

Bihar Board Class 11 English Book Solutions Poem 2 The Marriage of True Minds

Bihar Board Class 11 English The Marriage of True Minds Textual Questions and Answers

[A] 1. Work in small groups and discuss these questions :

Marriage Of True Minds Meaning Bihar Board Question 1.

What is love ? Can there be different manifestations of love ?

Answer:

Love is an eternal boon which has no alternation. Love is true and permanent. There can be no different manifestations of love because love is true and eternal.

Marriage Of Two Minds Bihar Board Question 2.

You love different persons in your life : Your parents, brothers sisters, friends, wife etc. What is common about your love to each of them ?

Answer:

Love with family members, friends and neighbours is selfish love. It is common with all. I love them because they satisfy me in many ways. This is not a true love. Love has no selfishness.

The Marriage Of True Minds Bihar Board Question 3.

At times you feel drawn to opposite sex ? What is that which draw you to him/her : love or mere physical attraction ? How will you differentiate ?

Answer:

Sometimes physical attraction attracts some one. For the time being he/she loses his/her temper and wants to become one. But this love is not love. It is only bodily attraction which ruins after some time.

[B] Answer the following questions briefly :

The Marriage Of True Minds Summary Bihar Board Question 1.

What is meant by 'the marriage of true minds' ?

Answer:

'Marriage of true minds' means mixing up of two into one heartily for the life long. A true lover lives for his love and dies for his love. This type of love is called marriage of true minds.

The Marriage Of True Minds Meaning Bihar Board Question 2.

What is 'an ever-fixed mark' ?

Answer:

True love is permanent. No worldly attractions and activities have power to interfere in it. True love is eternal, so it is called 'ever-fixed mark'.

To The Marriage Of True Minds Bihar Board Question 3.

What is meant by 'Time's fool' ? Is love 'Time's fool' ? Why or why not ?

Answer:

Time's fool means a love for a short period. Real love is not time's fool. Love is constant. It remains for life long.

Marriage Of True Minds Bihar Board Question 4.

What kind of love alters when it finds alterations ?

Answer:

Artificial love alters. It varies time to time. It has no existence. So when one sees or gets chance, shows affection and other time forgets. This kind of love is not love. It is only bodily satisfaction for the time being.

The Marriage Of True Minds Summary In Hindi Bihar Board Question 5.

Can external force change love ?

Answer:

No, external force has no power to change true love.

Class 11 English Poem 2 Question Answer Bihar Board Question 6.

How does Shakespeare depict permanent nature of love ?

Answer:

Shakespeare has compared love with the pole star which never changes its place and twinkles. Even in great disturbances it never shakes because it is eternal.

Question 7.

Why is love compared to a pole star ?

Answer:

A pole star is fixed at the same place always. It does not move from its permanent abode. So like polestar love has also no alteration. True love lasts for ever. So love is compared with pole star.

Question 8.

Can you tag a price to love ? Why or why not ?

Answer:

Love is priceless. No one can pay price for love. So it is never tagged as worldly materials.

Question 9.

Can time affect love ?

Answer:

No, time cannot affect love.

Question 10.

If you have to choose between worldly, pleasure and the goal of your life, what will you choose ? Why ? give two reasons. [Board Model 2009 (A)]

Answer:

(a) If I have to choose between worldly pleasure and the goal of my life I will choose the later. For, worldly pleasures will not last long. But if I reach my goal. I will attain permanent bliss. Besides, a man who indulges in worldly pleasure cannot achieve much in life. He will do nothing so that peeterity will remain by him.

Question 11.

Describe after Shakespeare the nature of true love. [Board Model 2009 (A)]

Answer:

True Love is described by Shakespeare remains unaffected by obstacles or impediments. It can with stand any tempestor trouble and be a true guide in all circumstances. It is even fixed and cannot be submitted. Even time can not fate true love.

[C] Long Answer Type Questions :

Question 1.

Attempt, after Shakespeare, a comprehensive definition of love.

Answer:

William Shakespeare in his poem “The Marriage of True Minds” has given a comprehensive definition of love. According to the poet, love means a union of two souls. To him, it is a marriage of true minds. Love is not love which changes when ever it disires to change. A love cannot be removed when a remover wants to remove it. Love does not allow hindrances and obstacles to come. So, a true lover lives for his love and dies for his love. This type of love is called marriage of true minds.

According to the poet, true love is permanent. True love is eternal. So, it is called ever-fixed mark. Real love is not for a short period. It remains for life long.

An artificial love may be changed, it has no existance. This kind of love is not love. A true love is compared to pole star. A pole star is fixed at the same place; It does not move from its permanent place. So like a pole star love has no alteration. Love is priceless. No one can pay price for love. Time can not affect love.

Question 2.

Describe, after Shakespeare, the nature of true love.

Answer:

William Shakespeare in his poem “The Marriage of True Minds” has very successfully described the nature of true love. True love is a sweet gift of nature. True love means mixing up of two true hearts and minds in one. It has got the relation with two souls. Physical attraction has no value in true love. It is nature’s greatest boon. A true lover never changes

his attitude. He has no different manifestations of love. Even in great troubles a true love can not go back or forget his love. A true love is stable and permanent. It is just like a pole star which never changes its place. A true love is eternal. It is spiritual.

