



**ENGLISH  
REVISION  
A thing of beauty**

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Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow:

*1. Rich with a sprinkling of fair musk-rose blooms;  
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.*

1. Pick the quote that matches best with— ‘And such too is the grandeur of the dooms we have imagined for the mighty dead.’
- A) In the night of death, hope sees a star, and listening love can hear the rustle of a wing.
  - B) When a great man dies, for years the light he leaves behind him, lies on the paths of men.
  - C) Endings are not always bad, most times they're just beginnings in disguise.
  - D) Cowards die many times before their death; the valiant never taste of death but once.

Ans. B) When a great man dies, for years the light he leaves behind him, lies on the paths of men.

2. Pick the option that refers to what ‘an endless fountain of immortal drink’ suggests.

- 1. *inspirational deeds of great men*
- 2. *a ceaseless series of dreams*
- 3. *an infinite source of weakness*
- 4. *an elixir of life for upliftment of the soul*
- 5. *an eternal source of delight*
- 6. *a boundless gift of love*

- A) 1, 4 and 5
- B) 2, 3 and 5
- C) 1, 2 and 6
- D) 2, 4 and 6

Ans. A) 1, 4 and 5



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3. Pick the option that pairs the TRUE statements based on the extract, from the list below.

1. *The bushes with fragrant flowers lift the human spirit and bring joy.*
2. *Death is inevitable and everyone faces it no matter how powerful.*
3. *Immortality is achieved by man when he drinks the nectar of joy.*
4. *Legendary heroes and their heroic deeds instill inspiration in us.*

- A) 1 and 2
- B) 2 and 4
- C) 1 and 4
- D) 2 and 3

Ans. C) 1 and 4

4. Pick the option that uses the same literary device as the 'mighty dead'.

- A) sleepless nights
- B) deafening silence
- C) glaring lights
- D) time is a thief

Ans. B) deafening silence

2. *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 heaven's brink* (Foreign 2009, Delhi 2014)

1. Who are the 'mighty dead'? How do we know about them?

Ans. The mighty dead are our forefathers, who were great in their own right. We learn about them by reading or hearing heroic stories about their numerous sacrifices. They are a source of inspiration for everyone who reads them.

2. What images does the poet use to convey that beauty is everlasting?

Ans. 'Endless fountain' of joy is the image that has been used to convey that beauty is everlasting. Things of beauty are an eternal source of motivation, a precious gift from heaven which gives us infinite pleasure and delight.

3. What is the effect of the immortal drink?

Ans. The immortal drink that nature's endless fountain pours on to us, gives us immense joy and pleasure.

4. Write the words from the extract which mean



stories  
magnificence

Ans. 1) tales, 2) grandeur

*3. Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing  
A flowery band to bind us to the earth,  
Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth  
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,  
Of all the unhealthy and o'er darkened ways  
Made for our searching: yes, in spite of all,  
Some shape of beauty moves away the pall  
From our dark spirits.*

1. In which of the following options can the underlined words be replaced with 'despondence'?

- A) The man paced about the room showing.
- B) A chat with a close friend can take away our blues.
- C) I was in jitters, seeing the boy trapped in the trench.
- D) Being dogged is what led him to negotiate the challenges.

Ans. B) A chat with a close friend can take away our blues.

2. Pick the option that is NOT an example of 'unhealthy and o'er darkened ways.'

- A) A person who is egoistic and looks down upon others.
- B) A person who seeks God's help for all his problems.
- C) A person who uses evil ways to deceive others.
- D) A person who is corrupt and manipulative.

Ans. B) A person who seeks God's help for all his problems.

3. Pick the option that enumerates what 'noble natures' would include.

- 1. *selflessness*
- 2. *insensitivity*
- 3. *enthusiasm*
- 4. *aggression*
- 5. *meticulousness*
- 6. *judiciousness*

- A) 1, 4 and 5
- B) 2, 3 and 6
- C) 2, 4 and 5



D) 1, 3 and 6

Ans. D) 1, 3 and 6

4. Based on the poem, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.

Statement 1: *The earth without the beautiful things is a place full of despair and unpleasantness.*

Statement 2: *The ornate band created by human beings; ushers hope in their lives.*

- A) Statement 1 is true but Statement 2 is false.
- B) Statement 1 is false but Statement 2 is true.
- C) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 can be inferred.
- D) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 cannot be inferred.

Ans. C) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 can be inferred.

4. Gains the hot season; the mid forest brake,  
Rich with a sprinkling of fair musk-rose blooms;  
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,  
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1 Based on the extract, complete the following analogy:  
have heard: alliteration :: .....: oxymoron

Ans. mighty dead

2 Which of these best indicates the phrase 'mid forest brake'?

- A. hidden pond
- B. mass of shrubs
- C. canopy of trees
- D. sparkling stream

Ans. B. mass of shrubs

3 According to the extract, which of these bring joy to human life?

- (i) shady trees
- (ii) delightful drinks
- (iii) fragrant flowers



- (iv) changing seasons
- (v) enchanting stories

- A. (i) and (iii)
- B. (iii) and (v)
- C. (i), (iv) and (v)
- D. (ii), (iii) and (iv)

Ans. B. (iii) and (v)

4 Complete the given sentence appropriately. When the poet mentions ‘an endless fountain of immortal drink’, he refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

Ans. the eternal joy that beautiful things give

5 Based on the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.

- (1) Beautiful things are blessings from the divine.
  - (2) Beauty is an outcome of imagination.
- A. Only (1) can be inferred from the extract.
  - B. Only (2) can be inferred from the extract.
  - C. Both (1) and (2) can be inferred from the extract.
  - D. Neither (1) nor (2) can be inferred from the extract.

Ans. A. Only (1) can be inferred from the extract.

6 Which of these best describes the tone of the poet in the given extract?

- A. nostalgic
  - B. generous
  - C. passionate
  - D. contemplative
- Ans. D. contemplative