju’s grandmother      (d) Bijju’s mother
4. What does the writer mean by ‘bloodletting’?
5. Why do the leopards and leeches come to the hills during the monsoon?

### EXTRACT – 2

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

“Endless rain and a permanent mist. We haven’t seen the sun for eight or nine days. Everything damp and soggy. Nowhere to go. Pace the room, look out of the window at a few bobbing umbrellas. At least it isn’t cold rain. The hillsides are lush as late-monsoon flowers begin to appear – wild balsam, dashlias, begonias and ground orchids.”

1. For how long did the writer not see the sun?  
(a) Two      (b) Three      (c) Seven      (d) Eight
2. Choose two adjectives that describe the atmosphere during this period.  
(a) Damp and soggy (b) Hot and humid (c) Warm and frigid (d) Cool and frosty
3. The hillsides are lush because of the appearance of flowers during..... .

(a) early monsoon (b) mid monsoon (c) late monsoon (d) end of monsoon

4. What kind of activities does the writer indulge in during this period?

5. What could be term used to describe such activities?

6. What does the writer find relief in?