

## **A Thing of Beauty Previous Year Questions (with model answers)**

**Q1. 'A thing of beauty is a joy forever.' Explain with reference to the poem. [CBSE 2025]**

**Ans.** A Thing of beauty is a joy forever due to various reasons. The natural creations like the Sun provides warmth and energy, the moon is a beauty to look at in the night sky, the sheep provide us wool and milk, the flowers add vibrance to our life, the tales of brave men inspire us, the cool rills of water quench our thirst and the shade of the trees provide us sweet dreams, good sleep and health. Thus, these things of beauty give eternal joy to mankind.

**Q2. How and why does Keats relate 'mighty dead' to the 'Thing of Beauty'? [CBSE 2024]**

**Ans.** Keats relates the 'mighty dead' to the 'Thing of Beauty' by suggesting that the stories and legends of great historical figures add to the beauty and inspiration of the world. Their legacy contributes to the enduring beauty that Keats celebrates.

**Q3. If you were the poet of "A Thing of Beauty", how would you interpret the need for quiet introspection as mentioned in "Keeping Quiet"? [CBSE 2024]**

**Ans.** If I were the poet of "A Thing of Beauty," I would interpret the need for quiet introspection as a fundamental step toward appreciating the beauty around us. In "Keeping Quiet," the call for silence and pause is essential for reflecting on our actions and their impact on the world. This introspection allows individuals to reconnect with their inner selves and recognize the profound beauty in simple, everyday moments. Just as beauty in nature provides solace and joy, quiet introspection helps us understand and value these experiences. It is through this reflection that we can foster a deeper appreciation for life's small wonders, promoting peace and contentment within ourselves and our surroundings.

**Q4. Do we experience things of beauty only for short moments or do they make a lasting impression? Explain. [CBSE 2023]**

**Ans.** Things that are beautiful last for a long time. It will always be a part of our memories. The happiness they give us lasts forever and grows greater every time we think about them. When we remember beautiful things from the past, it "lifts the cloud from our dark spirits."

**Q5. What makes human beings love life in spite of troubles and sufferings? [CBSE 2022]**

**Ans.** Human beings love life in spite of troubles and sufferings because of the existence of several natural and beautiful things around them. These things of

beauty never fade. They give joy and optimism to human mind, and thus, help in overcoming or bearing the troubles and sufferings.

**Q6. How does a thing of beauty bring joy in our lives? [CBSE 2019]**

**Ans.** The poet John Keats lists down various things of beauty. These beautiful creations of God provide humans with different blessings. He says that the shade of the trees provides good sleep, sweet dreams and thus, good health. The beautiful flowers like daffodils and roses remove the sadness from our lives. The Sun gives us energy while the moon's beauty inspires us. Animals like the sheep provide us with wool and similar things. The rills of water are a cooling covert which quench our thirst. The tales of the brave men are sources of inspiration. All these beautiful things are like a fountain of a heavenly drink that pours onto humanity from the heaven above.

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