

**CLASS – VIII**

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**CHAPTER – 1<sup>st</sup> (poem) The Ant and the Cricket**

**ANSWER**

**Working with the poem**

**Q. 1. The cricket says, "Oh! what will become of me? When does he say it, and why?"**

Ans. The cricket said so when the winters came and he found no food to eat. He said so because he was starving and there was nothing to eat.

**Q. 2. (i) Find in the poem the lines that mean the same as "Neither a borrower nor a lender be" (Shakespeare).**

Ans. (i) But we ants never borrow; we ants never lend."

**(ii) What is your opinion of the ant's principles?**

Ans. Ant's principles are completely right. Those who do not think ahead can never succeed in life. And if they are helped again and again they will never learn a lesson.

**Q. 3. The ant tells the cricket to "dance the winter away". Do you think the word dance' is appropriate here? If so,why?**

Ans. The ant tells the cricket to ' dance winter away'. She used the word dance in a sarcastic way. She asked the cricket to take winter as lightly and enjoyingly as he takes dance.

**Q. 4. (i) Which lines in the poem express the poet's comment ? Read them aloud.**

Ans.(i) Folks call this a fable. I'll warrant it true : Some crickets have four legs and some have two.

**(ii).Write the comment in your own words.**

Ans. Those who live today and think for tomorrow, succeed in life. Enjoy your present but save for your future,