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Name _____ Roll No. _____

COMPETENCY- COMPREHENSION SKILL

1. Read the poem given below:

When storm-clouds rumble in the sky and
June showers come down
The moist east wind comes marching over the heath
to blow its bagpipes amongst the bamboos
The crowds of flowers come out of a sudden
from nobody knows where,
and dance upon the grass in wild glee.

Mother, I really think the flowers go to school underground
They do their lessons with doors shut,
and if they want to come out to play before it is time,
their master makes them stand in a corner.
When the rains come they have their holidays.

Branches clash together in the forest
and the leaves rustle in the wild wind,
the thunder-clouds clap their giant hands and
the flower children rush out in dresses of
pink, yellow and white.

Do you know, mother, their home is in the sky,
Where the stars are.

Haven't you seen how eager they are to get there? Don't you know why they are in such a hurry?

Of course, I can guess to whom they raise their arms they have their mother as I have my own.

-Rabindranath Tagore

Question: Given below is the summary of the poem. Fill in the blanks with one suitable word to complete the summary.

After the first shower of June, when the (a) _____ wind approaches blowing its

(b) _____ to herald the advance of (c) _____ season, the (d) _____ bloom and (e) _____ upon the grass in (f) _____ happiness. The poet thinks that before the arrival of spring, the flowers go to an (g) _____ school and learn their lesson. They have their holidays only when it rains and they come out rushing in colourful dresses. The sky is their home towards which they raise their (h) _____ because their (i) _____ lives there and they are always in a (j) _____ to go home.

2. Read the following poem carefully:

Four seasons fill the measure of the year;
There are four seasons in the mind of man:
He has his lusty Spring when fancy clear
Takes in all beauty with an easy span;
He has his Summer, when luxuriously
Spring's honey cud of youthful thought he loves
To ruminare, and by such dreaming high
Is nearest unto heaven: quite coves
His soul has in its Autumn, when his wings
He furlerh close; contended so to look
On mist in idleness- to let fair things
Pass by unheeded as a threshold brook.
He has his winter too of pale disfeature,
Or else he would forgo his mortal nature. *-John Keats*

Question: Choose the right option:

- 1) In this poem man's mind is compared to:
(a) seasons (b) nature (c) spring (d) winter
- 2) How many seasons are there in the mind of man?
(a) four (b) three (c) five (d) two
- 3) 'ruminare' means:
(a) to think seriously (b) to chew slowly as cow do
(c) to depend on (d) to be melancholy
- 4) Winter, in this poem symbolizes:
(a) misfortune (b) weakness/debility (c) death (d) darkness
- 5) Line three in the poem describes:
(a) lust (b) youthfulness/zest/energy
(c) spring of one's life (d) flowering