

Class Test

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Q1. Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow: (5 marks)

*I love to rise in a summer morn,
When the birds sing on every tree;
The distant huntsman winds his horn,
And the skylark sings with me:
O what sweet company!*

- (a) Identify the figure of speech used in the line “The skylark sings with me”. Explain its effect. (2 marks)
- (b) What does “summer morn” symbolise in the context of the poem? (1 mark)
- (c) How does this stanza contrast with the speaker’s experience of school life later in the poem? (1 mark)
- (d) Give the contextual meaning of the word “winds” as used in the line. (1 mark)

Q2. Answer the following Questions:

Blake begins the poem with joy and harmony and gradually moves towards pain and suppression.

- (a) In your opinion, why does Blake deliberately open the poem with an image of happiness? (2 marks)
- (b) Support your answer with two references from the poem and explain how they show the loss of this natural joy. (3 marks)