

9. A THING OF BEAUTY

Q. No	Question	Marks
Multiple Choice Question		
Q.60	<p>Read the stanza below and answer the following questions.</p> <p><i>Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing A flowery band to bind us to the earth, Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth Of noble natures, of the gloomy days, Of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways Made for our searching: yes, in spite of all, Some shape of beauty moves away the pall</i></p> <p>In the above lines, the speaker is suggesting that we _____.</p> <p>A. fight evils which plague the earth with our own strength B. reconnect with the earth by stepping into its uncharted territory C. create a string of flowers from the earth and bind it to our bodies D. bask in the natural beauty of the earth and be tethered to its joyous strength</p>	1
Q.61	<p>Select that option that has the same rhyme scheme as these lines from the given stanza.</p> <p><i>Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing A flowery band to bind us to the earth, Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth Of noble natures, of the gloomy days, Of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways</i></p> <p>A. Green grow the rashes, O! Green grow the rashes, O! The sweetest hours that e'er I spend Are spent among the lasses, O.</p>	1

	<p>B. Three old hermits took the air By a cold and desolate sea, First was muttering a prayer, Second rummaged for a flea;</p> <p>C. Lull me to sleep, ye winds, whose fitful sound Seems from some faint Aeolian harp-string caught; Seal up the hundred wakeful eyes of thought As Hermes with his lyre in sleep profound The hundred wakeful eyes of Argus bound;</p> <p>D. I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree, And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made; Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee, And live alone in the bee-loud glade.</p>	
Q.62	<p>Which line evokes the optimistic tone of the extract?</p> <p>A. <i>A flowery band to bind us to the earth</i> B. <i>Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth</i> C. <i>Of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways</i> D. <i>Some shape of beauty moves away the pall</i></p>	1
Q.63	<p>Select the option that uses the same literary device as the below line from the extract.</p> <p><i>Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth</i> <i>Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,</i></p> <p>A. Sing to me, Autumn, with the rustle of your leaves. B. Tyger Tyger, burning bright, in the forests of the night. C. Her beauty hangs upon the cheek of night, Like a rich jewel. D. All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players.</p>	1
Free Response Question/Subjective Type		
Q.64	<p><i>Rich with a sprinkling of fair musk-rose blooms:</i> <i>And such too is the grandeur of the dooms</i></p> <p>Why is the 'grandeur of the dooms' being compared to 'musk-rose blooms' in 'A Thing of Beauty'? Answer in 20–30 words.</p>	2

Q.65	In the poem 'A Thing of Beauty', the poet has mentioned several attributes of beautiful things. Write about one beautiful thing/relationship/experience from your life and describe any two of its attributes. Answer in 100–120 words.	5
Q.66	Why are things of beauty not fleeting pleasures, according to the poet of 'A Thing of Beauty'? How does this relate to the imagery of 'an endless fountain of immortal drink'? Answer in 100–120 words.	5

Answer Key & Marking Scheme

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Q.60	D. bask in the natural beauty of the earth and be tethered to its joyous strength	1
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Q.62	D. <i>Some shape of beauty moves away the pall</i>	1
Q.63	B. Tyger Tyger, burning bright, in the forests of the night.	1
Q.64	<p>Sample Answer: The 'grandeur of the dooms' refers to the beautiful tales of martyred warriors. The poet says that their stories are as beautiful and inspiring as the natural beauty of the musk roses.</p> <p><u>Content</u></p> <p>◆ Explains why 'grandeur of the dooms' is being compared to 'musk-rose blooms'</p> <p>(because the stories of the mighty dead are so beautiful that it can inspire others just like the natural beauty of blooming flowers)</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid response.</i></p> <p><u>Expression</u></p> <p>◆ Presents a logical connection between ideas [0.50 marks]</p> <p>◆ Uses correct grammar, spelling and other language mechanics [0.50 marks]</p> <p><i>Award the full allotted marks if both the criteria have been met.</i></p> <p><i>Award half of the allotted marks if only one criterion has been met.</i></p> <p><i>Award 0 marks if none of the criteria have been met.</i></p>	2
Q.65	Sample Answer: According to the poet, all beautiful things have an everlasting goodness and they have the power to heal. The most beautiful	5

	<p>gift in my life is the relationship that I have with my mother. I've understood what unconditional and everlasting love is from my mother. Despite all of my ungratefulness and shortcomings, she never ceases to support and love me. In fact, it's in my moments of desolation that she comforts me all the more. It's this unconditional love that heals and strengthens me from all of my mental and emotional afflictions. The love of a mother is healing to the soul and my mother's love nourishes my soul. It is my most powerful thing of beauty.</p> <p><u>Content</u></p> <p>◆ Gives an example of a beautiful thing from their life [1 mark]</p> <p>(mother's love; friendship; sibling love; pet love; nature)</p> <p>◆ Describes two attributes of the beautiful thing mentioned [2 marks]</p> <p>(love heals, love is everlasting, love strengthens, love is an essential element for survival, love is a gift from the divine, love uplifts the spirit)</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid response.</i></p> <p><u>Organisation</u></p> <p>◆ Presents a logical connection between ideas</p> <p><i>Award the full allotted marks if the criteria has been met.</i></p> <p><i>Award half of the allotted marks if the criteria needs improvement.</i></p> <p><i>Award 0 marks if the criteria has not been met.</i></p> <p><u>Language Mechanics</u></p> <p>◆ Uses correct grammar, spelling and other language mechanics</p> <p><i>Award the full allotted marks if there are two minor errors or one major error.</i></p> <p><i>Award half of the allotted marks if there are three to four minor errors or two major errors.</i></p> <p><i>Award 0 marks if there are more than four minor errors or more than two major errors.</i></p>	
Q.66	<p>Sample Answer: Beautiful things are not fleeting pleasures because the poet suggests that a thing of beauty brings endless joy. Its beauty never fades; it only becomes more beautiful with time. Whenever we are sad or disappointed, it is a thing of beauty that heals and comforts us. The poet considers all things of beauty as an endless fountain of immortality. This means that all the beautiful things in our world will always remain beautiful</p>	5

and continue to give us joy forever. They do not provide temporal happiness. Just as water gives life to earth, beautiful things inspire human beings to live.

Content

◆ Explains the everlasting nature of beauty [1.5]

(it leaves a lasting impression on our minds and it never fades)

◆ Connects the above to the imagery of ‘an endless fountain of immortal drink’ [1.5]

(beautiful things in our world are like a fountain cascading down on earth giving us joy forever and do not offer only temporal happiness)

Accept any other valid response.

Organisation

◆ Presents a logical connection between ideas

Award the full allotted marks if the criteria has been met.

Award half of the allotted marks if the criteria needs improvement.

Award 0 marks if the criteria has not been met.

Language Mechanics

◆ Uses correct grammar, spelling and other language mechanics

Award the full allotted marks if there are two minor errors or one major error.

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