

CBSE TEST PAPER-05
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.

1. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:
A thing of beauty a bower quiet for us.
 - a. Why a beautiful thing does not pass into nothingness?
 - b. What does the poet mean by 'a bower quiet for us'?
 - c. Explain the line: 'a thing of beauty is joy forever'.
 - 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. What are the things that make us despondent? Mention at least two things.
 - c. What does the poet mean by, 'unhealthy and o'er darkened ways'?
 - d. What message do the above lines give to the reader?
3. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:
And such too..... the heaven's brink.
 - a. Who are 'mighty dead'?
 - b. What is implied by 'all lovely tales that we have heard or read'?
 - c. What is the source of the 'endless fountain of immortal drink'?
 - d. What image does the poet use in these lines?
4. How is a thing of beauty a joy forever?
5. What spreads the 'pall of despondence' over our dark spirits? How is it removed?
6. What does the line, 'therefore are we wreathing a flowery band to bind us to the earth' suggest to you?
7. What makes human being love life in spite of troubles and sufferings?
8. Why is 'grandeur' associated with the 'mighty dead'?
9. List the things that cause suffering and pain.
10. How does beauty sustain our life on the earth?

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[Answers]

1.
 - a. A thing of beauty does not pass into nothingness because as the time passes its beauty increases only. The beauty is eternal.
 - b. The word quiet means calm, silent and peaceful. Beauty is like a shady grove in which we can sit and relax or enjoy a sound sleep full of dreams. It refreshes and re-energizes us.
 - c. A thing of beauty is a source of joy that is constant, never ending. The beauty of a thing is eternal and it increases as time passes by. It will never pass into nothingness. It has a permanent impact on our minds.
 - d. The poem is 'A Thing of Beauty' and its poet is John Keats.
2.
 - a. We are trying to connect to nature every day.
 - b. Lack of nobility in people, mean and selfish behavior make the human beings feel despondent.
 - c. 'Unhealthy and o'er darkened ways' means the interactions between people make them sad and dejected in nature.
 - d. The above lines give the message that the only way to remain happy is to connect to nature.
3.
 - a. The 'mighty dead' refers to those great men and warriors who glorified death by embracing it most gracefully and magnificently.
 - b. A glorified and magnificent death gets recorded in the leaves of history, leaving an indelible imprint on it. It remains an everlasting source of motivation to all those who read or hear about such great men who have achieved glory in death.
 - c. Beauty, in all respects, whether in growth or in decay, is a perennial source of motivation. It is an endless fountain from where we can drink the immortal elixir of life.
 - d. The poet uses the image of 'an endless fountain of immortal drink' to describe the never-ending beautiful bounty of earth. It has given us sun, moon, flowers, rivers, greenery, etc.
4. A thing of beauty is joy forever because it is a permanent source of joy and leaves a lasting impression on us. The pleasure and happiness given by it never fades away but

keeps on increasing with passage of time.

5. John Keats says that pain and suffering are a part of life. These bring us sadness and despondence. But still, we can find hope. The hope and motivation come from nature and remove the 'pall of despondence' from our spirits. The beautiful sights give us inspiration to continue the journey of life.
6. John Keats is deeply in love with the constant beauty of the earth. He believes that man and nature are woven into an unbroken bond. The above line suggests the intensity and eternity of this bond. The beautiful things present in the nature around us are like beautiful flowers. We wreath them into a flowery band that keeps us connected and attached to this beautiful earth.
7. We, as human beings, suffer from malice, despondence, lack of noble quality and so on. These things make our life sad and gloomy. The poet, however, feels that in spite of all these suffering, man has a hope to redeem himself and make him love life. This hope lies in the small beautiful things around us which provide happiness and joy through their sheer charm and beauty.
8. The 'mighty dead' refers to our forefathers who were powerful in their own ways and in their times. Their values and achievements made them 'mighty' or great. They were great because of their deeds. Thus, 'grandeur' is associated with our ancestors who are remembered for their good work.
9. There are many things that cause suffering and pain like sad and sorrowful days, cruelties, lack of noble qualities, unhealthy and over darkened ways that we have to follow etc.
10. Our desire to live on this earth is to a great extent due to the presence of beautiful things that are a constant source of joy for us. Without beauty, the earth is full of gloom and sadness. There is cruelty, selfishness and mean behavior all around and lack of good natured people. It is this beauty, a creation of God, which removes the sadness and darkness from our mind and souls.