

The daffodils-*William Wordsworth*

Poetry

Comprehension

Q.1)After reading the poem,can you what a daffodil is?

Ans:yes,Daffodil is a plant having yellow flowers.

Q.2)The poet says that 'wandered lovely as a cloud', which means he was.

(a) going from place to place without a special reason or purpose.

(b) moving about in a crowd.

(c) the cloud was all alone in the sky.

Ans:(a) going from place to place without a special reason or purpose.

Q.3)The poet says that he saw 'ten thousand of a glance'.does this means.

a) there were ten thousand at them.

b) there were many of them.

c) they were countless.

Ans:(c) they were countless.

Q. 4)The poet says that a'poet could not be but gay /In such a jocund company! 'What do you think 'jocund company 'means? Is he happy or unhappy in such company?

Ans:Jocund company means a happy and cheerful company. The view of the dancing daffodils and the dancing waves was cheerful and made the poet cheerful. In such company, the poet is happy.

Q.5)what does the poet mean when he say that he'gazed and gazed-but little thought/What wealth the show to me had brought'? How does the scene benefit him either materially or emotionally? Give reasons for your answers.

Ans:Here the poet is saying that he was very happy to see the view of the golden daffodils that he was thoughtless to think about what wealth had brought the show. He did not understand what a treasure of pleasure he had carried in himself.He was so much happy to see the view that he looking long and steadily at them being dumbfolded.whenever the poet was in off mode or very much thoughtful the view flashed in mind and made him happy and cheerful. So he had collected a source of ceaseless happiness by the view of

daffodils, Which had brought him pleasure. Hence, the cheerful daffodils view benefited him both materially and emotionally as it has given him a cheerful company when he is in solitude.

Q.6) what does 'vacant and pensive mood' mean? Tick the correct option.

(a) a thoughtful and contemplative mood.

(b) a sad mood.

(c) a thoughtless State of mind

Ans: (b) a sad mood.

Q.7) What does the 'inward eye' mean? What is it that flashes upon the eye? Do you think the poet is affected by it in any way? Give reasons for your answers.

Ans: The 'inward eye' means the eye of the mind i.e. the mental eyes. The poet mentions that in his mental or inward eye, the cheerful view of the golden daffodils is flashed. And whenever the view of the daffodils comes on his mind, the poet becomes happy and cheerful and begins to dance with the golden daffodils. The cheerful view pleases his mind and his mind becomes active. In this way he is benefitted by the daffodils.

Whenever the poet is lonely and is in off mood, the view of the golden daffodils comes to his mind and its beauty has brought him a treasure of joy. As soon as it flashes

to his inward eyes his mind fills with joy and dances with the golden daffodils. He forgets everything and such view has brought a source of pleasure into his life.

Q.8) Why has the poet described solitude as being blissful?

Ans: According to the poet solitude is being because when the poet is alone and in an off mode the cheerful view of the daffodils comes to his mind and at once he becomes cheerful. In fact, none can enjoy solitude. Because solitude is boring and there is nobody to share one's own feeling. But here the poet is very happy and cheerful in solitude whenever the view of daffodils comes to his mind. It gives him pleasure. He cheers up with the

Reference to the context

Q.1) Continuous as the stars that shine

And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

(a) What does 'they' refer to?

Ans: 'They' refers to the golden daffodils.

(b) Why have they been compared to the milky way?

Ans: They have been compared to the milky way because they were dancing cheerful like the shining stars.

(c) Find an example of a rhyming couplet from these lines.

Ans: The rhyming couplet is :
Ten thousand saw I at a glance
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

Q.2) Ten thousand saw I at a glance
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.
The waves beside them danced, but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not be but gay
In such a jocund company!

(a) What did the poet see at a glance? Were they really ten thousand in number?

Ans: The poet saw ten thousand daffodils at a glance. No, they were not really ten thousand in number. They were countless.

(b) What do the waves refer to?

Ans: The waves refer to the waves of the lake water.

(c) How did the scene affect the poet?

Ans: The scene made the poet cheerful.

(d) Pick out three words that mean 'being happy.'

Ans: Glee, gay, jocund.

Q.3) I gazed-and gazed-but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought :
For often, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;

(a) What is the 'wealth' that the poet is referring to in these lines? What kind of poetic device is this?

Ans: The view of the golden daffodils is the 'wealth'. The poetic device is metaphor.

(b) Why does the poet refer to it as wealth?

Ans: The poet refers to it as 'wealth' because like wealth the view made him happy and joyful in times of his solitude. It helped him in times of his distress.

(c) when does the poet feel blissful?

Ans: The poet feels blissful when he is lonely and in off_mood.

(d) Had the poet realised the importance of the scene when he had first seen it? Give reasons for your answers.

Ans: When the poet had first seen the scene of daffodils, he had not realised its importance. He just looked steadily for a long time and became cheerful by viewing the scene beauty of the daffodils. He did not pay any attention to the impact of the view on his mind. But it was later on whenever was alone and in off_mood he realised its importance. Because suddenly when the view flashed in his mind, it made him happy and he forgets his material surroundings and feels himself with those cheerful daffodils. Only then he could know that the view had left him a treasure of pleasure and cheerfulness.