

Class 12 English Poem A thing of beauty

About the poet: John Keats was a British poet. He was trained to be a surgeon, but Keats decided to devote himself wholly to poetry. A 'thing of Beauty' is an excerpt from his poem 'Endymion, A poetic Romance'. The poem is based on Greek legend. Keats was a worshipper of beauty. For him beauty was truth and truth beauty. There is balance in each sentence of the poem. No wonder then that sentences like 'thing of beauty is a joy forever' are quoted quite often.

Answer the following questions:

1. How is a thing of beauty a joy forever?
 - A. According to John Keats a thing of beauty is a joy forever. It is constant source of happiness and pleasure. Its loveliness increases every moment. It will never pass into nothingness. In other words a thing of beauty is never devalued
2. How does a thing of beauty provide us shelter and comfort?
 - A. John Keats is a great Romantic poet. He is rich in sensuous imagery. Nature provides with things of rare beauty. It keeps a bower quite fort us. Bower is a pleasant place in the shade under a tree. A thing of beauty also provides us peace and security. We enjoy a sound sleep which full of sweet dreams, health and peaceful breathing
3. What are the things that cause miseries, sorrows and sufferings to man?
 - A. Man himself is the root cause of all his sufferings. We suffer from malice and distress because we lack human qualities. That makes us inhuman. Our life becomes gloomy. We cultivate Unhealthy and evil ways. All such things brings miseries, sorrows and sufferings to man.
4. Name the beauty of nature that are constant source of joy and happiness to man?
 - A. Nature is a store house of beauty. The beauties of nature are endless. The sun, moon. , old and young trees, etc. Small streams with clear water, thick amass of ferns, thickest forest of musk-rose are some other things of beauty. All such things of beauty are a constant joy and happiness to man.
5. Why and how is 'grandeur' associated with the 'mighty dead'?
 - A. The dooms day is considered the Day of Judgment. When the dead will receive what is due to them. Our mighty dead forefathers earned name and fame with their noble deeds. It is hoped that they will be rewarded with rare magnificence and grandeur.
6. What is the source of 'endless fountain' and what is its effect?
 - A. A fountain of eternal joy and immortality pours in to the heart and soul of man. It flows right from the heavens brink and pours in to the human heart. It is like an

immortal nectar. The immortal drink that nature's endless fountain pours in to our hearts is a source of immense joy for us.

7. What is the message of the poem 'a thing of beauty'?

A. The very first line contains the message of John Keats, the great Romantic poet who wants to convey. Keats was a worshipper of beauty. For him beauty was a truth and truth beauty. Hence for him a thing of beauty is a joy forever. Beauty never fades. Nor it is never devalued. It never passes into nothingness. When we are full of sorrows and sufferings, some form of beauty comes to our rescue. It removes the pall of sadness and sorrows and gives us joy and pleasure. Thus, beauty is a boon for human beings.

8. According to Keats what moved away the pain and suffering from human life?

A. According to Keats there are some beautiful things which remove the cover of sad feelings from our hearts. All beautiful things of nature are a boon for humanity. The sun, the moon and old and young trees are the sources of which is a boon for humanity.

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