

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Beehive Poem Chapter-10 A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal
Test Paper-03

Read the following passages and answer the questions

1. "No motion has she now, no force
She neither hears nor sees,
Rolled round in earth's diurnal course
With rocks and stones and trees."
 - a. Name the composer of these lines.
 - b. Explain 'she neither hears nor sees'
 - c. What has she been mingled with?
 - d. What is meant by 'diurnal course'
2. "A slumber did my spirit seal.
I had no human fears"
 - a. Whose spirit has been sealed?
 - b. What is meant by human fears?
 - c. Why his spirit has been sealed?
 - d. Name the poetic device used in the first line.

Short answer type question from this lesson (30-40 words)

3. Why does the poet feel his spirit sealed?
4. What has made the poet satisfied after his beloved death?
5. What qualities of the poet made him take his beloved's death very calmly?
6. Why is the poet in deep grief?
7. What is the major idea of the poem?
8. How did the death of the beloved protect her from being affected by the time?

Answer the following questions in about 100 words:

9. How does the poet imagine her to be after death? Does he think her as a person living in a happy state or does he see her now as a part of nature?
10. Explain the eternity of life with reference to the poem.

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Answers

1.
 - a. The composer of these lines is William Wordsworth.
 - b. It means she has died.
 - c. She has been mingled with nature.
 - d. 'Diurnal course' means the earth is in rotation on its axis.
2.
 - a. The poet's spirit has been sealed.
 - b. Human fears here refers to the harm done by humans to each other.
 - c. The poet's spirit has been sealed because of the sleep, he doesn't feel any sensations.
 - d. Alliteration has been used in the first line.
3. The poet feels his spirit sealed because of the sleep. He feels the pain of separation from his beloved, but he can not control his emotions, so he wants to sleep for a long time so that he doesn't remain in his conscious state of mind to feel the pain.
4. The poet is satisfied after his beloved's death because he feels this world to be selfish and he doesn't want his beloved to be affected by the time. He thinks that mother nature has taken her away and now she is safe and happy there, so he is satisfied.
5. When the poet comes to know about his beloved's death, he didn't react violently, rather he was calm and peaceful. His love for nature made him react so, he was a nature lover, and he considered her death as natural . Infact he was peaceful to know that nature has taken her away and she was saved from the humans who could be harmful for her by the time.
6. The poet is in deep grief because his beloved has died whom he loved a lot. He feels that in this inhuman world , he has lost his soul companion. So he is deep grief.
7. The poem is all about love and the nature. The poet is a nature lover, so even he considers his beloved's death as a part of nature. He is in deep distress but on the other hand quite satisfied that his beloved has not been affected by the time. He is happy with the nature only.
8. The beloved died and had gone away with the mother earth. The poet considers this world full of fake humans who affect over the time. He feels that she has gone into the lap

of nature which protects her from being affected by the time.

9. The poet has had a great loss, his beloved has died and he is left alone in this cruel world. He misses her a lot but he thinks her immortal since his beloved one could not be affected with the passage of time. She has no movement and she not able to see or hear, but the poet knows that she is working and resting with the nature. She is quite peaceful and happy there.

He doesn't considers her as dead rather she is busy with the nature. He thinks that she is living in a state of happiness (in heaven)

10. The poet gives us an eternal message of life. He is a nature lover, who finds relief in the company of nature. When his beloved dies he finds himself alone and in deep grief. But on the contrary he is satisfied for his love. He finds this world to be selfish and fake, so he knows that one can only suffer in this virtual world. From that perspective, he feels that she has got relief from the fangs of this deceptive world. So she considers her as immortal as nature never dies. And she has been taken away by the mother earth. The poet thinks that she is still alive and busy with the nature. This shows the eternity of life.