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## Lesson: Ranikhet's Gift

### (B)Reference to Context

1. The author expected to find puddles or muddy patches because it had rained heavily that day.
2. There were no puddles because the soil was rocky and sandy and had either dried easily or the water had made its way downhill. The author was amazed to find no puddles because it had rained heavily that day.
3. When the author went for a walk, he saw that the sky had cleared and the whole mountain range was in view. It was a full 180-degree stretch of snow-clad mountains that gleamed and glistened in the last rays of the sun.

### C. Answer the following questions

1. a) The breaking up of the haze
2. The sight of the star-spangled sky at night left the writer transfixed in awe
3. The three contrasts in the passage are:
  - i) The water gushing and gurgling down the slope, the trees swaying and the leaves dancing in mirth to the accompaniment of the now roaring wind and the orchestral din of the pounding rain on the tin roof of our bungalow. It rained

incessantly for a couple of hours, and then a sudden calm descended over the hills.

ii) The distant mountains could no longer be seen, and neither was the winding pathway at the foot of our hillock visible. Gradually, the haze started disintegrating, and the first glint of the sun's rays shimmered over the velvety green mountain side while the dark clouds scurried away.

iii) It was the darkest of dark nights, eerie, pitch black-a creak or a crackle made one jump-but when we looked up, we stood transfixed in awe, looking at the star-spangled dark dome above. Never, ever had we seen a million brightly lit stars and at such close quarters-we just had to stand on our toes to touch them.