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CLASS – IV

ANSWER: *WORKSHEET – 9*

DATE: 13.05.2020

SUBJECT – ENGLISH TEXT POEM - SONG FOR A BEETLE IN A GOLDFISH BOWL

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1. Find words from the poem that mean the same :-

- a) Pushed – Thrust
- b) Caught – Seized
- c) Surprising - Staggering

2. Give the opposites:-

- a) Pleased x Unhappy
- b) Bright x Dull

3. Reference to context:-

With my finger and thumb  
The beetle I seized,

- a) From which poem are these lines taken?

Ans: These lines are taken from the poem “Song for a Beetle in a Goldfish Bowl.”

- b) Who is the poet?

Ans: The poet is Ruskin Bond.

- c) Who is ‘I’ referred to?

Ans: ‘I’ is referred to the poet.

- d) From where did the poet seize the beetle?

Ans: The poet seized the beetle with his finger and thumb from the goldfish bowl.

- e) What did the poet do with the beetle?

Ans: The poet opened the window and thrust the beetle out in the night.

4. Answer in one or two words:-

- a) Who was pleased to see the beetle out of the bowl?

Ans: The goldfish

- b) Who flew away in a confused manner?

Ans: The beetle

- c) Which insect did the poet speak about in this poem?

Ans: A beetle

5. **Answer the following questions:-**

a) To whom did the poet compare the beetle's situation with?

Ans: The poet compared the beetle's situation with that of a man from Tangier who got drowned in a bucket full of water.

b) Why was the goldfish pleased?

Ans: The goldfish was pleased because the poet had thrown the struggling beetle out of the goldfish bowl.

6. **Complete the lines of the poem:-**

And he bumbled away in a staggering flight,

Ho-hum, hey-ho,

Goodnight,!

7. **Make Sentences:-** (Model sentences)

a) Pleased – I was pleased to get a new cycle from my father on my birthday.

b) Seized – I seized tightly the string of my kite and tied it to a pole.

(Children will write sentences of their own)