

For Anne Gregory Previous Year Questions (with model answers)

Q1. Do you think you can love a person for his/her inner beauty alone and not care about the physical appearance?

**Justify with reference to the theme of the poem 'For Anne Gregory'.
[CBSE 2024]**

Ans. The poem's theme is of true love that goes beyond the physical appearance. However, one cannot overlook the fact that looks matter and it is the first impression which matters the most. One can go beyond the looks and consider the qualities of the other person only after a few interactions. The poem is right that only God loves us unconditionally because God does not expect anything from us. However, humans are not God and so, we must not expect the same from them.

Q2. Explain, why the speaker mentions God in the poem "For Anne Gregory". [CBSE 2024]

Ans. God is mentioned in the poem because God is the only one who treats us like his child and who loves us unconditionally.

Q3. What is the colour of the woman's hair? Why will she change the colour of her hair? [CBSE 2023]

Ans. Her hair is yellow coloured also called honey-coloured. She will change the colour of her hair with dye so that the young men who love her for her yellow hair colour would love her for what she is other than her yellow hair.

Q4. The poet in the poem 'For Anne Gregory' conveys beauty as temporary. Explain with reference to the poem. [CBSE 2023]

Ans. The poet tells Anne that no young man shall ever love her for what she is but for her yellow-coloured hair. Anne replies that she could dye her hair to another colour and then her physical beauty that had attracted the young men would vanish. Then perhaps someone would love her for what she was and not for how she looked.

Q5. The poet in the poem, 'For Anne Gregory' conveys that we should give importance to the inner beauty and not to the physical appearance. Elaborate with reference to the poem. [CBSE 2019]

Ans. In the conversation between Anne Gregory and another speaker, the poet tried to show that inner beauty is true beauty, while physical appearance is changeable and therefore meaningless. The first speaker tells Anne that young men love her for her beautiful yellow hair and may never love her for who she really is. Anne replies that her hair color can be changed to black, brown or carrot, which means that outer beauty is superficial and men should not love her for that. With Anne's answer, the poet explained that only God preferred inner beauty to physical appearance. No one else loved someone for his or her inner beauty, other than God.

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