



**Subject: English**

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**Topic:**

**LESSON-8 : A SHORT MONSOON DIARY**  
**POEM 8 : ON THE GRASSHOPPER AND CRICKET**

**I. Answer the following questions.**

1. What is special about the surroundings during the monsoon season, according to the narrator?
2. What does the narrator say about the trees during the monsoon season? How do they react to the rain?
3. What is the main theme of the poem “ On the Grasshopper and Cricket”?
4. What is the variety of flowers that starts appearing after the arrival of monsoon season?
5. Describe the features of grasshopper and cricket as mentioned in the poem.s

**II. Answer the following questions in detail.**

1. What role does nature play in the author’s monsoon diary? How does the monsoon season affect the people and the environment around them?
2. What is the message the poet is conveying through the contrast between the grasshopper’s song in summer and the cricket’s song in winter as mentioned in the poem “On the Grasshopper and Cricket”?

**III. Reference to Context.**

**1. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow.**

"The monsoon brought both joy and challenge. The roads became muddy, and sometimes it was difficult to get around."

- a) What are the "joys" and "challenges" of the monsoon that the author refers to?
- b) What do you think the author feels about the monsoon season?
- c) What does the poet mean by “get around”?