

Question bank

Class 12th

301 English core

A Thing of beauty

1. The poet John Keats celebrates trees as a boon in the poem A Thing of Beauty. Explain it with reference to the statement.

Answer . The trees appear beautiful to the eyes, they provide relief from heat even to the simple sheep. Unlike human beings the trees look more beautiful when they grow old.

2. Illustrate the theme of the poem **A Thing of Beauty**.

Answer Here the poet addresses the enchanted youth resolved to seek for physical beauty, wandering desperately in search of it and gets disappointed, depressed when it starts decaying. Here he suggests him to look for true beauty that gives him joy forever, that never decays rather its beauty, loveliness keeps on increasing. Thus he emphasises is on collecting the beautiful things around him from to keep him happy forever.

3. List the things that cause suffering and pain.

Answer Despondence lack of human virtue & noble nature, malice born of frustration, unhealthy and over darkened ways cause suffering and pain.

4. What image does the poet use to describe the beautiful bounty of the earth

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Answer. The beautiful things such as a quiet bower, the sun, the moon, the trees old and young, daffodils grown into the forest, the small river of clear water, rose bush in the mid forest have been described as the beautiful bounty of the earth.

5. How can "mighty dead" be The things of beauty? Expound.

Answer The mighty dead were the magnificent warriors & martyrs who selflessly sacrificed their lives for others & the nation. Thus achieved grandeur. People feel pride and happy when remembering them.

6. . What Pleasure Does a Beautiful Thing Give Us? are Beautiful Things Worth Treasuring?

Ans: A beautiful thing surrounds us with joy. It has a beauty that never fades away. With each passing day, it beautifies more and more. With positive energies from a lovely item, the grief induced by negativity melts away. Yes, any beautiful thing is certainly worth treasuring. It is like a shady shelter that gives us sweet dreams and provides relaxation.

7. List the Things of Beauty Mentioned in the Poem.

Ans: According to the poet, God's creations include the Sun, which provides us with vitality, the Moon's beauty, and the trees, which provide us with

shade. Sheep, for example, are among the animals that keep our world alive. Daffodils, for example, turn the world green. The cool of the running streams of water refreshes us during the scorching summer months. Musk rose blossoms abound throughout the woods.

8. List the Things that Cause Suffering and Pain.

Ans: According to the poet, the things that cause sufferings and pain are the inhumanity of cruel people with noble nature and these experiences cause sad and painful moments.

9. What Does the Line, 'Therefore are We Wreathing a Flowery Band to Bind Us to Earth' Suggest to You?

Ans: This line 'Therefore are we wreathing a flowery band to bind us to earth' mentioned by the poet suggests that beauty binds us to the earth and these beauties fill us with spirit to live. So, it is the beauty created by God that helps us to remove sadness from our lives.

10. What Makes Human Beings Love Life in Spite of Troubles and Sufferings?

Ans: Human beings love life despite its daily troubles and sufferings due to the presence of the beauties that surround them. According to the poet, the world is full of greed and hatred. The sadness caused by the negative vibes fades away with positivity provided by the beauties around us.

11. Why is 'Grandeur' Associated with the 'Mighty Dead'?

Ans: 'Grandeur' is associated with the 'mighty dead' because it lies in their noble deeds. There are the tales of warriors who laid their lives for their countries or humanity.

12. Do We Experience Things of Beauty Only for Short Moments or Do They Make a Lasting Impression on Us?

Ans: According to the poet, these are the beauties that stay forever. It never fades away, Instead, it increases with each passing day.

13. What Image Does the Poet Use to Describe the Beautiful Bounty of the Earth?

Ans: According to the poet, beauty is the gift from God to us. It is like nectar given by us which is immortal and gives reasons to live on earth.

14.What is the underlying theme of the poem "A thing of beauty" ?

Answer .In the poem A Thing of Beauty, John Keats tells about the things of beauty created by God for us. The beauty in nature is everlasting and never dies but rather grows as time passes by. Here, Keats uses the example of a tree that provides shade to everyone. Keats talks about all these beautiful things in nature, such as, the sun, the moon, rivers, trees, daffodils (flowers), masses of ferns, roses, streams, and also the mighty warriors who laid down their lives for their nation. Here poet personifies all the things in nature as things of beauty, and as immortal.

Even in times of despair, when everything is gloomy, even with all the inhuman things there are some things of beauty that will discard all the dullness from our spirits. A Thing of Beauty is said to be an endless fountain of immortal drink that heaven is pouring upon us. These exist to make us feel loved by God. As everything in nature is created by Him for us. So as long as these things exist in nature we will always feel loved in spite of all the darkness that might have crept in our lives.

