



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

Class: XII	Department: ENGLISH	2024 – 2025
Question Bank	Topic: A THING OF BEAUTY– JOHN KEATS	Note:

The Theme of the Poem

The poem A Thing of Beauty by John Keats delivers the concept that beauty can be discovered anywhere and at any time. The content of this poem is mostly concentrated on nature and the unexpected beauty that it brings. The topic of this poem is that beauty may be discovered anywhere and, when appreciated, can be used to lift one's spirits in times of adversity. Any beautiful object is always kept in our minds since it brings us permanent and everlasting happiness. The enjoyment that a beautiful object brings never fades away, but multiplies many times over anytime it returns to our mind.

Summary

A Thing of Beauty is by the famous poet John Keats. Furthermore, the poet says that a beautiful thing can give us extreme happiness and delight. Moreover, a beautiful thing is eternal that never declines or fades. Also, a beautiful thing resembles a shady shelter which gives us a comfortable sleep comprising of sweet dreams and relaxation. This will ultimately lead to good health. The sight of lovely and beautiful things will live on in our memories for the rest of our lives. Thinking about them makes our bodies and minds healthier, as the ideas give us serenity and mental calm.

The author says that individuals have an attachment to Earthly things. This attachment is such that it has the resemblance of a flowery wreath. Furthermore, there are traps that keep people connected to materialistic things. This connection with materialistic things distracts humans from eternal happiness. This is because the focus of such materialistic people will be on acquiring more and more resources rather than on attaining eternal happiness. The world has a lot of negativity, hatred, and greed. According to the poet, the cause of gloom and sadness is this negativity. Moreover, one can fade away these negative vibes away with the help of beautiful things that surround us. This is because these beautiful things bring nothing but positivity. Man and nature are strongly intertwined. The beauty of nature is what keeps us connected to this planet. Every morning, we select beautiful fresh flowers and make garlands. They lift our spirits and make us forget about our problems for a while.

RTC/ CBO

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing
A flowery band to bind us to the earth,

Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,
Of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways
Made for our searching:

- a. The poetic device employed in the first line is –
 - i. Alliteration
 - ii. Simile
 - iii. Inversion
 - iv. Transferred epithet
- b. Assertion (A)-We suffer from lack of noble natures and disappointments.
Reason (R)-A thing of beauty has the power to remove this suffering.
 - a. A is correct but R is not the correct explanation
 - b. A is correct and R is the correct explanation
 - c. Both A and R are false
 - d. A is false but R is true
- c. Why do we wreath a flowery band every day?
- d. The poet highlights the power of

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

(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. They have the power to lift the cloud of unhappiness from our damp spirits.