Question 3.

What in your opinion is love related to-spirit or physical lust ?

Answer:

In my opinion love is related to spirit. Love is spiritual not physical. It is a union of two soul's or spirits, It has no relation with physical attraction. It is for a short time. It is not permanent. So love is eternal, permanent and for life long.

Question 4.

Narrate the gist of the poem in your own words.

Or, Give the main idea of the poem. "The Marriage of True Minds."

Or, Summarises the poem "The Marriage of True Minds".

Answer:

"The Marriage of True Minds" is a sonnet composed by William Shakespeare. In this poem the poet has described the nature of true love. To him, true love is sweet gift of nature. A real love means mixing up of two souls and minds in one. It is an eternal gift. Love is not mere physical attraction. There can not be different manifestations of love because love is true and eternal. A true lover loves for his love. This type of love is called marriage of true minds. True love is permanent. It is called 'an ever fixed mark'. It is not for short period. It is constant. It remains for life long.

Artificial love alters when it finds alteration. This kind of love is not love. It is only bodily satisfaction for the time being. A true love is like a pole star that does not change its place. It is fixed at the same place. It lasts for ever. So love is compared to a pole star. Time also can not affect love.

Question 5.

Can time control love ? What can it do at its best ?

Answer:

Time can not control love. William Shakespeare in his poem, "The Marriage of True Minds" has clearly described that time can not control love. In third stanza of the poem, the-poet has said—"Love's not Time's fool". It means love is not for short period. Love cannot be changed in hour's and weeks. It is permanent. It bears it out even to the edge of doom. Time can creates troubles, disturbances and obstacles. But love can stay beyond time. It can not be restricted by hours, weeks, months and years.

Question 6.

Comment on the treatment of the theme of Love and Time in the poem.

Answer:

The poem "Marriage of True Minds" has been composed by William Shakespeare. In this poem the poet has described the theme of love, and time. According to the poet love is the theme of his poem. The poem is a sonnet. The poet has described the nature, the definition, the importance and the duration of love throughout the poem. The whole theme of the poem revolves round the discretion of love.

To him love is a union of two souls. Love is spiritual not physical. It is permanent. It is eternal. It is for life long, it is not for short period. It can not be controlled by time. Physical attraction and outer disturbances can not harm love, So the poet has very successfully made clear the theme of Love and Time in his poem. "The Marriage of True Minds".

Question 7.

How is the changelessness of love brought out in the first two quatrains ?

Answer:

In the first two stanzas of the poem "The Marriage of True Minds", William Shakespeare has very successfully brought out the changelessness of love. The poet says that not one should be allowed to make hindrances to the marriage of true minds. To him, true love is the union of two pure souls and minds. According to the poet, the love that makes alterations is not love. Love is not the choice of the remover who removes (change) his love according to his convenience.

In the second stanza, the poet says that love is 'an ever-fixed mark'. It means true love is permanent. Love is like a pole star. A pole star is fixed at a particular place. It does not move from its permanent place. So, like pole star love has also no alterations. True love lasts for ever. It can not be changed.

Question 8.

What does the speaker declare in the final couplet ? What makes him do so?

Answer:

The poet in the final (last) two lines wants to confirm what he has said about true love. He is confident that true love is eternal, unchangeable and permanent. It is a union of two hearts, not of two bodies. Love is spiritual not physical.

The poet is so confident about his thought that he says that if my opinion about true love is wrong and if this is proved that 'I am wrong it means I never wrote such poem and it is also true that no man has ever loved' ' It means if the poet is wrong, the story of true love, the dictum of true love is also wrong and no man in future will tell the story of true love nor no man will be ever loved.

Question 9.

How is love contrasted with Physical love ?

Answer:

According to the poet William Shakespeare, there is great contrast between spiritual love and

physical love. Spiritual love is true love. It is the marriage of two souls. Spiritual love is eternal, It is permanent. It does not change with hours, weeks and months, Real love is not for short period. It is for life long. A true love is a sweet gift of nature. A real love is mixing up of two souls and minds in one. Love is an ever-fixed marks. It means true love is permanent. True love is like a pole-star. A pole star is fixed at a particular place. So, like pole-star spiritual love has also no alterations. It lasts for ever.

Unlike spiritual love, physical love is not permanent. According to the poet, the love that makes physical attractions is not real love. It is for short period. Physical love is over, the sooner physical satisfaction is fulfilled.

Question 10.

Pick out metaphors used in the poem and comment on their implied meaning.

Answer:

A metaphor is a figure speech that makes a comparison, usually implied not overtly stated, between two seemingly unlike things. In the poem “The Marriage of True Minds” the poet William Shakespeare has used metaphors. The very title of the poem” The marriage of True Minds” is a metaphor. The word ‘marriage’ is used metaphorically. Its implied meaning is ‘union’. True Minds’ is also used metaphorically. Its implied meaning is ‘true lovers’. The word “Tempests” is’also used metaphorically. Its implied meaning is ‘great disturbances’. The other metaphors are noted below :

Metaphors		Implied meaning
Ever-fixed mark	—	permanent
Time’s fool	—	for a short period
Writ	—	Wrote

Question 11.

