

Name: _____

E.L.A – Poetry

Term 3

Total: 20 marks

Read the poem carefully.

Little children, never give
Pain to things that feel and live,
Let the gentle robin come
For the crumbs you have at home;
5 As his meat you throw along
He'll repay you with a song.
Never hurt the timid hare
Peeping from her green grass lair,
Let her come and sport and play
10 On the lawn at close of day
The little lark goes soaring high
To the bright windows of the sky.
Singing as if 'twere always spring,
And fluttering on an untired wing.
15 Oh! Let him sing his happy song
Nor do these gentle creatures wrong.

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. What advice is the poet giving to children? (2 marks)
2. How will the robin repay children who are kind to him? (2 marks)

3. a) When does the hare come out to play? (1 mark)
- b) Where does the hare come out to play? (1 mark)
4. Which line in the poem means 'in the open air'? (2 marks)
5. Write the word from the poem which means each of the following: (2 marks)
- (i) a place where a wild animal rests
- (ii) flapping the wings swiftly
6. Complete the following similes which are used in the poem. (2 marks)
- as _____ as a hare
- as _____ as a lark
7. Identify two examples of personification in the poem. (2 marks)
- (i) _____
- (ii) _____

8. Do you think the poet likes animals? Give a reason for your answer.
(2 marks)
9. What might happen if a child does not treat his/her pet kindly? (2 marks)
10. Suggest a suitable title for the poem. (2 mark)