

## 2. The School Boy

### I. Answer the following in a word, a phrase or a sentence:

1. Who loves to rise on a summer morning? (K)
2. When does the school boy love to rise? (K)
3. Whose song is heard on every tree? (K)
4. Who winds his horn? (K)
5. What does the huntsman wind? (K)
6. Which bird sings with the school boy, according to the speaker of "The School Boy"? (K)
7. Mention one of the things that the school boy considers as 'sweet company'. (K)
8. What drives the joy of the boy away? (K)
9. What does the boy hate to do on a summer morning? (C)
10. Where does the boy hate to go on a summer morning? (K)
12. 'A cruel eye outworn' refers to \_\_\_\_\_ (C)
  - a) authoritarian teacher
  - b) bird
  - c) huntsman
13. 'Learning's bower' refers to \_\_\_\_\_ (C)
  - a. fields              b. home              c. school
14. What does 'cage' stand for? (C)
15. What cannot give delight to the school boy? (K)
16. 'Dreary shower' implies \_\_\_\_\_ (C)
  - a) monotonous ways of teaching.
  - b) easy ways of understanding.
  - c) modern techniques adopted in teaching.
17. "And blossoms blown away". Here 'blossoms' refer to \_\_\_\_\_ (C)
  - a) teachers      b) flowers      c) children
18. 'Spring' refers to \_\_\_\_\_ in the poem. (C)
  - a. old age              b. childhood      c. youth
19. 'Summer' refers to \_\_\_\_\_ in the poem. (C)
  - a. old age              b. childhood      c. youth
20. Which season signifies 'old age' in the poem? (C)
21. What does 'winter' refer to, in the poem? (C)

### II. Answer the following questions in a paragraph of 80 to 100 words

1. The boy loves to learn amidst nature. How does the poet bring it out in the poem? (K)
2. Describe the experience of the boy in the school. (C)
3. How is the child's growth 'nipped and stripped' of its joy in the springing day? (E)
4. How do the different seasons show the effects of the school on the child? (A)

**III . Answer the following in about 200 words.**

1. "The School Boy" is a critique on the formal system of education. Comment. (A)
2. "Nature is the best teacher". How is it depicted in the poem "The School Boy" (A)
3. " The formal system of education hinders the growth of a child". Explain with reference to the poem 'The School Boy'. (A)
4. "A teacher should not be authoritarian." Examine the statement with reference to the poem 'The School Boy'? (A)
5. The poem 'The School Boy' is not just the speaker's experience but a reminder to every teacher. Elucidate. (A)