Discuss ‘The Marriage of True Minds’ as a sonnet

Answer:

A sonnet is a poem of 14 lines. It is either consisting of an octave followed by a sestet (Petrarchan sonnet) or three quatrains followed by a couplet with a special arrangement of rhymes. A sonnet consisting of three quatrains followed by a couplet is called Shakespearean sonnet. A sonnet is concentrated expression of some single thought or feeling or situation. Subjectivity, spontaneity, sincerity, reflection, music and melody are some other important characteristics of a sonnet.

“The Marriage of True Minds” is a Shakespearean sonnet. The sonnet consists of three quatrains followed by a couplet with a special arrangement of rhymes. The first three stanza consists of four lines each. The last stanza consists of two lines.

The poem has expression of single thought. The sonnet has described the definition and nature of love. The theme of the complete poem is one and that is the description of true love. In short, the poem "The Marriage of True Minds" has all the characteristics of a sonnet. Subjectivity, spontaneity, sincerity, reflection, music and melody are the main characteristics of this poem.

C. 3. Composition:

Question a.

Write a letter in about 150 words to your friend describing how your love for someone made you more determined to achieve something.

Answer:

Naya Tola
Patna
10 March, 2013

Dear Rakesh,

I am quite well here along with the member of my family and hope that you will be the same. Today I am going to disclose a secret through this letter.

You know that since school-days I wanted to be a college-teacher. You often asked me about my inspiration. Today I tell you that my father was my inspiration. He wanted me to be a college-teacher.

As I loved him too much, after his death my sole aim was to be a college-teacher one day. My love to him to fulfill his wish made me more determined to achieve my goal. I worked heart and soul to achieve my goal. Though my father's death casually brought before me a lot of problems as to earn, to take care of a large family and to continue studies in crisis, yet my love to him worked as a guiding and an inspiring force. The more the problems came to me the more my love to my father increased and deepened and worked as an inspiring force. Thank God ! Ultimately I succeeded in achieving my goal.

With best wishes.

Yours affectionately
Anshu Singh

Question b.

Write a paragraph in about 100 words on 'Love and Life'.

Answer:

Love and Life

It is an old saying that 'Love is God and God is Love'. This saying has complete truth in it. Really without love life is nothing. As a child is born, his family begins to love him. As he grows, the society begins to love him and so does he. As a youth, he loves his beloved. Later on as a husband, he begins to love his wife, children and his nation. This is a common thing. Besides it, a man loves other creatures and natural objects. The last stanza of Coleridge's 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner' is its fine example. To quote :

“He prayeth best, who loveth best
All things both great and small;
For the dear God who loveth us, .
He made and loveth all.”

Thus, we should love all the creatures of the earth. Without love life is hellish.

D. 1. Dictionary Use :

Question 1.

Look up a dictionary and write two meanings of each of the following words-the one in which it is used in the lesson and the other which is more common : marriage, admit, bark, edge

Answer:

marriage – (i) union (ii) a social custom in which a man and a woman unites together as a husband and wife

admit – (i) give leave to enter to (ii) acknowledge as true

bark – (i) ship (ii) skin of tree

edge – (i) day (ii) margin/border

D. 2. Word-meaning:

Question 1.

Match the words given in Column 'A' with their meanings given in Column 'B':

'A'	'B'
(1) impediments	(a) stanza of eight lines
(2) alters	(b) stanza of two lines
(3) bends	(c) stoops
(4) tempests	(d) tumults
(5) octave	(e) obstacles
(6) sestet	(f) stanza of six lines
(7) quatrains	(g) stanza of four lines
(8) couplet	(h) changes

Answer:

1. (e)
2. (h)
3. (c)
4. (d)
5. (a)
6. (f)
7. (g)
8. (b)

E. GRAMMAR:

Ex 1. Mark carefully the structure of the sentence given below and make five sentences of your own on the same pattern.

Let me put my car in the garage.

Answer:

Pattern : Let + Sub ('I' in objective case) + Possessive Adj.+ Noun+O.W.

1. Let me write my notes today.
2. Let me have my dinner in the hotel tonight.
3. Let me do my duty now.
4. Let me have my bathe in the rive today.
5. Let me keep my documents in your bag.

Ex. 2. Read the following lines carefully :

It is the star to every Wand' ring bark

Love's not Time's fool.

Mark the use of apostrophe to the missing letter 'e' in 'wandering' and 'i' in 'Love is'. The latter is the example of contraction-of. auxiliary verb; e.g. 'I'm' for 'I am' etc. Note also the use of apostrophe in 'Time's fool' to show possession or ownership.

Now find out examples of apostrophe in the poem and decide why apostrophe has been used in each of them.

Answer:

Besides 'wand' ring, 'Love's' and 'Time's fool', 'Worth's' and 'Sickle'scompass' are examples of apostrophe. In 'Worth's' it has been used as the example of the contracted form of auxiliary verb (worth is) and in 'Sickle's compass' it has been used to show possession.