

→ **Attempt answers to the activity given below in your Literature Book**

**Activity 1: Reading a poem**

**(15marks)**

**Things work out** by Edgar Guest

Because it rains when **we** wish it wouldn't,

Because crops fail, and plans go wrong,

Some of us grumble all day long.

**But** somehow, in spite of the care and doubt,

It seems at last that things work out.

Because we lose where we hoped to gain

Because we suffer a little pain,

Because we must work when we'd like to play,

Some of us whimper along life's way.

But somehow, as day always follows the night,

Most of our troubles work out all right.

**So** bend to your trouble and meet your care,

For the clouds must break and the sky grow fair.

Let the rain come down, as it must and will,

But keep on working and hoping still.

For in spite of the grumblers who stand about,

Somehow, it seems, all things work out.

**Questions**

a. State who **we** (line 1) is referring to. **(1m)**

b. Explain the similarity in lines 1-3. **(2m)**

c. Explain the use of **but** in line 4. **(2m)**

d. Discuss the structure of Stanza 1 and Stanza 2. **(3m)**

e. Explain the use of the word **so** in line 12. **(2m)**

f. Explain the mood in Stanza 3. **(2m)**

g. Discuss the main message of the poet. **(3m)**

**THE END**