

**ENGLISH ASSIGNMENT
CLASS VI**

TOPIC COVERED----
Literature--Poem-Leisure

Date _____

UNDERSTANDING LEISURE

Match the stanzas of the poem with their meanings and write the letters in the Answer Column.

STANZAS	ANSWERS	MEANING
1. What is this life if, full of care, We have no time to stand and stare.		a. In daylight, streams sparkle in the sunshine and look like they are full of stars. Busy people miss this beautiful sight.
2. No time to stand beneath the boughs And stare as long as sheep or cows.		b. Nature is personified as a beautiful dancing maiden. We don't have time to admire nature's beauty or the movements in nature.
3. No time to see, when woods we pass, Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.		c. Life is meaningless when we do not have leisure time.
4. No time to see in broad daylight, Streams full of stars, like stars at night.		d. People are in such a hurry that they do not have to observe the pleasing sights and changes in nature.
5. No time to turn at beauty's glance, And watch her feet, how they can dance.		e. People living a busy life do not have the leisure to stand under the trees and gaze at their surroundings.

<p>6. No time to wait till her mouth can Enrich that smile her eyes began.</p>		<p>f. When people pass through a forest in a hurry, they do not notice the wonders of nature.</p>
<p>7. A poor life this if, full of care, We have no time to stand and stare.</p>		<p>g. A busy life causes people not to have leisure time.</p>

Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow:

**A. *“What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.”***

Q.1. What is the poet’s opinion about life in this stanza?

Q.2. Why can’t man admire the beauty of nature?

Q.3. What does the poet wish man could do?

**B. *No time to see, when woods we pass,
where squirrels hide their nuts in grass
No time to see in broad day light,
streams full of stars like skies at night***

Q.1. What keeps the squirrels busy?

Q.2. How do streams appear to be full of stars?

Q.3. How does the sky appear at night?

Q.4. Mention the poetic devices used in the first and second line.

**C. *No time to turn at Beauty’s glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.***

- Q1. Explain the poetic device in the first two lines of the stanza.
Q2. What does 'enriching the smile' mean?

***D. "A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare."***

- Q1. Why does the poet call his life 'poor'?
Q2. What do the words 'no time to stand and stare' mean?

Answer the following questions in brief:

- Q1. Why is modern man unable to appreciate the beauty of nature?
Q2. Why does the poet call this life poor?
Q3. Give one example from the poem to suggest that the poet dislikes this life of man?
Q4. What is the significance of leisure in our life?
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