

## The Ant and the Cricket

Read the stanzas carefully and answer the questions that follow. Tick the correct alternative:

(1)

*Says the ant to the cricket, "I'm your servant and friend,  
But we ants never borrow, we ants never lend.  
But tell me, dear cricket, did you lay nothing by  
When the weather was warm?" Quoth the cricket, "Not" !  
My heart, was so light.  
That I sang day and night,  
For all nature looked gay."  
"You sang, Sir, you say?  
Go then", says the ant, "and dance winter away."*

Question 1.

I'm your servant and friend. What does 'I' refer to?

- (a) Cricket
- (b) Ant
- (c) Rain
- (d) Poet

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Ant

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Question 2.

What did the ant say to the cricket?

- (a) They never borrow
- (b) They never lend
- (c) They neither borrow nor lend
- (d) None of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) They neither borrow nor lend

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Question 3.

'Dance the winter away', who said to whom?

- (a) Cricket to Ant
- (b) Poet to cricket
- (c) Ant to cricket
- (d) Poet to ant

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) Ant to cricket

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Question 4.

What is the meaning of 'quoth'.

- (a) told
- (b) asked
- (c) quoted
- (d) said

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) said

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(2)

*A silly young cricket, accustomed to sing,  
Through the warm, sunny months of gay summer and spring,  
Began to complain when he found that, at home,  
His cupboard was empty, and winter was come.  
Not a crumb to be found On the snow-covered ground;  
Not a flower could he see,  
Not a leaf on a tree.  
"Oh! what will become," says the cricket, "of me?"*

Question 1.

Name the poem.

- (a) Geography Lesson
- (b) The Ant and the Cricket
- (c) Macavity: The Mystery Cat
- (d) The Last Bargain

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) The Ant and the Cricket

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Question 2.

Why was the young cricket called silly?

- (a) He was lazy
- (b) He was always sleepy
- (c) He did not think for winters
- (d) None of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) He did not think for winters

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Question 3.

What did he do during the summer and spring?

- (a) He sang during summer
- (b) He sang during summer and spring
- (c) He sang during spring
- (d) He sang during summer and worked during spring

▼ Answer

Answer: (b) He sang during summer and spring

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Question 4.

'Oh! What will become of me?' Who said this?

- (a) Ant
- (b) Cricket
- (c) Poet
- (d) Tree

▼ Answer

Answer: (b) Cricket

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(3)

*At last by starvation and famine made bold,  
All dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold,  
Away he set off to a miserly ant,  
To see if, to keep him alive, he would grant  
Him shelter from rain,  
And a mouthful of grain.  
He wished only to borrow;  
He'd repay it tomorrow;  
If not, he must die of starvation and sorrow.*

Question 1.

What happened to the cricket?

- (a) He suffered from illness
- (b) He suffered from famine
- (c) He suffered from starvation and famine
- (d) None of these

▼ Answer

Answer: (c) He suffered from starvation and famine

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Question 2.

To whom did he go?

- (a) Ant
- (ib) Bee

- (c) Cricket
- (d) Rain

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) Ant

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Question 3.

What did the cricket want to ask the ant?

- (a) He wanted some grains
- (b) He wanted shelter and some grain for himself
- (c) He wanted his shelter
- (d) None of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) He wanted shelter and some grain for himself

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Question 4.

Which word in the passage means 'suffering from hunger'.

- (a) dripping
- (b) trembling
- (c) sorrow
- (d) starvation

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) starvation

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