**A THING OF BEAUTY by John Keats**

Reference to Context.

1. *“Its loveliness increases, it will never   
   Pass into nothingness; but will keep   
   A bower quiet for us, and a sleep   
   Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing.”*
2. Whose loveliness will keep on increasing?
3. Identify the phrase which says ‘it’ is immortal.
4. What is a ‘bower’?
5. Why do we need sweet dreams, health and quite breathing in our lives?
6. *“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.”*
7. Who are the mighty dead?
8. How is grandeur associated with the mighty dead?
9. What lovely tales does the poet talk of?
10. What image does the poet draw in the last two lines?

Short Answer Questions.

1. What makes human being love life despite all the troubles they face?
2. What does a thing of beauty do for us?
3. What are the different things that help cure the pain and suffering in human life?
4. Are the ‘things of beauty’ short living?

**ANSWER KEY**

Reference to context.

1. a. The thing of beauty’s loveliness keeps on increasing.  
   b. The phrase *“It will never pass into nothingness”* signifies the immortality of the thing of beauty.  
   c. A bower in a shady shelter built from branches and vines.  
   d. We need sweet dreams, health and quiet in our lives to make up for the sadness, sickness, gloom and inhumane behaviour.
2. a. The mighty dead are those of our ancestors who led exemplary lives.  
   b. The mighty dead are honoured and worshipped for their remarkable achievements. They are rewarded for their noble deeds.  
   c. The poet talks about myths and tales associated with our ancestors.  
   d. The poet compares the beautiful thing with an endless fountain which goes on pouring the immortal drink unto us from heaven. It is a source of immense joy and happiness.

Short Answer Questions.

1. Things of beauty like the sun, moon, daffodils, sheep, rills, forests, ferns, musk rose, and grandeur of mighty dead are some of the things that make humans love life in spite of all the troubles they face.
2. A thing of beauty gives us joy forever as its loveliness keeps on increasing through reflection and contemplation. It is a constant source of pleasure that ensure good health and quite breathing. It brings calmness and solace to our troubled and painful existence.
3. All the beautiful things in nature like the sun, moon, daffodils, sheep, rills, forests, ferns, musk rose, and grandeur of mighty dead provide peace and happiness and thus move away suffering from human life.
4. No, the things of beauty are immortal. They never cease to exist. They are the things whose beauty keeps on increasing as more people are made aware of them and contemplate over them.