Aunt Jennifer's Tigers

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Ans: "Aunt Jennifer's Tigers" suggests that the poem is about Aunt Jennifer's knitted tigers, who become another universe of her creation with their chivalric, violent, bright, and carefree attitude. The tigers are her only outlet for unrestricted expression in a life otherwise dominated by dread and

marital strife. There is other tiger poetry, some of which are listed below. "The Tiger" by William Blake "Tiger" by Alec Derwent Hope "Tiger Drinking at Forest Pool" by Ruth Padel.

2. How do 'denizens' and 'chivalric' add to our understanding of the tiger's attitudes?

Ans: Denizens are animals that have become naturalized in a place or people who live there. Because tigers live in forests, the poet has appropriately classified them as "denizens of a world of green." Tigers are renowned for being masters of their territory. The poet also describes the tiger as "chivalrous." Chivalry is a phrase used to describe remarkable bravery in the face of danger. To further elucidate, the poet goes on to describe that the tigers were unafraid of the men standing under a tree and continued to prance with 'confidence.' The poet has used the phrase 'chivalric' since tigers are fierce, ferocious, and gallant creatures.

3. Why do you think Aunt Jennifer's hands are 'fluttering through her wool' in the second stanza? Why is she finding the needle so hard to pull?

Ans: Aunt Jennifer's hands are 'fluttering through her wool,' indicating that she is an elderly lady who has succumbed to the effects of time. Aunt Jennifer's fluttering fingers also represent her repressed mental state, as it is difficult for her to even pull an ivory needle when embroidering.

4. What is suggested by the image 'massive weight of Uncle's wedding band'?

Ans: The 'wedding band' referred to by the poet was Aunt Jennifer's wedding ring. The image of the massive weight of Uncle's wedding band symbolizes that after her marriage, she felt overloaded with tasks and responsibilities.

5. Of what or of whom is Aunt Jennifer terrified within the third stanza?

Ans: Aunt Jennifer is undoubtedly afraid of her chauvinist husband's persecution. She is constantly pressed by the duties and responsibilities of a married woman. Even after her death, the picture of her wedding band suggests that there was no way out of the traditions of her marriage and that she had to submit to them.

6. What are the 'ordeals' Aunt Jennifer is surrounded by? Why is it significant that the poet uses the word 'ringed'? What are the meanings of the word 'ringed' in the poem?

Ans: Aunt Jennifer had been following her husband's instructions in her daily life. Her life is unfulfilled and overloaded by the obligations and responsibilities of her married life. Despite her age and weakness, she continues to be oppressed by her husband. These are the tribulations that the poet speaks of. The poem's use of the word 'ringed' is essential and fitting since it accurately depicts Aunt Jennifer's entanglement in a vicious circle from which she is unable to break free.

The term 'ringed' denotes that she is not just wearing her wedding ring, but that she is also bound by the duties, dread, and oppression of her marriage for the rest of her life and, most likely, after it.

7. Why do you think Aunt Jennifer created animals that are so different from her character? What might the poet be suggesting, through this difference?

Ans: Aunt Jennifer discovered a way to live an alternate life that is denied to her: a life that is proud, free, courageous, and confident of itself by inventing animals that are distinct from her character. Her desire for power, independence, and fearless living is symbolized by the tigers. The poet may be alluding to patriarchal society's prejudices towards women, particularly married women, through this distinction.

8. Interpret the symbols found in this poem.

Ans: In the poem, the author uses a variety of symbols to communicate his thoughts and concerns. Tigers, men, a screen, and, most significantly, a ring are among them. On a screen, Aunt Jennifer has made tigers. Aunt Jennifer's hidden yearning for a life of independence and power is symbolized by these tigers. The screen on which she crocheted the tigers may represent the globe in general. The males beneath the tree could be individuals she knows, such as her husband. Her tigers are bold, proud, and free to strut about the screen or in the real world. The large wedding ring she wore on her finger symbolizes the trials and tribulations of her married life, which encircled her in a vicious circle that, according to the poet, will continue in death as well as in life.

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37.What do the Words 'Denizens' and 'Chivalric' tell us About the Tiger's Attitudes?

All animals are inhabitants of their natural habitats. Denizens mean that they belong to a specific region. The poet describes the Tigers as 'denizens of a green world,' which means that they rule over their territory, the forest.

The poet uses the word 'chivalric' to describe the Tigers because of the heroic bravery and confidence that they possess. With their power and strength, they can face any danger.

38. Aunt Jennifer has Created Animals that are in Stark Contrast to her Character. What, According to you, is the Poet Trying to Suggest Through this Difference?

By creating animals that are so different from her character, Aunt Jennifer is trying to live a life that is far from her reach. The free, proud, brave, and confident Tigers represent her desire for freedom and strength. This difference indicates the unfairness that particularly married women face in the patriarchal society.