



INDIAN SCHOOL DARSAIT DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



Subject : ENGLISH	Topic : A Thing of Beauty	Worksheet : 11
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1. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

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A thing of beauty is a joy forever
Its loveliness increases, it will never
Pass into nothingness; but will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing.

Q1. What is being said to be a joy forever?

A thing of beauty is said to be a joy forever.

Q2. What is peculiar about a beautiful thing?

A beautiful thing leaves a permanent impression in our minds. Its loveliness goes on increasing. It stays in our imagination and becomes a source of joy forever.

Q3. What can a beautiful thing do for the human beings?

A beautiful thing gives us a sound sleep full of sweet dreams, good health and a peaceful breathing. It also helps us in achieving the peace of mind. It removes sadness and brings happiness to our depressed spirits.

Q4. How does a thing of beauty keep a bower quiet for us?

It reserves a quiet place in our heart. When we are tired, tensed, troubled or disappointed, it heals our sorrows and restores happiness for us again.

Q5. Explain: "It will never pass into nothingness".

A thing of beauty is a perennial thing. Its beauty goes on increasing. It will never be reduced into nothingness.

2. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

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And such too is the grandeur of the dooms
We have imagined for the mighty dead;
All lovely tales that we have heard or read;
An endless fountain of immortal drink,
Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.

Q1. Who are the mighty dead?

The mighty dead are those who sacrificed their lives for a noble cause and **generated** great achievements in their lifetime.

Q2. How is grandeur associated with the mighty dead?

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The mighty dead are honoured and worshiped for their remarkable achievements. Now they are lying buried under their graves. On the day of judgement, God also will reward them for their noble deeds. It is this dignity that is associated with them.

Q3. What lovely tales does the poet talk of?

He talks of the great myths and the tales of the olden days.

Q4. What does the poet call “an endless fountain of immortal drink”?

Beautiful things.

Q5. What image does the poet draw in the last two lines?

Beautiful things are like an endless fountain which goes on pouring the immortal drink unto us from the heaven. They are a source of immense joy and happiness.

- 3 What makes human beings love life in spite of troubles and sufferings? **3**
Human beings love life in spite of troubles and sufferings because of the existence of several natural and beautiful things around them. The beauty of these things never fade. They give joy and optimism to human mind, and help in overcoming or bearing the troubles and sufferings.
- 4 How is a thing of beauty a joy forever? **3**
A thing of beauty is a joy forever as its loveliness increases through recollection and contemplation. It is a perennial source of pleasure that ensures good health and quiet breathing. It brings relief in our painful existence.
- 5 What image does the poet use to describe the beautiful bounty of the earth? **3**
The poet uses the image of 'an endless fountain of immortal drink' to describe the beautiful bounty of the earth. The earth, like a fountain, pours unto us numerous beautiful sights like the sun, the moon, flowers, rivers and greenery.
- 6 What does the line, 'Therefore are we wreathing a flowery band to bind us to earth' suggest to you? **6**

This line suggests that things of beauty bind us to the earth with a beautiful connection. According to the poet, even if the world is not worth living because of the innumerable reasons that ultimately result in gloom and depression, the zeal to live a happy and content life can be derived from the sight of the beautiful bounties of nature around us.