

**BANGLADESH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, ENGLISH**  
**SECTION- RIYADH**

**Grade 4 - English Literature**

**On the Banks of Plum Creek**  
**(By Laura Ingalls Wilder)**  
**Illustrated by Garth Williams**

**A. Write the meanings of the following words.**

1. creek – a stream or minor tributary of a river
2. flutter – hover by flapping the wings quickly or lightly
3. steep- rising or falling sharply
4. fiddle- a violin used to play folk music
5. thickets- a group of bushes or trees
6. quaver- shake in a person's voice
7. calico- a printed cotton fabric
8. squeak- makes a high-pitched sound or cry

**B. Answer the following questions briefly.**

1. In what type of place did Mary and Laura live?

Ans: Mary and Laura lived on the prairie near Plum Creek, where rushes and flowers grew.

2. What happened when Laura poke the strange animal?

Ans. When Laura poked the strange animal, a frightful snarl came out of it. Its eyes sparkled mad, and snapped almost on Laura's nose.

3. Why did Laura get punishment?

Ans. Laura got punishment for breaking the promise to her father and she went to the swimming hole.

**C. Answer the following questions in detail.**

1. Explain the structure of blue flag according to the story "On the Banks of Plum Creek".

Ans. Each blue flag had three velvet petals that curved down like a lady's dress over hoops, from its waist three ruffled silky petals stood up and curved together. Inside the flower there were three narrow pale tongues, and each tongue had a strip of golden fur on it.

2. How did Laura go deep into the water and what happened to her?

Ans. Laura walked as fast as she could in the water. She stopped down deeper and deeper. The water came up past her middle up to her arms. Suddenly, deep down in the water, something grabbed her foot. The thing jerked down and she went into the deep water. She couldn't breathe, she couldn't see. She tried to grab and could not get hold of anything. Water filled her ears, eyes and her mouth.