# *Nothing Gold Can Stay*

[Robert Frost](https://poets.org/poet/robert-frost) - 1874-1963

Nature’s first green is gold,

Her hardest hue to hold.

Her early leaf’s a flower;

But only so an hour.

Then leaf subsides to leaf.

So Eden sank to grief,

So dawn goes down to day.

Nothing gold can stay.

# Questions:

## Types

| **Comprehension (Multiple-choice) Question Type** | **Questions (17 multiple choice - 3H, 12M, 2E)** |
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| Understanding: Factual Recall  He had black hair <- what colour is his hair |  |
| Understanding: Inference/ structure  E.g. she smiled <- how did she feel | 2, 3, 10 |
| True or False |  |
| 1-2 Phrases/ writing techniques | 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11 |

| **SPaG Question Type** | **Total Questions (11)** |
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| 7 Grammar/ Punctuation | 12, 14,15 |
| 6 Vocabulary | 4, 8 |

## MCQ Questions

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| **#** | **Type** | **Question** | **Answer** |
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| 1 | Writing technique | What language technique is “green is gold”?   * 1. Simile   2. Hyperbole   3. **Alliteration**   4. It is not a language technique |  |
| 2 | Undesratnding | In what season would “Nature’s first green” (line 1) occur?   1. Winter 2. **Spring** 3. Summer 4. Autumn |  |
| 3 | undesrtanding | What does the narrator think of new life?   1. **It is valuable** 2. It is hard 3. It is the wrong colour 4. It is expensive |  |
| 4 | Vocabulary in context | What is a synonym for “hue” (line 2?)   1. Season 2. **Colour** 3. Belonging 4. Tree |  |
| 5 | Understanding phrases | “Her early leaf’s a flower;  But only so an hour.”  What does the poet mean by this?   1. The first leaf is as beautiful as a flower but quickly becomes a real flower. 2. The first flower dies within an hour. 3. **The beauty of springtime blossoms is only brief.** 4. The beauty of Spring starts with a leaf but is shortly replaced by flowers. |  |
| 6 | Understanding effect | What is the effect of “leaf subsides to leaf” (line 5)?   1. To emphasise that there are many leaves 2. **To emphasise that things are always worsening despite looking the same** 3. To emphasise that things are replaced by each other 4. To emphasise the passing of time |  |
| 7 | Understanding phrases | Lines 6 and 7 both start with “So”. What is the effect of this?   1. To emphasise the number of events that occur after a leaf falls 2. **To emphasise the inevitability of events that occur through time** 3. To emphasise the continuation of time 4. To emphasise the fluency of the writing |  |
| 8 | vocabulary | What is a synonym for “grief”?   1. **Sorrow** 2. Death 3. Underwater 4. Regret |  |
| 9 | Understanding phrases | “So dawn goes down to day.” (line 7)  What does this suggest?   1. It suggests the sun rises downwards to daylight 2. It suggests that the sun falls to let in the night 3. **It suggests that sunrise is more valuable than daylight** 4. It suggests that the sun is valuable like gold |  |
| 10 | Inference | What does the word “down” (line 7) show us about the poet?   1. They are pessimistic 2. They prefer daylight 3. **They prefer dawn** 4. They are prioritising alliteration over science |  |
| 11 | Understanding | What does the poet mean by “Nothing gold can stay”?   1. Only valuable things will remain alive 2. Only valuable things will die 3. All things will change form through time 4. **All things will die through time** |  |
| 12 | grammar | What type of words are the following?  Nature (line 1), flower (line 3), leaf (line 5), dawn (line 7), gold (line 8)   1. Adjective 2. Adverb 3. **Noun** 4. Verb |  |
| 13 | t/f | Which of these statements is true?   1. **The poet has personified nature** 2. Nature is a woman 3. The poet is speaking about a woman 4. The poet is speaking about their god |  |
| 14 | grammar | What type of word is ‘hardest’?   1. Comparative 2. **Superlative** 3. Conjunction 4. Subject |  |
| 15 | grammar | What type of word is ‘green’ in the first line?   1. Adjective 2. Adverb 3. Determiner 4. **Noun** |  |
| 16 |  | How would you describe this poem’s mood and why? (3 marks) |  |
| 17 |  | 14. Do you agree with the poet? Explain your answer. (3 marks) |  |