

**CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature**  
**Beehive Poem Chapter-10 A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal**  
**Test Paper-02**

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1. "She neither hears nor sees,  
Rolled round in earth's diurnal course  
With rocks and stones and trees.
  - a. What does the loved ones possess?
  - b. 'She' has been mingled with.....
  - c. Write the rhyming scheme of the above lines.
  - d. Who is she in the above lines?
2. "A slumber did my spirit seal  
I had no human fears.  
She seemed a thing that could not feel  
The touch of earthly years.
  - a. Who has sealed the spirit of the poet?
  - b. What does the poet mean by "a slumber did my spirit seal"?
  - c. Why can she not feel the touch of earthly years?
  - d. Why does the poet have no human fears?
3. Why does the poet feel peaceful after the death of his beloved? What qualities made him feel so?
4. The poet has talked about the powerful time, it waits for no one. Comment.
5. The passing of time will no longer affect her, says the poet. Which lines of the poem says this?
6. "A slumber did my spirit seal" . Explain.
7. What does the poet feel when his beloved died?
8. Where is the beloved one busy according to the poet after her death?

**Answer the following questions in about 100 words:**

9. William Wordsworth is a poet of nature. How did he show this in the poem? (100 words)
10. What do we learn about the society and human being from the poem? Has this world been with the poet in his grief? (100 words)

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**Answers**

1. a. The loved ones possess the soul.  
b. The nature  
c. a b a b  
d. 'She' is the beloved one of the poet.
2. a. The death of the beloved has sealed the spirit of the poet.  
b. It means he cannot experience any sensation because of the deep sleep.  
c. She can not feel the earthly touch because she has died.  
d. The poet has no human fears because now his beloved has gone in the lap of nature.
3. The poet loves his beloved a lot. But he has a deep grief of her death. He feels his soul closed or quieten. But he is at peace to think about his beloved, he knows the world is selfish, and his beloved is away from this fake world. So he is at peace.
4. The poet wants to convey the fact that time is precious and it doesn't wait for anyone to his beloved. But she is not there to either listen to him or see anything, as she has become a rock or a tree. He wants to maintain a balance between material and eternal world.
5. The passing will no longer affect her because she is not there to see the changes anymore. The following lines shows that...  
"She seemed a thing that could not feel  
The touch of earthly years"
6. "A slumber did my spirit seal" these words spoken by the poet shows his state of mind when his beloved has died and he is in deep pain. He says that her death has taken him in a deep sleep in which he could not feel any sensations.
7. When his beloved died, his life has shaken and his spirit has been sealed. He can not take his beloved's death as normal, rather he feels that she has got free from this fake world. He feels she has been taken away from the mother earth where she is free from the selfish world.
8. According to the poet, the beloved is busy with the nature after her death. She is rather occupied with the movements of earth, like rocks, stones and trees.

9. William Wordsworth is a poet of nature. He finds peace in nature, he showed this through his poem very well. Here, his beloved has died and he has shown his imbalanced state of mind by saying that she has been taken away by the mother nature. He feels this world to be selfish and fake. He finds solace in nature. And so he is happy that his beloved has become a part of nature. Her death has filled him with deep grief and pain, but he is contented only at the thought of her being immortal and become a part of nature.
10. The poet tells that he is happy that his beloved has become immortal because nature has taken her away. This world is full of selfish people. And she would not get affected with the passage of time. She has been saved by the mother nature. Man has become the slave of his luxuries and almost forgets about the nature around him. He says that this society affects us during our lifetime, but as now his beloved is no more, so nothing would affect her. She has become immortal and now busy with the nature.
- No, the people are not with him, he is alone suffering from the pain of separation. Nobody notices his actions. Only sleep has helped him overcome his grief.