

CBSE CLASS XI WORKSHEET (SET B)

Poem: "The Laburnum Top" by Ted Hughes

English Core (Hornbill)

Time Allowed: 45 Mins

Max Marks: 25

EXTRACT-BASED SOURCE MATERIAL

*Then with eerie delicate whistle-chirrup whisperings
She launches away, towards the infinite
And the laburnum subsides to empty.*

SECTION A: EXTRACT-BASED QUESTIONS — [8 MARKS]

- Q1. What does the phrase "the infinite" refer to in this extract? (1 Mark)
- Q2. What happens to the Laburnum tree after the bird flies away? (1 Mark)
- Q3. Which word in the extract suggests something strange, mysterious, or ghostly? (1 Mark)
- Q4. Describe the manner in which the bird leaves the tree branch. (2 Marks)
- Q5. Choose the correct option that matches the sound described: "whistle-chirrup whisperings" (1 Mark)
- (a) Loud and threatening
 - (b) Soft, gentle, and strange
 - (c) Harsh and irritating
 - (d) Heavy and metallic
- Q6. Write the antonym of "infinite" based on general poetic context. (1 Mark)

SECTION B: SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS — [12 MARKS]

- Q7. What kind of sounds start inside the tree when the bird enters the thickness? (3 Marks)
- Q8. How does the poet describe the tree becoming alive? Use words from the text. (3 Marks)
- Q9. Explain the use of yellow color imagery throughout the poem. (3 Marks)
- Q10. Why is the Laburnum tree chosen specifically by the bird for its nest? (3 Marks)

SECTION C: LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTION — [5 MARKS]

Q11. How does the poem "The Laburnum Top" describe the contrast between life and death, or sound and silence? Explain with examples from the text. (5 Marks)