

CHAPTER: - 1
TOPIC: - ROMEO AND JULIET
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SUMMARY

Romeo

He compares Juliet's beauty to nature. Romeo says that even the bright light of a torch would look dull before the brightness of Juliet. It looks like she hangs on the cheek of night. Romeo says that the beauty of Juliet is like a jewel which is hung in the ear of an African woman.

Romeo says Juliet is too beautiful to belong to Earth. Juliet's beauty is so vast that she cannot die and be buried in the Earth. The earth cannot contain her beauty. He further says Juliet is like a white snow which is flying with other common people who belong to the species of crows. Romeo just wishes to express that Juliet belongs to divine world and living among the ordinary and common people.

Romeo proposes to find the place where Juliet stood and wants to touch her blessed hand and make his own rude hand blessed. Romeo further asks a question whether he ever loved before. He feels this is the true love. Romeo thinks he has never seen a beautiful woman like Juliet before this night.

Juliet

Juliet is inviting the night. The night she is inviting is none other than Romeo himself. Juliet compares Romeo to night. Juliet calls Romeo a day in the night. Juliet sees night as a bird with wings on which Romeo would ride and come as a 'New Snow'. Juliet calls the night as gentle night and a 'Black – Browed Night'.

Juliet wants nothing from the night except her love Romeo. Juliet has a realistic view of death and says; even if she dies she wants to make their love immortal. Juliet says that Romeo should form part of stars in heaven. Juliet says, the presence of Rome among the stars would enrich the beauty of stars.

Romeo forms the important part of the night sky; the whole world would begin to fall in love with the night. Romeo would shine so brightly in the night sky that it would even outshine the sun.

I. Answer the following questions in a word, a phrase or a sentence each: -

1. When according to Juliet would Romeo make the face of heaven so fine?

Ans: - Romeo would become star.

2. What does Juliet want Romeo to be after her death?

Ans: - To be a star.

3. Whom does the phrase 'Snowy Dove' refer to?

Ans: - Juliet

4. Whom does Romeo address as 'Yonder Lady'?

Ans: - Juliet

5. Why does Romeo intend to touch Juliet?

Ans: - Romeo's rude hand is blessed.

6. What does Romeo compare Juliet to?

Ans: - Snowy Dove

7. Whom does Romeo call 'Crows'?

Ans: - The Women on the dance floor.

8. What does the phrase, 'Face of Heaven' signify in the extract from the play 'Romeo and Juliet'?

Ans: - It Signifies the brightness and beauty as reflected in the moon.

9. What does the phrase. 'New Snow' suggest in 'Romeo and Juliet'?

Ans: - Romeo

10. What does Juliet ask the loving, Black browed night?

Ans: - To bring her Romeo to her.

11. Who in 'Romeo and Juliet' is compared to a 'Rich Jewel' in an Ethiop's ear?

Ans: - Juliet

12. What according to Romeo does Juliet teach to burn bright?

Ans: - The Torches.

13. Who according to Romeo teach the torches to burn bright?

Ans: - Juliet

14. Who according to Romeo seems to hang upon the cheek of night?

Ans: - Juliet

15. Whose beauty according to Romeo is too rich to use?

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Ans: - Juliet

16. When according to Romeo would his hand be blessed?

Ans: - When Romeo touches Juliet's hand.

17. Whose rude hand would be made blessed by touching Juliet's hand?

Ans: - Romeo

18. What according to Romeo was not seen by him until he saw Juliet?

Ans: - Romeo never saw true beauty till that night.

19. Who are compared to Crows by Romeo?

Ans: - The Women on the dance floor.

20. Whom does Juliet teach to burn bright?

Ans: - The Torches.

21. What does Romeo want to watch of Juliet?

Ans: - The place where Juliet stood.

22. How is the hand of Romeo described?

Ans: - Rude.

23. Who will lie upon the wings of night?

Ans: - Romeo.

