

**CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature**  
**Beehive Poem Chapter-3 Rain On The Roof**  
**Test Paper-02**

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**Read the following passages and answer the questions:**

1. What a bliss to press the pillow  
Of a cottage-chamber bed  
And lie listening to the patter  
Of the soft rain overhead!
  - a. Who is listening to the patter?
  - b. What bliss is the poet talking about?
  - c. What is the figure of speech used in the third line of stanza?
  - d. Explain 'patter of the soft rain overhead.
2. And a thousand recollections  
Weave their air-threads into woof,  
As I listen to the patter  
Of the rain upon the roof.
  - a. What thousand recollections is the poet talking about?
  - b. What is a 'woof'?
  - c. What is the rhyme scheme used in the stanza?
  - d. Explain: weave their air threads?
3. What does the poet like to do when it rains?
4. What is the single major memory that comes to the poet?
5. Who are the "darling dreamers" the poet refers to?
6. Is the poet now a child? Is his mother still alive?
7. When you were a young child, did your mother tuck you in, as the poet's did?
8. Explain 'a thousand recollections weave their air-threads into woof'.
9. Do you like rain? What do you do when it rains steadily or heavily as described in the poem? (100 words)
10. Does everybody have a cozy bed to lie in when it rains? Look around you and describe how different kinds of people or animals spend time, seek shelter etc. during rain. (100 words)

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**Answers**

1.
  - a. The poet is listening to the patter.
  - b. The bliss of enjoying the rain in the comfort of the bed, is the poet talking about.
  - c. The figure of speech used in the third line of stanza is alliteration.
  - d. 'Patter of the soft rain overhead is the sound made by the rain drops falling softly on the roof.
2.
  - a. Thousand recollections are the memories of the time spent listening to the sound made by the rain drop falling on the tiled roof, is the poet talking about.
  - b. A 'woof' is the crosswise yarns that fill the warp yarn in weaving i.e. weft.
  - c. The rhyme scheme used in the stanza is 'a b c b'.
  - d. 'Weave their air threads' represents the droplets of the rain that fall in a series drops showing the thread being woven in the air.
3. The poet likes to lie down with his head on the pillow and listen to the sound made by the droplets of rains.
4. The single major memory that comes to the poet is that of his mother putting him to bed before retiring for the night.
5. The "darling dreamers" the poet refers to are the children who love rain and love to hear the sound of the falling droplets.
6. The poet is not a child now. His mother is not alive as he says that he recalls the fond look of his mother on his face.
7. When I was a young child, my mother used to tuck me in, as the poet's mother did. I remember her words during the rainy days asking all we children to stay indoors lest we catch cold.
8. 'A thousand recollections weave their air-threads into woof' means the threads woven by the falling droplets which are hanging in the air. The poet creates an image of a textile or cloth being woven in the air by the falling rain drops.
9. I like rain and believe that everyone in the world loves rain. I love to go out and bathe

when it rains steadily. It's such a heavenly experience that cannot be described in words. The image of the falling drops of rains creates that magic scene that mesmerizes everything. The houses and buildings look new as if they have just been painted. Trees and leaves look fresh and green. The beautiful smell of the drenched earth fills the air. Birds and animals come out of their houses and enjoy the cool atmosphere. But when it pours heavily, it doesn't allow anything to obstruct its path. It takes buildings, trees and other vegetation in its flow and causes havoc.

10. Not everybody has a cozy bed to lie in when it rains. The people who live in beautiful houses and pucca buildings enjoy the falling rain. But those who live in kuccha houses or thatched huts have a different story. When it rains, either the walls become patchy and damp or the roof starts leaking. Animals and birds enjoy the cool atmosphere but also feel the pinch when their children get wet in the rain and are unable to fly or walk in the muddy roads. They seek shelter under the porches or parapets or projections or under the shade of a tree or a small hillock. Still it looks that everyone enjoys the rain.