

# UP Board Solutions for Class 8 English Chapter 17 The School Boy

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## Comprehension Questions

### 1. Answer the following questions:

#### Question a.

Find three or four words/phrases in stanza 1 that reflect the child's happiness and joy.

#### Answer:

The phrases or words are- 'love to rise', 'skylark sings with me', 'sweet company'.

#### Question b.

In stanza 2, the mood changes. Which words/phrases reflect the changed mood?

#### Answer:

Words/Phrases that reflect changed mood are – 'it drives all joy away', 'in sighing and dismay'.

#### Question c.

'A cruel eye outworn' (stanza 2) refers to

- (i). the classroom which is shabby/noisy.
- (ii). the lessons which are difficult/uninteresting.
- (iii). the dull/uninspiring life at school with lots of work and no play.

#### Answer:

(iii) the dull/uninspiring life at school with lots of work and no play.

#### Question d.

Why cannot a bird be joyful in a cage?

#### Answer:

A bird soars high up in the sky and roams free throughout the day. It cannot feel any joy or happiness if it is trapped in a cage which prevents its free flight.

## Word Power

Find the antonyms of the following words from the poem

- sour : **sweet**
- happiness : **sorrow**
- rise : **drop**
- hard : **tender**
- disappear : **appear**