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Subject: English	Topic: The Palanquin Bearers	Std: VI
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Textual Answers:

1. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow

- a.
 - i. 'She' in the above lines refers to the bride.
 - ii. The bride is going to her husband's home.
 - iii. The bride in the poem has mixed feelings as she happily wants to start a new life with her husband but at the same time, she is sad because she is leaving her parent's house where she grew up.
 - iv. skims
- b.
 - i. The palanquin bearers carry the bride delicately like a pearl on a string.
 - ii. 'We' in the above lines refers to the palanquin bearers who carry the bride in the palanquin.
 - iii. The palanquin bearers engage themselves in cheerful singing to amuse them and move in harmony while carrying out their difficult and responsible job of transporting something very valuable. In this case, the bride from one place to the other.
 - iv. bear

2. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words.

- a. The palanquin bearers carry the bride 'lightly' because she is very precious. It is also the most auspicious occasion for her. So they handle her like a very precious jewel.
- b. The tears in the eyes of the bride say that the bride is sad about leaving her parent's house. The tears are also the tears of joy because she will be soon united with her husband. The tears in the poem depict the mixed emotions of the bride in the palanquin.
- c. The bride is compared to a flower as she is very delicate, fragile and beautiful like a flower, which moves or sways in the breeze.
- d. The palanquin bearers take pride in carrying the young bride to her house. They sing along in harmony with their movement to make their task joyful.

3. Answer the following questions in 80-100 words.

- a. The bride has mixed feelings. The poet describes the bride as 'she floats like a laugh' and then 'she falls like a tear'. The tears are in contradiction to the happy feeling that the bride feels. The bride is sad because she is going away from her parents but at the same time, she is happy because she is on her way to her husband's house and is about to start a new life.

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b.	The poet draws a very vivid description of the bride. She states that the bride is 'like a flower', 'a bird', 'a laugh', 'a star', 'a beam', and 'a tear'. The poet's intention of using such similes is to get across that the bride is very fragile but precious and needs to be handled with care.
4.	Give rhyming words for the following words from the poem.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. alongii. dreamiii. singiv. bride