



INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
SENIOR SECTION
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
CLASS XI
ENRICHMENT

1. **Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow:**

The sun descending in the west,
The evening star does shine;
The birds are silent in their nest.
And I must seek for mine.
The moon, like a flower
 In Heaven's high bower,
 With silent delight
 Sits and smiles on the night.
Farewell green fields and happy grove,
Where flocks have took delight;
Where lambs have nibbled, silent move
The feet of angels bright;
 Unseen they pour blessing
 And joy without ceasing
 On each bud and blossom
 And each sleeping bosom.
They look in every thoughtless nest
Where birds are covered warm,
They visit caves of every beast,
To keep them all from harm.
 If they see any weeping
 That should have been sleeping

They pour sleep on their head ,

And sit down by their bed. (**Extract from the poem' Night' by William Blake**)

1. The evening star rises when
 - a) the birds leave their nests
 - b) it is midnight
 - c) the sun descends in the west
2. Here, 'bower' represents
 - a) a potted plant
 - b) a bouquet of flowers
 - d) a flower vase
3. The poet compares the moon to
 - a) a flower
 - b) a bird in the nest
 - c) an evening star
4. The angels come down to earth to
 - a) spread moonlight
 - b) give blessing and joy
 - c) make people, dance and have fun
5. Birds' nest is described as 'thoughtless' because
 - a) the angels are blessing the birds to be happy
 - b) the birds are covered in the warmth of their nest
 - c) the occupants are asleep without any care
6. The figure of speech used in the line' In heaven's bower' is
 - a) Metaphor
 - b) Personification
 - c) Alliteration