

A THING OF BEAUTY

Q1. Why does the poet call a thing of beauty a joy forever?

Or

Explain, "It will never pass into nothingness".

Answer. Every object of nature is the source of serene beauty like the sun, moon, trees and flowers. It leaves indelible imprints in our mind. The beautiful memories always emblazon in our mind and stay with us for years to come. Its loveliness goes on increasing with time. It takes away all the sorrows of life. It cannot be destroyed by the cruel time.

Q2. What is the joy forever?

Answer. A thing of beauty is joy forever.

Q3. What is the search of man and why?

Answer. We try to find a thing of beauty in nature. It removes the pain and suffering from our life.

Q4. How does beauty enrich the human beings?

Answer. A thing of beauty is like a quiet bower that gives us a peaceful sleep full of sweet dreams. We get good health and peace of mind.

Q5. Who are we wreathing a flowery band and why?

Answer. The human life is full of pain, grief and dissatisfaction. But we can dispel this sorrow with the things of beauty. Therefore we wreath a flowery band that takes us close to nature.

Q6. What are the things that cause suffering to human life? Or What ails our world?

Answer. There are many things that cause suffering to human life/world. They are despondency, dearth of noble nature, gloomy days, unhealthy and over-darkened way. Man is so busy in this blind race of progress that he does not have time to stop and see the beautiful gifts of the mother nature.

Q7. Name the shapes which help us in fighting against the darkness?

Answer. There are many things of beauty mentioned in the poem. They are the sun, the moon, the young old trees, musk rose, Daffodils, green world and clear rill of water.

Q8. Explain: "Over darkened ways".

Answer. The 'over darkened ways' are the road of crime. They push us into suffering and grief.

Q9. Why does the poet criticize the human beings?

Or

How do we try to face the gloomy day?

Answer. The human life is full of suffering, pain and despondency. But the nature has many things of beauty to remove these sufferings. The poet is angry with human beings as we have no time to see these things of beauty.

Q10. What does a clear stream do?

Answer. A clear stream flows through the green forest. In a hot season It makes a cooling covert and provides coolness to plants and wild animals.

Q11. Why is Grandeur associated with the mighty dead?

Answer. The 'mighty dead' refers to our great ancestors who sacrificed their lives for great cause. Their ideals and values made them 'mighty dead'. They have influenced the generations to come. These great people will be blessed by the god.

Q12. Explain: "immortal drink".

Answer. The "Immortal drink" means the beautiful objects of nature. The beautiful objects of nature like sun, moon, daffodil, stream of water and holly books are the immortal drinks. They are the gifts to human being by the God.

Phrases

Q1. Read the following phrase and answer the questions:

All lovely tales that we have heard or read;
An endless fountain of immortal drink.
Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.

i. Name the poet of the given stanza.

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| a. John Keats | b. Pablo Neruda |
| c. Stephen Spender | d. Rober Frost |

ii. What is the thing of beauty mentioned in these lines?

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| a. Beauty in books | b. Beauty in nature |
| c. Sun | c. Beauty of relations |

iii. What does the immortal drink provide us with?

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| a. Never-ending joy | b. Everlasting pleasure |
| c. Beauty that lasts forever | d. All of these |

iv. What does the word 'immortal' means?

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| a. Living forever | c. Important |
| b. Improved | d. Living briefly |

Q2. Read the following phrase and answer the questions:

And such too is the grandeur of the dooms
We have imagined for the might dead;
All lovely tales that we have heard or read;
An endless fountain of immortal drink,
Pouring unto us from heaven's brink.

i. Name the poem

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| a. A thing of beauty | b. Roadside Stand |
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- c. Keeping quiet
- d. An elementary school classroom in a slum
- ii. Who are the 'mighty dead' referred to here?
- a. Our ancestors
- b. Warriors who have glorified death
- c. Those who sacrificed their lives for noble cause
- d. All of these.
- iii. What is the endless fountain of immortal drink?
- a. A creation of beauty
- b. Source of venomous drink
- c. An enormous fountain
- d. An architectural piece
- iv. What does the word 'bring' mean?
- a. Broad
- b. Bright
- c. Edge
- d. Warehouse

Q3. Read the following phrase and answer the questions:

The unhealthy and over darkened ways
 Made for our searching. In spite of all
 There are some shape of beauty
 That moves away this pall
 From our dark spirit.

- i. What are the unhealthy and over darkened ways?
- ii. What the shape of beauty that moves away the pall?
- iii. How these shapes of beauty move away this pall?

Q4. Answer the following questions in about 30 words:

- i. Why is Grandeur associated with the mighty dead?
- ii. Explain: "immortal drink"
- iii. Who are we wreathing a flowery band and why?
- iv. Why does the poet call a thing of beauty a joy forever?

Q5. Write a report in about 125 words on any two of the following:

1. Health Mela organized by Seemapuri RWA
2. Indo-Nepal cultural exchange program
3. Workshop to create awareness against Poaching