

Through love **thorns** become roses, and
 Through love **vinegar** becomes sweet **wine**,
 Through love the **stake** becomes a **throne**,
 Through love **misfortune** becomes good fortune,
 Through love burning fire becomes **pleasing** light,
 Through love stone becomes soft as butter,
 Through love **grief** becomes a joy,
 Through love lions become harmless
 Through love **sickness** becomes health,
 Through love **wrath** seems to be a mercy,
 Through love the dead rise to life,
 Through love the king becomes a slave.

محبت سے کانٹے پھول بن جاتے ہیں،
 محبت سے سرکہ میٹھی شراب بن جاتا ہے
 محبت سے سولی تخت بن جاتا ہے
 محبت سے بد قسمتی خوش قسمتی بن جاتی ہے
 محبت سے دکھتی آگ گلزار بن جاتی ہے
 محبت سے پتھر مکھن کی طرح نرم بن جاتا ہے
 محبت سے دکھ خوشی بن جاتا ہے
 محبت سے شیر بے ضرر بن جاتے ہیں
 محبت سے بیماری صحت میں تبدیل ہو جاتی ہے
 محبت سے غصہ رحم بن جاتا ہے
 محبت سے مردہ زندہ ہو جاتے ہیں
 محبت سے بادشاہ غلام بن جاتا ہے

WORDS	URDU	SYNONYMS	WORDS	URDU	SYNONYMS
<u>grief</u>	غم	<u>sadness</u> , sorrow, pain, suffering	sickness	بیماری	illness, disease, ailment
<u>wrath</u>	طیش، تہر	<u>anger</u> , rage, fury	thorns	کانٹے	spikes, needles, hooks
<u>stake</u>	تختہ عدار	<u>death pier</u> , pole, post, death device	vinegar	سرکہ	sour liquid, acetic acid
wine	شراب	alcohol, liquor, beer	pleasing	خوشگوار	pleasant, lovely
throne	تاج و تخت	seat, chair, authority	misfortune	مصیبت	bad luck, disaster, calamity
mercy	رحم	kindness, pity, sympathy	fortune	خوش قسمتی	good luck, wealth, prosperity

EXPLANATION WITH REFERENCE TO THE CONTEXT**LINES 1-4**

*Through love thorns become roses, and
Through love vinegar becomes sweet wine,
Through love the stake becomes a throne,
Through love misfortune becomes good fortune,*

REFERENCE:

These lines have been taken from the poem “Love – an Essence of All Religions” by Jalaluddin Rumi.

CONTEXT:

Love has a magical power which can do wonders. It can change suffering into joy, burning fire into pleasing light, adversities into pleasures and thorns into roses. It is a miraculous passion that rules minds and conquers hearts.

EXPLANATION:

Jalaluddin Rumi describes the wonderful power of love. Love is a spiritual fire that can change the very nature of things. Thorns become roses through love. It means that adverse circumstances change into favourable circumstances. Harsh realities of life become bearable and the cruel world becomes kind and caring. Even a bitter liquid like vinegar becomes sweet wine due to sweetness of love. Describing the miraculous powers of love, the poet says that through love life threat changes into a blessing. Love can change bad luck into good luck.

LINES 5-8

*Through love burning fire becomes pleasing light,
Through love stone becomes soft as butter,
Through love grief becomes a joy,
Through love lions become harmless*

EXPLANATION:

The poet narrates the miraculous power of love that makes burning fire a pleasing light. He alludes to Hazrat Abraham (A.S) who was thrown into fire by Nimrod, but the fire became harmless. The poet emphasizes the amazing power of love that can change a stone-hearted person into a gentle and kind-hearted person. Love is a force that strengthens us to bear sorrows and sufferings of life bravely. Optimistic approach towards life makes it livable bearable and even enjoyable. Love has magical effect not only on human beings but also on fierce beasts. We can even tame wild beasts and fierce animals with the power of love.

LINES 9-12

*Through love sickness becomes health,
Through love wrath seems to be a mercy,
Through love the dead rise to life,
Through love the king becomes a slave.*

EXPLANATION:

Love is faith, hope and courage that make our life beautiful and graceful. The candle of love drives away the darkness of frustration, and sickness gives way to health. Love's healing power cures all physical and spiritual ailment. Love changes anger into mercy and kindness. Love has a magical and miraculous power that can do wonders. Love is optimism and optimism is life. Where there is love, there is life. Pessimism leads to depression and death. "Even the wisest among us bow under the heavy weight of love," Love enlightens and purifies our soul. Love makes even a king a servant to his subjects.

