

CBSE TEST PAPER-04
Class 12 English Core (A Thing of Beauty)

General Instructions:-

- All questions are compulsory.
 - Question No.1 to 3 carries 4 marks each.
 - Question No. 4 to 10 carries 3 marks each.
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1. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

A thing of beauty and quiet breathing.

- a. How is a thing of beauty joy forever?
- b. What kind of sleep does it provide?
- c. What do you understand by a 'bower'?
- d. Name the poem and the poet.

2. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

Therefore, on every morrow..... in spite of all.

- a. What are we doing every day?
- b. Which evil things do we possess and suffer from?
- c. Explain 'in spite of all'.
- d. Find the word from the passage which means as :
(i) Malice, (ii) Disappointment

3. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

Some shape of beauty for simple sheep.

- a. What removes the pall from our dark spirits?
- b. What sprouts a shady boon for sheep and how?
- c. How do 'Daffodils and Rills augment the environment'?
- d. Find the words from the passage which means as:
(i) Covering (ii) Blessing

4. Why is grandeur associated with the 'mighty dead'?

5. What is the message of the poem, 'A Thing of Beauty'?

6. What is 'grandeur' of the 'dooms' and 'endless fountain of immortal drink'?

7. How does a thing of beauty provide us shelter and comfort?

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8. What impression do the things of beauty make on us? Is it temporary or permanent?
 9. What makes man love life in spite of all miseries and sufferings?
 10. Describe the symbols that have been used to relate the beauty of nature.

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[Answers]

1.
 - a. A thing of beauty provides everlasting joy. Its beauty never decreases but continues to increase with the passage of time.
 - b. It provides a sound sleep, full of sweet dreams and peaceful breathing.
 - c. It is the shelter under the shade of a tree.
 - d. 'A Thing of Beauty' is the poem and the poet is John Keats.
2.
 - a. Every morning we are weaving a flowery wreath which binds us to the beauties of the earth.
 - b. Human beings possess qualities of malice, hatred and disappointment. There is a shortage of noble qualities and men continue to be evil.
 - c. It refers to all the negative qualities and evils mentioned by the poet.
 - d. (i) Spite (ii) Despondent
3.
 - a. A thing of beauty removes the pall from our dark spirits.
 - b. The old and young trees sprout branches to provide shade and shelter to the sheep.
 - c. Daffodils bloom among the green surroundings. The rills of clear water make a soothing and comfortable shelter for themselves against the hot season.
 - d. (i) Pall (ii) Boon
4. The 'grandeur' is associated with the 'mighty dead' because the splendor of their deeds inspires us through their sagas. The legends and stories of martyrs infuse us. Through their legends, the mighty dead continue to live and to be active as spiritual powers.
5. Keats, an ardent lover of nature, in his poem refers to the powers of nature. He urges mankind to realize these powers and make his life enjoyable and worth living. He tells us how a thing of beauty provides perennial joy to us.
6. 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.
7. The poet 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. In this way beauty provide us for shelter and comfort.

8. Keats has clearly stated that a thing of beauty is joy forever. It makes permanent and everlasting impression on us as it is a constant source of joy and pleasure. It is an eternal source of motivation, an elixir of life and a precious gift from heaven and it never diminishes. It gives us infinite pleasure and delight, and motivates us to continue our journey of life.
9. There are several things that bring troubles and sufferings which in turn depress our spirits. But our nature has blessed us with beauty that alone makes our life happy. It removes the pall of sadness, darkness and dearth. It offers us sweetness, loveliness and pleasures. The beautiful objects of nature pour endless nectar over our spirits to do away with sufferings and troubles.
10. The poet uses the image of an 'endless fountain', which showers bounties on Earth. He calls this an 'immortal drink' from heaven. The sun, the moon, the trees, the daffodils, the lush green forests and streams, all reflect the beautiful bounties which God has given us.