

Flowers and Showers

Song of the Flower

Question.1. Read the following lines from the poem and answer the questions that follow. [Marks :(3)]

I am a kind word uttered and repeated

By the voice of Nature;

I am a star fallen from the

Blue tent upon the green carpet.

I am the daughter of the elements

With whom Winter conceived;

To whom Spring gave birth; I was

Reared in the lap of Summer and I

Slept in the bed of Autumn.

1. Which are the seasons mentioned in the stanza?

2. When did the flower rear up?

3. Which line do you like most? Why?

Ans.

1. Winter, summer, spring and autumn

2. The flower reared up in the lap of summer

3. Any sensible answer.

Question.2. Read the given lines and answer the following questions.[Marks :(5)]

At dawn I unite with the breeze

To announce the coming of light;

At eventide I join the birds

In bidding the light farewell.

The plains are decorated with

My beautiful colours, and the air

Is scented with my fragrance.

As I embrace Slumber the eyes of
Night watch over me, and as I
Awaken I stare at the sun, which is
The only eye of the day.

1. Why does the flower unite with the breeze?
2. What does the flower do with the birds in the eventide?
3. Pick out an example of olfactory image from the stanza.
4. Why does the flower stare at the sun in the morning?
5. What are the plains decorated with?

Ans.

1. To announce the coming of light;
2. The flower joins with the birds to bid the light farewell.
3. Fragrance
4. To get sunlight.
5. Beautiful colours.

Question.3. Read the given lines and answer the questions that follow.[Marks :(4)]

I drink dew for wine, and hearken to
The voices of the birds, and dance
To the rhythmic swaying of the grass.
I am the lover's gift; I am the wedding wreath;
I am the memory of a moment of happiness;
I am the last gift of the living to the dead;
I am a part of joy and a part of sorrow.
But I look up high to see only the light,
And never look down to see my shadow.
This is wisdom which man must learn.

1. How do the lovers make use of flowers?
2. Pick out an example of alliteration from the given lines
3. "I am a part of joy and a part of sorrow." Comment on this line.
4. Why doesn't the flower like to look down to see its shadow?

Ans.

1. They gift flowers to their lovers
2. I am the memory of a moment of happiness;
3. The poet says that flower shows in presence both in joy and happiness.
4. The flower always likes to go up in life

**Question.4. Read the given lines and write a note of appreciation of the given stanza.
[Marks :(4)]**

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Ans. Identifying the theme

Interpret the lines

Understood the main ideas.

Appreciated imageries and lyrical qualities.

Comprehend the meaning.

Language suitable for appreciation

Question.5. Prepare a profile of Khalil Gibran using the following hints.[Marks :(5)]

Born : 6th January 1883, Bsharri, Lebanon

Place of Birth : Bsharri, Lebanon

Occupation : Writer, Poet, Visual artist, Philosopher

Nationality : Lebanese and American

Notable Works : The Prophet, The Madman, Broken Wings.

Died : April 10, 1931, Newyork.

Ans. Gives an appropriate title.

Writes an effective introduction and conclusion.

Organises important details.

Uses appropriate descriptive vocabulary.

Uses proper linkers for connecting the ideas.

Uses precise and concise language.