Chapter 5: The School Boy

CLASS NOTES-ANSWERS

Working with the poem.

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

Answer: The 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'.
- 2. In stanza 2, the mood changes. Which words/phrases reflect the changed

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mood?

Answer: Phrases reflecting the changes in mood are:

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

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

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





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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.

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



