

**J&K POLICE PUBLIC SCHOOL, MIRAN SAHIB JAMMU**

**ASSIGNMENT:-1**

**Total marks:-20**

**CLASS:-VIII**

**SUBJECT:-ENGLISH**

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**Literature Section**

**BOOK 1(HONEYDEW)**

**The Best Christmas Present in the world.**

**CENTRAL IDEA OF THE STORY**

The Best Christmas Present in the World is a touching story by Michael Morpurgo. The narrator buys an old desk and finds in it a letter written by an English soldier Jim Mcpherson to his wife Connie whom the narrator goes to meet and hand over the letter

**Short answers**

**(1x4=4marks)**

Q1.What did the author find in the junk shop?

Q2.Why did the author go to Bridport?

Q3.Who had written the letter,to whom and when?

Q4.How old was Mrs Macpherson now?Where was she?

**Long answer**

**(2x2=4marks)**

Q5.Do you think Jim MacPherson came back from the war?How do you know this?

Q6.What job did Hans Wolf and Jim Macpherson have when they were soldiers?Had Hans Wolf ever been to Dorset?

**POETRY**

## **The Ant and the Cricket Central idea of the poem**

The fable "The Ant and the Cricket" is about an ant and cricket and about their views related to the future. On the one hand when the ant was busy collecting food and storing for the winters, the cricket was busy enjoying his good times in the summer season. He has no plans for his future. He spent his time in the present. When the winter came, the ant relaxed and ate the food it has stored while the cricket had nothing to eat. The idea of the poem is that we should think about the future and not just live in the present.

### **Extract based questions.**

**(1x4=4marks)**

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.

- a. How did the cricket spend his summer and spring?
- b. What did the cricket begin about when the winter came?
- c. What does 'empty cupboard' mean?
- d. What is the meaning of gay and accustomed?

### **Writing section.**

**(8 marks)**

You are the CCA incharge of your school. Draft a notice for the school notice board regarding a four-day trip to Shimla

