



GRADE- IX	ENGLISH	CATEGORIES: MCQ & VSAQ
	RAIN ON THE ROOF	

<u>MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS</u>	
1	What does the poet enjoy listening to? a) The classical music of the piano b) Film music c) Pattering sound of raindrops d) Old songs
2	What does the poet attach the darkness with? a) Joyful mood b) Sadness c) Pleasant Soothing
3	What are the humid shadows doing in the sphere? a) Steeping b) Resting c) Floating in the air d) Doing nothing

4	<p>What is bliss for the poet?</p> <p>a) Bathing in the rain b) Getting a lot of money c) Going to an office in the rain d) Lying on the bed in a joyful mood</p>
5	<p>What tinkles on the shingles?</p> <p>a) Raindrops b) Hailstones c) Brass-bells d) Silver bangles</p>
<p>ANSWERS</p> <p>1) C 2) B 3) A 4) D 5) A</p>	
<p><u>VERY SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS</u></p>	
6	<p>What do the following phrases mean?</p> <p><i>A. Humid Shadows</i> <i>B. Starry Spheres</i> <i>C. What A Bliss</i> <i>D. A Thousand Dreamy Fancies into Busy Being Start</i> <i>E. A Thousand Recollections Weave Their Air-Threads into Woof</i></p>
<p><u>ANSWERS</u></p> <p>A) These are the shadows of different things which become wet during the rainy season.</p> <p>B) The area where stars appear in a group in the sky.</p>	

	<p>C) The poet feels happy when he listens to the raindrops.</p> <p>D) The poet starts recollecting the past and finds himself lost in reveries and dreams in the rainy weather.</p> <p>E) The poet recollects hundreds of memories in the rainy season. They weave a weft with the help of air-threads.</p>
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	<p><u>SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS</u></p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Is the rain referred to in the poem a heavy downpour?</p> <p>No, the rain referred to in the poem is not a heavy downpour. Instead, it is soft and gentle as is obvious from the pattering sound made by it while falling on the roof</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>What is the impact of the tinkle of the raindrops on the poet's heart?</p> <p>Ans.: The tinkle of the raindrops echoes in the heart of the poet as if his heartbeat responds to every sound of the rain by its rhythm. Moreover, the rain kindles many memories in the poet's mind and he gets lost in dreamy imagination.</p>

	<p>Describe the weather just before the rain starts.</p> <p>As described by the poet, the weather before the rain is humid. It is dark, and the starry night sky is covered by thick clouds just before it begins to rain.</p>
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10	<p>According to the poet, what is nature’s mood in ‘rainy darkness’?</p> <p>Ans.: The poet shows the darkness to be in a melancholy or sad mood. This sadness is further heightened when the poet shows the darkness to be weeping and shedding tears in the form of raindrops.</p>
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<p><u>ADDITIONAL UNSOLVED QUESTIONS</u></p>	
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11	Is rain ‘bliss’ for everybody? What do different people feel about the rain?
12	Rain does its duty unmindful of any recognition. A great lesson is hidden here. What is that?
13	Write a short note on the setting of the poem.
14	The poem, “Rain in the Roof” is an evocative of the past. Explain