Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

Assignment: In the Garden

Answer the following :

1. Where was the bird? What did it do?

Ans: The bird was coming down a path. It bit an angle-worm into two halves and ate it raw.

1. Did the bird see the poetess? What do you think amazed the poetess?

Ans: The bird did not see the poetess. The fact that the bird swallowed the worm raw amazed the poetess. She was also shocked to see how the worm was taken unawares and met a sudden death.

1. Describe the actions of the bird in the second stanza.

Ans: After eating the bird raw, the bird drank a few drops of dew from the grass and hopped sidewise to the wall to let a beetle pass.

1. What does the bird do on seeing the beetle? What does his action signify?

Ans: On seeing the beetle, the bird lets it pass by without harming it. This signifies a very gentlemanly behaviour of the bird.

1. What did the poetess offer the bird? How?

Ans: The poetess offers the bird a crumb. She does so cautiously so as not to frighten the bird.

1. Did the bird take what was offered by the poetess? Why? What does this signify?

Ans: No, the bird did not take what was offered by the poetess. Firstly he had been satiated after eating the worm. More importantly, he was frightened that the poetess may harm him or seize him and put in a cage to tame him.

1. What did the bird do in the end?

Ans: In the end the bird unrolled his feathers and flew away.

1. How is the flight of the bird at the end described?.

Ans: The flight of the bird is very smooth. He unrolls his feathers and quietly and seamlessly flies away.

1. What is the flight of the bird compared to ?

Ans: The flight of the bird is compared to two actions – rowing and swimming. Just like the oars divide the ocean and propel the boat ahead, the feathers of the bird propel him further in the sky. A butterfly takes off from the banks of a stream or river and dives into it and swims ahead very quietly. Similarly the bird dives into the sky soaring higher and higher without any noise.