



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

Class: XII	Department: ENGLISH	2023 – 2024
Question Bank	Topic: A THING OF BEAUTY- JOHN KEATS	Note:

(Q.) List the things of beauty mentioned in the poem. (2 Marks)

(Ans) The things of beauty are the sun, the moon, old and new trees, daffodils, clear rills, musk roses that bloom among the thick forest ferns.

(Q.) List the things that cause suffering and pain. (2 Marks)

(Ans) The things that cause suffering are dark phases of our life, adverse circumstances, gloomy days, death of noble people and bad health.

(Q.) What does the line 'Therefore are we wreathing a flowery band to bind us to earth' suggest? (2 Marks)

(Ans) As a result of all the beautiful things around us, every morning we are weaving a flowery wreath to bind us to the beauties of the earth despite all the sadness.

(Q.) What makes human beings love life in spite of all troubles? (2 Marks)

(Ans) In spite of all the sufferings, a beautiful thing helps us to remove the cover of gloom or darkness from our lives.

(Q.) Why is grandeur associated with the 'mighty dead'? (2 Marks)

(Ans) Grandeur is associated with the 'mighty dead' because they will always be remembered for their noble and splendid deeds and creations. They have left behind a legacy for us to enjoy.

(Q.) Do we experience things of beauty only for a short time? (2 Marks)

(Ans) No, these things of beauty have lasting impression on us. It never passes into nothingness.

(Q.) What image does the poet use to describe the beautiful bounty of the earth? (2 Marks)

(Ans) The poet draws out the image of 'an endless fountain of immortal drink' that pours joy on us from the brink of heaven. These are the beautiful things in nature or man-made objects that he calls 'immortal drink'.

(Q.) How does a thing of beauty provide us shelter and comfort? (2 Marks)

(Ans) John Keats is a great Romantic poet. He creates images that soothe our senses. Nature bestows us with things of rare beauty. It keeps the shade of trees ready for us to be comfortable and

peaceful in it. Beautiful things also provide peace and security so that we can enjoy sound sleep. We are able to enjoy sweet dreams, good health because of them.

(Q.) What spreads the pall of despondence over our dark spirits? How is it removed? (2 Marks)

(Ans) Man makes his life miserable and full of suffering because of his own actions. The pall of despondence is the sadness that is a result of one's own actions. A thing of beauty works wonders for man and removes the cover of gloom from his dampened spirits.

(Q.) What is the message of the poem 'A Thing of Beauty'? (2 Marks)

(Ans) Keats, an ardent lover of nature, in his poem refers to the powers of nature. He urges mankind to realise these powers and make his life enjoyable and worth living. He tells us how a thing of beauty provides perennial joy to us.

(Q.) How do the 'daffodils' and 'clear rills' enrich our environment? (2 Marks)

(Ans) Daffodils are lovely white flowers that bloom in green surroundings. The 'clear rills' or clear streams of water create cooling comfort or passage for themselves as they pass through the thick bushes and ward away the heat of the sun.

(Q.) What is the 'grandeur of the dooms' and 'endless fountain of immortal drink'? (2 Marks)

(Ans) The 'grandeur of the dooms' is a reference to our mighty and dead ancestors who have created beautiful objects for us. On the other hand, the 'endless fountain' is the everlasting joy provided to us by the bounties of nature in the form of nectar pouring on us from heaven.

(Q.) What makes human beings love life in spite of all troubles and sufferings? (2 Marks)

(Ans) Human beings love life because nature is the best healer and brings beauty and joy to our life. The memory of beautiful experiences helps us to bear our sorrows.