

**BANGLADESH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, ENGLISH SECTION**

**ENGLISH LITERATURE – NOTES – GRADE 5**

**POEM- LEM LONNIGAN’S LEAF MACHINE**

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**Vocabulary**

**vacuum – to clean something using a vacuum cleaner**

**spot – to notice/ to locate**

**stubborn – adamant**

**straggler- one who trails off from others**

**zest- keen enjoyment**

**tenant- one who occupies a land**

**Answer the following questions in brief.**

- 1. What does Lem Lonnigan do? How does he do it?  
Lem Lonnigan cleans lawns by vacuuming all that fall down from the trees. He does it with his leaf machine.**
- 2. Why is Lem Lonnigan so busy in autumn?  
Autumn is the season in which leaves fall from the trees. As Lem Lonnigan’s job is to clean the fallen leaves, he is so busy in autumn.**
- 3. Why does the poet tell us not to waste our time by raking and bagging the leaves?  
The poet tells us not to waste our time because Lem Lonnigan is ready with his leaf machine to do that work for us.**

**Explain with reference to the context.**

**“then Lem hits the switch  
to discharge it post haste”**

**These lines are taken from the poem ‘Lem Lonnigan’s Leaf Machine’ written by Andrea Perry.**

**Sometimes Lem Lonnigan uses a special attachment on his leaf machine to get the leaves that have not fallen yet. If by mistake his machine gets a nest, a squirrel or a bird in its yard- cleaning zest, then Lem hits the switch and carefully sees that the tenant is replaced.**