Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Notes : Unfolding Bud**

**Answer the following:**

1. **What is one amazed by? Why?**

Ans: One is amazed by the unfolding of a water-lily bud. The bud unfolds gradually with each passing day. The colour changes and becomes richer. The flower keeps growing and the dimensions keep changing.

1. **What is a poem compared to? Why ?**

Ans: A poem is compared to a closed bud because is as tightly closed as a bud.

1. **Why is one not amazed on looking at a poem for the first time? Explain in detail.**

**OR**

**Bring out the comparison between a bud and a poem.**

Ans: When a person looks at a poem for the first time he is not amazed because it is as tight-closed as a bud. The beauty of a blossom is not visible at the first glance of the bud. When the bud gradually opens up, the colour deepens and becomes richer and the dimensions change as it blooms. That is when the true beauty of a flower is exposed. Similarly the true meaning of a poem is visible only after we read it again and again.

1. **What happens when one reads a poem again and again?**

Ans: At first glance a poem seems very plain but as one reads the poem again and again, the poem gradually unfolds or reveals the true hidden meaning. The rich inner self of the poem is visible and it surprises the reader.

1. **What does one learn from the unfolding of a bud?**

Ans: When a bud is closed it does not reveal its true beauty. As it gradually unfolds, it transforms to be magnificent and beautiful. The transformation is gradual and not overnight. This also applies to many situations of our life. All good things come slowly and gradually and one must patiently wait for them without giving up.

1. **What message does the poet give us through the example of poetry?**

Ans: Through the example of the poem, the poet conveys the message that a beautiful mpoem until its true beauty is revealed.

1. **How can the lessons given by Naoshi Koriyama in the poem ‘Unfolding Bud’ be applied in our lives?**

Ans: In this poem the poet spreads the message of patience. Through the example of a bud and poetry the poet tells us that all good things will gradually reveal their beauty. When we want to achieve something in life, the goal at first seems difficult and faraway. Initially one cannot visualise its accomplishment. At times people give up quickly. But every venture has a gestation period and we have to be patient. Slowly but steadily we will reach the desired goal and achieve what we want to. So one must never give up.