

# NCERT Solutions for Class 8 English Honeydew Chapter 15

## The School Boy (Poem) Class 8

Chapter 15 The School Boy (Poem) Exercise Answers & Summary

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**Q1 :**

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

**Answer :**

The phrases that reflect the child's joy and happiness are 'love to rise in a summer morn', 'birds sing on every tree', 'the skylark sings with me', and 'sweet company'.

**Q2 :**

**In stanza 2, the mood changes. Which words/phrases reflect the changed mood?**

**Answer :**

The phrases that reflect the changed mood are 'it drives all joy away' and 'spend the day in sighing and dismay'.

**Q3 :**

**'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 :**

'A cruel eye outworn' refers to the dull/uninspiring life at school with lots of work and no play.

**Q4 :**

**'Nor sit in learning's bower**

**Worn thro' with the dreary shower'**

**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 :**

Statement (ii) is a close paraphrase of the given lines.