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**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**CLASS: VIII**

**POEM: THE ANT AND THE CRICKET**

## **QUESTIONS ANSWERS**

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My heart, was so light That I sang day and night, For all nature looked gay." "You sang, Sir, you say ? Go then," says the ant, "and dance the winter away."

**1. Whose heart was light ?**

- (a) the poet's (b) the ant's  
(c) the Cricket's (d) a singer.

Ans:(c)

**2. What did he do out of joy ?**

- (a) danced (b) laughed  
(c) sang (d) slept.

Ans:(a)

**3. Why did all nature look gay ?**

- (a) because it was so. (c) because it was spring.  
(b) because he was gay. (d) because it was summer.

Ans:(c)

**4. The phrase 'dance winter away' means**

- (a) make the winter dance (c) dance all through the winter  
(b) dancing in winter (d) forget dance and enjoy winter.

Ans:(c)

A silly young cricket, accustomed to sing Through the warm, sunny months of gay summer and spring, Began to complain when he found that, at home, His cupboard was empty, and winter was come.

**1. The stanza is taken from**

- (a) Geography Lesson (b) On the Grasshopper and Cricket  
(c) The Ant and the Cricket (d) The Duck and the Kangaroo.

Ans:(c)

2. The two qualities of the Cricket described here are

- (a) foolish and singer                      (b) wise and singer  
(c) foolish and writer                      (d) intelligent and speaker

Ans:(a)

3. The weather in the poem is

- (a) warm and gay                      (b) cold and dry  
(c) rainy and stormy                      (d) hot and sunny.

Ans:(b)

4. 'Accustomed to' means

- (a) happy                      (b) unhappy  
(c) used to                      (d) irritated.

Ans:(c)

Not a crumb to be found

On the snow-covered ground ;

Not a flower could he see,

Not a leaf on a tree.

"Oh ! what will become," says the cricket, "of me ?"

1. Who was looking for the crumbs ?

- (a) the ant.                      (c) the poet.  
(b) the Cricket.                      (d) none of the above.

Ans:(b)

2. What did the Cricket usually do ?

- (a) searching food                      (b) playing  
(c) dancing                      (d) singing.

Ans:(d)

At last by starvation and famine made bold, Ail dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold,

Away he set off to a miserly ant,

To see if, to keep him alive, he would grant

1. Who was suffering from starvation and famine ?

- (a) the Ant                      (b) the Cricket  
(c) the poet                      (d) a man.

Ans:(b)

2. Why was he 'dripping with wet' ?

- (a) It was raining hard.                      (b) He had dived in a pond,  
(c) He had no shelter.                      (d) He had taken a bath.

Ans:(c)

3. What did he expect to get from the miserly ant ?

- (a) good advice                      (b) food  
(c) shelter                      (d) food and shelter.

Ans:(d)

4. What does the word 'grant' mean ?

- (a) kind (b) generous  
(c) take (d) give.

Ans:(d)

Him shelter from rain,

And a mouthful of grain.

He wished only to borrow ;

He'd repay it tomorrow ;

If not, he must die of starvation and sorrow.

1. Who is 'him' in the first line ?

- (a) the ant (b) the Cricket  
(c) the poet (d) a man.

Ans:(b)

2. What did he want ?

- (a) rain (b) grain  
(c) food and shelter (d) money.

Ans:(c)

3. From whom did he hope to borrow ?

- (a) the Ant (b) the Cricket  
(c) a man (d) an animal.

Ans:(a)

4. The word 'borrow' refers to

- (a) lending money (b) giving money  
(c) spending money (d) taking money

Ans:(a)

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