THE SCHOOL BELL

When we pass by a school, the most interesting thing which catches our eyes is the school bell hanging outside the verandah. It is quite common for a school to be without a bell.

The school bell is so effective that it can cause a vast crowd to assemble, though they are scattered widely. It is no less powerful than even a general's command.

A school must have a bell because its sound denotes the beginning of each lesson and the ending of each class.

My liking for the school bell is changeable. Sometimes I like it, but sometimes I hate it. I like it when the lesson is dull. I keep looking at the watch and yearning for the bell to ring.

I hate it during the composition period and other interesting lessons because it is rung too soon. I have to write very quickly and strain my brain so much so that I feel fatigued afterwards. Also, during examinations, I have to give in my paper with a sigh as the essay or the questions is not finished yet.

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PASSAGES FOR APPRECIATION

"Cry, The Beloved Country" by Alan Paton

Sadness and fear and hate, how they swell up in my heart and mind. . . . Cry for the broken tribes, for the law and the custom that is gone. . . . Cry for the men who are dead, for the women and children bereaved. . . . The country must have a name. . . .

Cry, the beloved country, these things are not yet at an end. . . . Who can enjoy the lovely land and the sun that shines down on the earth, when there is fear in the heart? Who can walk quietly in the shade of the jicarandac (一种荒野的树), when their beauty is groans upon them. Who can lie peacefully abed, while the darkness holds some secret (深藏的秘密)? Who loves me his heart secretly under the stars, when men (躲在屋内) groans with the measure of their own solitude (孤独)?

【注】：Alan Paton 是南非开普省的著名作家，他的《Cry, The Beloved Country》是一部描写非洲人民与白人统治者之间关系的长篇小说，作品反映了南非种族隔离的现实，被誉为“第一流的文学作品”。

Can You Fill My House?

ACROSS:
1. Sharp-cornered
2. Look out
3. Before
4. Sate
5. A forest tree
6. Small, "size or amount"
7. The short word of Georgia
8. Verb to be
9. Ruler of an empire
DOWN:
1. Soothe, allay
2. National Education Association (abbreviation)
3. Obtain
4. The short word of league
5. Cunning
6. Enter again
7. The short word of Semitic
8. Jump

Riddle

During an Examination...

When I have a religious Examination, a student, who had not prepared beforehand, found it extremely difficult. As he wrote on the paper on which were written the following words:

"Under the wide and starry sky, dig the grave and let me lie, glad do I live and gladly die, and I lay me down with a will."

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Animal Dwellings

Do you know where the following animals live?

1. Dogs live in...
2. Pigs live in...
3. Horses live in...
4. Bees live in...
5. Birds live in...
6. Tigers live in...
7. Eagles live in...
8. Lions live in...
9. Pigeons live in...
10. wasps live in...
11. Cows live in...
12. Rabbits live in...
13. Sheep live in...
14. Squirrels live in...
15. Moles live in...

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Answers: Riddle: 1. The multiplication table. 2. The back of a clock. 3. Worship. 4. 1, on a mouth of a live. 5. Comb.

Make a sentence: 1. If it is on it is on it, it is in it, it is in me or me.