24. How does Juliet describe Romeo?

Ans: - As Whiter then snow on a Raven's Black.

25. Why will the whole world fall in love with the night?

Ans: - Romeo would be present in the form of stars and would make the face of heaven look fine.

26. Whom will people ignore looking at the beauty of the night?

Ans: - The Sun.

27. Whom does Romeo compare the other women in the hall to?

Ans: - Crows

28. What does Romeo asks himself after he sees Juliet?

Ans: - 'Did my heart love till now'

29. How does Juliet describe Romeo?

Ans: - Snow on Raven's back.

30. Whom does Juliet not want the world to worship?

Ans: - The Garish Sun.

31. When according to Juliet would all the world be in love with the night?

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Ans: - When Romeo is cut into stars after his death and make the face of heaven fine.

32. Who, according to Juliet, is whiter than 'New Snow'?

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What does the phrase 'New Snow' suggests in 'Romeo and Juliet'?

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Ans: - Romeo

33. Who looks as a Snowy Dove to Romeo?

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Ans: - Juliet

II. Answer the following questions in a paragraph of 80 – 100 words each: -

1. How does Romeo describe Juliet's beauty?

Or

How does Romeo Glorify Juliet's flawless beauty?

Or

What similes does Romeo use to convey Juliet's beauty?

Or

How does Romeo mesmerized by the eternal beauty of Juliet?

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Or

Why does Romeo say he never saw true beauty till that night? Explain.

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Ans: - Romeo happens to see Juliet for the first time at the grand supper hosted by Lord Capulet, Juliet's father. Though Romeo belongs to the Montague family and they are devoted enemies, he is strangely attracted towards Juliet.

Romeo is fascinated by Juliet's beauty. Romeo feels that Juliet can teach the torches to burn bright. Juliet's charms more than the brightness of light. Juliet's beauty seems to be too rare and splendid that seems to hang upon cheek of night as rich jewel in an Ethiope's ear. Juliet's beauty is too rich for use; too dear for earth.

Juliet appears to Romeo a white snowy dove and her companions appear to be crows. Romeo wants to touch her hands and get his rude hands blessed by her soft and gentle touch. Romeo asks himself whether his heart ever loved before this moment as he never saw such true beauty.

2. How does Juliet express her love for Romeo?

Or

How does Juliet immortalize Romeo in 'Romeo and Juliet'?

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Or

How does Juliet draw attention towards 'Gentle Night' and 'Garish Sun' in 'Romeo and Juliet'?

Or

Comment on the imagery of 'Night - day', 'Black - White' in the poem 'Romeo and Juliet'?

Or

Juliet's love was more intense than Romeo's. Justify with reference to the imaginary and similes used in the extract?

Ans: - Juliet asks the night to bring with it her Romeo. Romeo is a bright and a cheerful person. Juliet says that Romeo looks bright like the new snow present on the Raven's back. Juliet makes it very clear that she doesn't want to give up Romeo even after her death. Juliet tells the night that after she dies, take her Romeo and turn him into little stars.

According to her, if Romeo is turned into stars, then the night will be so beautiful and bright that the entire world will fall in love with the night and no one will look at the Garish sun considering it to be harsh and glaring and start liking the night sky. This way Romeo always live and he will be immortalized. Furthermore, 'When I shall die' and 'Cut him out in little stars', and 'Heaven' are expression that clearly refer to death and immortality.

III. Answer the following questions in about 200 words: -

1. How is the intensity of love between Romeo and Juliet brought out in the poem 'Romeo and Juliet'?

Or

Between Romeo and Juliet whose love do you think is more passionate and intense? Why?

Or

Whose love, do you think, is more passionate and intense in 'Romeo and Juliet'? Explain.

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Or

How did Romeo and Juliet express their romantic love feelings to each other in the poem 'Romeo and Juliet'?

