

Bihar Board Class 9 Panorama English Book Solutions

Poem 4 To Daffodils

A. Work in small groups and answer the following questions orally:

Question 1.

Which is your favourite flower? Why do you like it?

Answer:

I like the rose the red rose because it looks very beautiful and it has a charming smell.

Question 2.

A flower blossoms and decays. Can it be compared to the life of a human being?

Answer:

Yes, it can be compared to the life of a human being? Because man's life is also transitory. It comes and dies after some-time.

B. Answer the following questions very briefly:

Question 1.

To whom does the speaker address the poem?

Answer:

The poet or the speaker addresses to daffodils.

Question 2.

Why does the speaker weep to see fair daffodils?

Answer:

The speaker weeps to see the decaying daffodils, so soon.

Question 3.

What does the speaker want the daffodils to do?

Answer:

The speaker wants the daffodils to stay more.

Question 4.

What time of day does the speaker say it is?

Answer:

The speaker says that it is just before noon.

Question 5.

Name three things that, according to the speaker, 'die away'.

Answer:

The three things are spring, the summer's rain, and the morning dew.

Question 6.

Why does the speaker repeat the word 'Stay' in this poem?

Answer:

The speaker repeats the word 'Stay' in this poem to show his feeling for the fast decaying daffodils.

Question 7.

What does the summer's rain symbolise in this poem?

Answer:

The summer's rain symbolises the perishable nature of life.

C.1. Long Answer Type Questions:

Question 1.

Why does the poet weep to see fair daffodils? What does he want it to do? Do you ever have such a feeling?

Answer:

Fair daffodils have a very short life. So seeing the short life of daffodils the poet weeps. He wants to see them staying a little longer. He wishes that they should stay at least at evening song. No; I have never such a feeling. I feel happy to see any beautiful flower.

Question 2.

Do you think that the title of the poem is suggestive and evocative?

Answer:

Yes, the title of the poem is very suggestive. The poem has a symbolic significance. They stand for the perishable nature of life. They remind us all the time that man is mortal. Human beings are as short to live as daffodils. The poem presents the eternal truth. So the poem is suggestive and evocative.

Question 3.

How has human life been compared to the life of daffodils?

Answer:

In the poem "To Daffodils" human life has been compared to the life of the daffodils. Human life is as short as the life of daffodils. Nothing is permanent in this world. It is a universal truth. Daffodils wither away by the evening and we die when the old age comes. Both of them have to go like daffodils all have the same ending. It is eternal.

Question 4.

Give the main idea of the poem.

Answer:

Human life is transitory. To Daffodils is suggestive and evocative. It gives a deep sense of life and death. In this world everything is mortal. Flowers bloom for a short time and human life survives for a short span of life as well. Both have the same fate.

Question 5.

Who are 'we'? What do 'we' and the daffodils have in common?

Answer:

Here 'we' stands for all human beings. 'We' have life and we have to die. The daffodils have the same fate. It blooms but for decaying. Here the poet has presented common fate for both.

C. 2. Group Discussion

Discuss the following in groups or pairs:

Question 1.

Love the life you live, live the life you love.

Answer:

Life is a precious thing. God has given us this precious life. God showered all his blessings on man. The riches of the world came into the hands of man. The man was given strength, wisdom, honour and pleasure in full measure. The treasure of God was thus emptied for the good man. So we should live our lives to live. It should be enjoyed fully but carefully. We live in deeds, and not in years. A life, however short, spent in doing things useful to the world or humanity is much better than living a hundred years and spending the time in vain and useless purposes. So we should live a deedful life.

Question 2.

Take life as it comes.

Answer:

God has given us precious gift as life. Every life will turn to dust after death. But the soul of human beings is immortal. Joys and sorrows are neither our ways nor goal. Let them on the mercy of God. Our life is short The world is a field of battle. We must make our lives sublime. We must have faith in the ways of God and take life as it comes. But we must work for the betterment of tomorrow. This is real life.