

Short-Answer Questions

Q.1. What is the source of the endless fountain and what is its effect?

[CBSE (F) 2010, 2011]

Ans. “Endless fountain” refers to the unending beauty of nature. This is a gift from the creator. Our life is full of trials and tribulations, but the beautiful things of Nature soothen our sorrows and give us the motivation to move on.

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

[CBSE (F) 2010]

Ans. Trials and tribulations of life spread the pall of despondence over our dark spirits. Loss of faith and disappointment are the results of our own making. We can remove it by making life worthwhile with the beautiful things of life that lift the veil of gloom, paving way for optimism and hope.

Q.3. What is the message of the poem, ‘A Thing of Beauty’?

[CBSE (AI) 2011]

Ans. The message of the poem is that a beautiful object is treasured in our mind because it provides us eternal and everlasting joy. Therefore, let us keep the natural beauty intact. Let us not destroy it.

Q.4. How is a thing of beauty a joy forever?

[CBSE Delhi 2012]

Ans. A thing of beauty is a joy forever because its loveliness increases. A beautiful thing is perennial and constant. It sustains human spirit in all ages and stages. It never passes into nothingness. In fact, it moves away the pall from our dark spirits and makes life worth living.

Q.5. Describe any three things of beauty mentioned in the poem, ‘A Thing of Beauty’.

[CBSE (AI) 2012, CBSE (AI) 2013]

OR

According to Keats, what moves the pain and suffering away from human life?

[CBSE Sample Paper 2016]

Ans. Everything in nature is a thing of beauty and a source of pleasure. Some of them are the sun, the moon, old and young trees, daffodil flowers, small streams with clear water, the green pastures and the blooming musk-roses. All of them are things of beauty. They are constant sources of joy and pleasure and remove the gloom of life.

Q.6. What does Keats consider an endless fountain of immortal drink and why does he call its drink immortal?

[CBSE (AI) 2013]

Ans. God has created so much beauty around us; everywhere it is endless. In nature there is divine beauty, a fountain of eternal joy. That immortal drink has to be poured into the heart and soul of man.

Q.7. What does a thing of beauty do for us?

[CBSE Delhi 2015]

Ans. A thing of beauty brings joy and removes the gloom. It makes life worth living in spite of being despondent. Its loveliness keeps on increasing, providing a pleasant and quiet place for us.

Q.8. Mention any four things of beauty that add joy to our life.

[CBSE (AI) 2015]

Ans. The things of beauty that Keats refers to in the lines in his poem are the sun, the moon, the trees, the innocence of the sheep, the blossoming of the daffodils in the meadows, the musk roses blooming, the mass of ferns and the clear streams among mountains.

Q.9. Mention any two things which cause pain and suffering. (A Thing of Beauty)

[CBSE (AI) 2015]

Ans. The things that cause suffering and pain are despondency, dearth of noble natures, gloomy days and overdarkened ways.

Q.10. Which objects of nature does Keats mention as sources of joy in his poem, 'A Thing of Beauty'?

[CBSE (AI) 2015]

Ans. Everything of nature is a thing of beauty and a source of pleasure. Some of them are the sun, the moon, old and young trees, daffodil flowers, small streams with clear water, mass of fern and the blooming musk-roses. All of them are things of beauty. They are constant sources of joy and pleasure.