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Reading (Classic Fiction): Read the passage carefully and answer questions below:

Every afternoon, as they were coming from school, the children used to go and play in the giant’s garden. It was a large lovely garden, with soft green grass. Here and there over the grass stood beautiful flowers like stars, and there were twelve peach trees that in the spring time broke out into delicate blossoms of pink and pearl, and in the autumn bore rich fruit. **The birds sat on the trees and sang so sweetly** that the children used to stop their games in order to listen to them. “How happy we are here!” they cried to each other.

One day the giant came back. He had been to visit his friend the Cornish Ogre and had stayed with him for seven years. After seven years he was determined to return to his own castle. When he arrived he saw the children playing in the garden. “What are you doing here?” he cried in a gruff voice, and the children ran away.

“My own garden is my own garden,” said the giant, “anyone can understand that, and I will allow nobody to play in it but myself.” So he built a high wall all round it, and put up a notice board where he engraved that, **“Trespassers will be prosecuted”**.

The poor children had now nowhere to play. They tried to play on the road, but the road was very dusty and full of hard stones, and they disliked it. They used to wander round the high walls, when their lessons were over, and talk about the beautiful garden inside. “How happy we were there!” they said to each other.

Then the spring came, and all over the country there were little blossoms and little birds. Only in the garden of the Selfish giant it was still winter. The birds did not care to sing in it as there were no children and the trees forgot to blossom. Once a beautiful flower put its head out from the grass, but when it saw the notice board, it was so sorry for the children that it slipped back into the ground again and went off to sleep. The only people who were pleased were the snow and the frost, “Spring has forgotten thee garden,” they cried, “so we will live here all the year round,” The snow covered up the grass with her great white cloak, and the **frost painted all the trees silver**. Then they invited the North Wind to stay with them and he came. He was wrapped in furs, and he roared all day round the garden, and blew the chimney-pots down “This is a delightful spot,” he said, “we must ask the Hail on a visit.” So the hail came. Every day for three hours he rattled on the roof of the castle till he broke most of the slates, and then he ran round the garden as fast as he could go. He was dressed in grey and **his breath was like ice**.

“I cannot understand why the spring is so late in coming,” said the Selfish giant, as he sat at the window and looked out at his cold, white garden, “I hope there will be a change in the weather,” But the Spring never came, nor the summer. “He is too selfish,” spring said.

(Extracted from *The collections of Oscar Wilde*)

1. Describe the beauty of the selfish giant’s garden.

2-3. "How happy we were there!" Who were happy there?

3. Why were they so happy?

4. The children could not play on the road, because the road was very

- a) clean and smooth b) dusty and full of hard stones
b) narrow c) rough

5. But the spring never came nor the summer, because the giant was

- a) very selfish b) very ruthless c) very mean d) very sad

6-8. Circle the figure of speech of the underlined words in following sentences.

6. Frost painted the trees silver. (Simile / Metaphor / Personification)

7. His breath was like ice. (Simile / Metaphor / Personification)

8. The birds sang so sweetly. (Simile / Metaphor / Personification)

9. "Trespassers will be prosecuted." Which of the following sentences has the similar meaning as this sentence? Circle the option letter of the sentence.

- a) Trespassers will be punished
b) Trespassers will be awarded
c) Trespassers will be allowed to play
d) None of the above

10-12. Read the following sentences and write True or False:

10. The giant was neither happy nor angry with the children. _____

11. The notice was put up to frighten only the children. _____

12. Nature punished the giant for his selfishness. _____

13-14. Do you find any similarity with the phenomenon of the winter season in the giant's garden? If yes, then explain in a few words.

15-17. Is it right to call the giant, a selfish one? Justify your answer.