TEXTBOOK EXERCISE

- Q.1** What is the effect of love? OR (4 Times)
 Why does the poet consider love an essence of all religions? OR (2 Times)
 Why is love so important in human life? OR (1 Time)
 How does love affect our lives? OR (1 Time)
 Why does the poet put emphasis on love? OR (1 Time)
 Why does the poet lay emphasis on love? OR (1 Time)
 What message does the poem, "Love—an Essence of All Religions" convey to us?
 OR (1 Time)
 Give the theme of the poem "Love—an Essence of All Religions". (1 Time)

Love Can Do Wonder

Ans. Love has a magical power which can do wonders. It can change suffering into joy, burning fire into pleasing light, adversities into pleasures and thorns into roses. It is a miraculous passion that rules minds and conquers hearts. The effect of love is deep and wonderful.

- Q.2** Is life worth living without love? (2 Times)

Love Makes Life Worth Living

Ans. Life is not worth living without love. Life becomes unbearable, painful and disgraceful without love. It is love that makes life livable, beautiful and enjoyable. Love enlightens our mind and purifies our soul. It brings grace, beauty and charm to our dull, drab and dreary life.

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM PAST PAPERS

- Q.1** What does vinegar become through love? (1 Time)

Sweet Wine

Ans. Vinegar becomes sweet wine through love. The poet says that with the miraculous power of love, the bitter and harsh realities of life become bearable. Love brings grace, beauty and charm to our dull, drab and dreary life.

MORE SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS FOR PRACTICE

Q.1 What does the poet mean when he says, ‘Through love the dead rise to life’?

Dead Rise to Life

Ans. The poet seems to allude to the love of Christ who, in the name of his Lord, made the dead rise to life. The poet wants to say that love has a miraculous power that can turn the impossible into a possible thing.

Q.2 “Through love burning fire becomes pleasing light.” Comment.

Fire becomes Pleasing Light

Ans. The poet seems to allude to Hazrat Abraham who had unshakeable faith in and great love for God. He jumped into fire but his love for his Creator changed the burning fire into a pleasing light.

Q.3 What is meant by the line, “Through love stone becomes soft as butter”?

Stones Become Butter

Ans. Stone stands for hardness and rigidity of heart, or a troublesome situation which needs to be resolved. Stone loses its hardness only with the passion of love. Through love, a stonehearted person can become as soft as butter.

Q.4 What is your understanding of the line, ‘Through love sickness becomes health’?

Loves Healing Power

Ans. Love is the greatest force that can do wonders. Love has a great healing power, too. Love gives will-power and strength that can change sickness into health. Love’s healing power cures all physical and spiritual ailment.

Q.5 What is meant by “Through love the king becomes a slave”?

King Becomes Slave

Ans. A king’s wrath can yield to compassion if he has love and soft corner for his subjects. A king rules the hearts of people if he serves them loyally and sincerely. The spirit of love softens hearts and leads one to mercy and forgiveness.

MCS FOR PRACTICE

1. Through love _____ become roses.

(a) weeds

(c) stems

(b) thorns

(d) thrones

2. Through love, vinegar becomes _____

(a) pungent juice

(c) sour drink

(b) bitter fluid

(d) sweet wine

3. Through love the _____ becomes a throne.

(a) fire

(c) trunk

(b) stake

(d) boulder

4. Through love the _____ rise to life.
 (a) poor (c) weak
 (b) dead (d) sick
5. Who wrote the poem, 'Love – an Essence of All Religions.'
 (a) Jalaluddin Rumi (c) Sachal Sarmast
 (b) Bullah Shah (d) Allama Iqbal

ANSWER KEY

1.	B	2.	D	3.	B	4.	B	5.	A
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SYNONYMS FROM PAST PAPERS

1. Through love wrath seems to be a mercy. (2 Times)
 (a) smile (b) laugh (c) mock (d) anger
2. Through love grief becomes a joy. (1 Time)
 (a) loss (b) sadness (c) failure (d) success
3. Through love the stake becomes a throne. (1 Time)
 (a) bed (b) chair (c) thorn (d) death pier

ANSWER KEY

1.	D	2.	B	3.	D
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MORE SYNONYMS FOR PRACTICE

1. Through love thorns become roses.
 (a) spikes (c) stems
 (b) plants (d) blossoms
2. Through love the stake becomes a throne.
 (a) royal seat (c) misery
 (b) hell (d) misfortune
3. Through love lions become harmless.
 (a) mild (c) fierce
 (b) brutal (d) violent
4. Through love sickness becomes health.
 (a) flesh (c) remedy
 (b) health (d) illness
5. Through love wrath seems to be a mercy.
 (a) oppression (c) dizziness
 (b) brutality (d) kindness

ANSWER KEY

1.	A	2.	A	3.	A	4.	D	5.	D
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