

**BCM SCHOOL, BASANT AVENUE, DUGRI, LUDHIANA**

**ENGLISH ASSIGNMENT 1**

**CLASS VIII**

**1. Read the stanza and answer the questions that follow:**

Says the ant to the cricket, "I'm your servant and friend, But we ants never borrow; we ants never lend."

But tell me, dear cricket, did you lay nothing by When the weather was warm?" Quoth the cricket, "Not I!"

1. Why did the ant scold the Cricket?
2. What help did the cricket ask from the ant?
3. The word 'Quoth' means\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Do you agree with the principles of ants? Why/ Why not?

**2. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words:**

- a) What jobs did Hans Wolf and Jim Macpherson have when they were not soldiers?
- b) What was difficult to understand about the earth when the plane was six miles high?
- c) What made the dog, the horse and the ox very angry?

**3. Fill in the blanks in the paragraph given below with suitable parts of speech.**

Reading books (a)..... a good hobby. Books open (b)..... vast new world to us. They increase (c)..... knowledge and change our outlook (d)..... the world.

**4. Replace the underlined words with suitable idiom:**

The inspector suspected something wrong in this matter.