

**Attempt Activity 1 in your Literature Book and Activity 2 in your Writing Book. Write the answers only.**

**Activity 1**

**Poetry**

**(7marks)**

**Far From the Maddening Crowd**

**By Nixon Waterman**

It seems to me I'd like to go  
Where bells don't ring, nor whistles blow,  
Nor clocks don't strike, nor gongs sound,  
And I'd have stillness all around.  
Not real **stillness**, but just the trees,  
Low whispering, or the hum of bees,  
Or brooks faint babbling over stones,  
In strangely, softly tangled tones.  
Or maybe a cricket or katydid,  
Or the songs of birds in the hedges hid,  
Or just some such sweet sound as these  
To fill a tired heart with ease.  
If it weren't for sight and sound and smell,  
I'd like the city pretty well,  
But when it comes to getting rest,  
I like the country lots the best.

**Questions**

- a. Name one sound the persona doesn't like. **(1m)**
- b. State what is meant by **stillness** in line 5? **(2m)**
- c. State the persona's innermost wish. **(1m)**
- d. Identify a rhyme. **(1m)**
- e. Explain the last four lines of the poem in your own words. **(2m)**

**Activity 2**

**Personal Writing Theme: Lifestyle**

**(10 marks)**

Write a **letter to a friend** who has contacted you to know more about your lifestyle as to how you have been affected by the pandemic. Describe your experiences and its effects on your lifestyle. Use a fictitious name and address. Include a plan.

**THE END**