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Ans: - Romeo and Juliet express their passionate love each other very effectively. Romeo feels surprised and glorifies his love, Juliet's beauty to the essential as she looks beyond his imagination. He feels that her beauty betters the brightness of colorful lights in that dark night. Through the simile, he compares Juliet's matchless beauty to a rich jewel in a black Ethiop's ear and she seems shining in the dark cheek of night.

Romeo is truly fascinated by her rare beauty and decides to watch her place of stand on the dance floor which seems sacred spot after the dance. Though he is a handsome prince himself, he feels his rude hand to be blessed by touching her smooth and shiny hands. Finally, he self-introspects himself by asking whether his heart loved anybody before and clarifies that this is his first true love with Juliet. This is how, Romeo brightly glorifies Juliet's perfect beauty in his speech.

Juliet also equally feels a wonderful birth of love for Romeo, a man from the enemy family. She invites both the night and her love, Romeo to come to her as soon as possible. She longs for the gentle night to fall. In Juliet's imagination, Romeo seems as a bright day, though it is dark night. She believes that he brightens her life. He looks whiter than the new snow on a Raven's back which is compared to the night and glows by surpassing the dark night.

She thinks that he definitely comes in the night to see her as he cannot see her during day. She wishes to make her Romeo an immortal being by requesting the night to take him and cut him out in little stars in the sky after her death, so that he will make the face of heaven so fine. She convinces the night that Romeo replaces the garish sun by glowing in the night, then people stop to fear for night. She feels that people fall in love with night and forget to worship the sun in the whole world. In this way, Juliet expresses her implicit feelings towards Romeo and makes him an immortal and eternal being. Juliet's love was much more passionate and intense than that of Romeo.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER:

Romeo speaks about Juliet

- ✓ Romeo describes the beauty of Juliet.
- ✓ She teaches the torches to burn the bright.
- ✓ She is as a rich jewel in an Ethiop's ear.
- ✓ Her beauty is too good for this world.
- ✓ She is too dear for the earth.
- ✓ She is like a white dove among the crows.
- ✓ Romeo's hand becomes holy if he touches her.
- ✓ He did not love such a beautiful lady earlier.

Juliet speaks about Romeo

- Juliet describes Romeo's charm.
- Romeo is like a day comes at the night.
- He is whiter than a new snow.
- She calls the gentle night to witness his charm.
- Romeo should be cut into little stars after her death.
- He would make the face of heaven so fine.
- By loving the night, people forget the garish sun.

RECAPITULATION:

- ❖ The city of Verona
- ❖ Romeo and Juliet
- ❖ Noble families-Montagues and Capulets/animosity
- ❖ Capulets' party
- ❖ Intense and passionate love
- ❖ Romeo's glorification of Juliet's beauty
- ❖ Juliet's beauty surpasses the brightness of torches
- ❖ A rich jewel
- ❖ Juliet is compared to a snowy dove
- ❖ Romeo meets after the dance
- ❖ Juliet praises Romeo
- ❖ Compares to the day in night
- ❖ New snow on ravens back
- ❖ She wants Romeo to be little stars after her death

EXERCISE:

ONE MARK

1. When according to Juliet would Romeo make the face of heaven so fine?
2. Who in 'Romeo and Juliet' is compared to a 'rich jewel in an Ethiop's ear'?
3. Who in 'Romeo and Juliet' is compared to a 'snowy dove'?
4. Whom does Romeo address as 'yonder lady'?
5. When according to Juliet would all the world be in love with night?
6. Who according to Juliet would make the face of heaven as fine as stars?

FOUR MARKS

1. How does Romeo glorify Juliet's beauty?
2. How does Romeo describe Juliet?
3. Romeo claims to have never seen true beauty till he saw Juliet. How does he justify his statement?
4. How is Romeo mesmerized by the beauty of Juliet at first sight?
5. How does Romeo justify that he had never seen true beauty till he seen Juliet.

'We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do'.