

1. List the things of beauty mentioned in the poem.

Ans- Each and every things of nature is a thing of beauty and a constant sources of joy and pleasure. The Sun, The moon, Daffodil flowers, sheep, trees old and young, lovely tales, endless fountain, small streams with clear water, mass of ferns and the blooming musk-roses. All these are continuous source of pleasure.

2. List the things that cause suffering and pain.

Ans- There are many things that cause human suffering and pain such as malice and disappointment, gloomy days, lack of noble qualities, unhealthy and evil ways and dearth of noble nature. They depress our spirits. They are like a pal of sadness over our lives.

3. What does the line "therefore are we wreathing a flowery band to bind us to earth" suggest to you?

Ans- John Keats is a sensitive poet. He is firmly attached to the endless beauty of the earth. The above mentioned lines means that we get attached to the beautiful things around us and weave a pretty band which bind us with the beauties of this earth. It becomes the reason for us to leave.

4. What makes human beings love life in spite of troubles and sufferings?

Ans- No denying, that there are too much troubles and sufferings. They depress our spirits but the eternal beauty of various things gives us happiness and relaxations. A thing of beauty removes the pall of sadness and suffering from our lives. It makes us love life despite of life's troubles and sufferings.

5. What is 'grandeur' associated with the mighty dead?

Ans - 'Grandeur' is associated with the mighty dead because the mighty dead were the forefathers who were powerful and dominating in their own times. The beautiful legacy of their bravery is the grandeur which is associated with the mighty dead. Their works dazzle our eyes. The noble deeds of the brave man who sacrificed their lives are an inspiration for us forever.

6. Do we experience things of beauty only for short moments or do they make a lasting impression on us?

Ans- No, we don't experience things of beauty only for short moments. It is very clear in the first line that "A thing of beauty is a joy" forever. It is completely a constant source of joy. Its loveliness always increases and never pass into nothingness.

7. What image does the poet use to describe the beautiful Bounty of the earth?

Ans- Keats uses lots of images to describe the beautiful bounty

of the earth. The beautiful bounty of the earth is like an endless fountain. The endless fountain of immortal drink constantly pours from the heaven into our hearts. The beauty of daffodils, rills, musk roses have been described very suggestive and sensuously reach images.

Other Important Short Answer type Questions

1. How is a thing of beauty a joy forever?

Ans- John Keats was one of the great British romantic poets, considers that a thing of beauty is a joy forever. It is a constant source of joy. Its beauty always increases. It will never be reduced to nothingness. It gives us peace, happiness and pleasure, shelter, full of sweet dreams and quiet effortless breathing.

2. How do we bind us to the earth every morning?

Ans- Every morning a thing of beauty rejuvenates us. Natural objects is a constant source of beauty and happiness. Everyday at the time of morning we are weaving a flowery band through these beautiful things just to bind us with the earth.

3. How is the Pall of dispondence moved away from our dark spirits?

Ans- Man makes his life miserable. He faces lots of miseries and pains. A thing of beauty provides the only hope to humanity. A thing of beauty works wonder, it is a joy forever and remove the pall of dispondence and sadness from our 'dark spirits'.

4. Why does Keats associate 'grandeur' with 'the mighty dead'?

Ans- The mighty dead were the forefathers who were powerful and dominating in their own times. They were wealthy brave and awesome people. They are dead in their grave but their grandeur and glory survives imprinted in the pages of history. It is believed that they will be handsomely rewarded in the dooms day. The noble deeds of the brave men who sacrificed their lives are an inspiration for us forever.

5. What is the source of the 'endless fountain' and what is its effect?

Ans- 'Endless fountain' is the beauty of nature. It is an eternal source of joy to mankind. A fountain of eternal joy and immortality pours into the heart and soul of man. It flows and pours right from the heaven's corner.

6. What is the message that John Keats wants to give through 'A thing of beauty'?

Ans- The message that Keats wants to give that 'A thing of beauty is a joy forever'. Its beauty always goes on increasing. It will never be reduced to nothingness and gives us joy and pleasure. The poet was a great

worshipper of beauty.

Multiple Choice Questions

- 1) **Who has written 'A thing of beauty'?**
a) John Keats b) Gray
c) Stephen Spender d) Kamla Das
- 2) **From where A Thing of Beauty has been excerpt?**
a) Stories of stolen childhood
b) Korukku c) Endymion
d) In-memoriam
- 3) **What is a bower?**
a) Wreathing b) Sound Sleep
c) Pleasant shade under a tree
d) Sweet dreams
- 4) **What kind of poet was John Keats?**
a) Victorian poet b) Classical poet
c) Romantic poet d) Modern poet
- 5) **'Clear rills' are the**
a) Clear solutions b) Clear thoughts
c) Streams of clear water d) Clear idea
- 6) **What is 'sprout a shady boon for sheep'?**
a) Trees old and young b) Trees new and young
c) Creepers d) Human beings
- 7) **'Of all the unhealthy' means-**
a) Suffering b) Ill - health
c) Pain d) Neglect
- 8) **'Spite of despondence' refers to-**
a) Hatred and greed b) Suffering and pain
c) Sadness and depression
d) Health and well - being
- 9) **Beautiful things never 'pass into nothingness' means that they-**
a) Never fade away
b) Always bring unhappiness
c) Create unpleasantness between friends
d) Never increase
- 10) **According to the poet a thing of beauty is-**
a) A joy forever b) Horrible to look at
c) Creates sadness d) Never joyfull
- 11) **why are our spirits referred as dark?**
a) Because of spirits around
b) Because of dark clouds
c) Because of shady trees
d) Because of sadness and disappointments
- 12) **What does the poet mean by some shape of beauty?**
a) Beauty is abstract
b) Beauty has no safe
c) Beautifull objects that gives happiness

d) All

- 13) **What is the meaning of gloomy?**
a) Dull and depressive b) Dark spirits
c) All the unhealthy things
d) None
- 14) **Immortal drink of the endless fountain is a reference to-**
a) Water of Ganges
b) Water from the Yamuna
c) Water from the tap
d) The continuous flow of sacred or holy water.
- 15) **What does dispondence mean?**
a) Disappointment b) Inhuman
c) Dearth d) Unhealthy

ANSWER KEY

1)- a, 2)- c, 3)- c, 4)- c, 5)- c, 6)- a, 7)- b, 8)- c, 9)- a, 10)- a, 11)- d, 12)- c, 13)- a, 14)- d, 15)- a,