

Poem
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Loveliest Of Trees, The Cherry Now

Text & Additional Questions Answers

1. What is the time of the year mentioned in the first stanza?

(Azk-G1)-16

نظم کے پہلے بند میں سال کے کونسے وقت کا ذکر کیا گیا ہے؟

s. The time mentioned in the first stanza of the poem is spring. In this time cherry trees are full of flowers and covered with snow.

نظم کے پہلے بند میں بہار کا تذکرہ کیا گیا ہے۔ اس وقت چیری درخت پھولوں اور برف سے ڈھکے ہوتے ہیں۔

2. How old is the poet at this time?

اس وقت شاعر کی عمر کتنی ہے؟

(Lhr-G2)-16

s. The poet is twenty years old as he says that the expected age of a man is about seventy years and twenty of them will never come again.

شاعر اس وقت 20 سال کا ہے اور ایک انسان کی متوقع عمر 70 سال ہوتی ہے جس میں سے گزرے ہوئے 20 سال دوبارہ کبھی نہیں آئیں

What does the poet say in the last stanza?

شاعر آخری بند میں کیا کہتا ہے؟

(Shw-G1)-16

The poet is captivated with the beauty of the cherry trees. He wishes to have a longer life and enjoy the beauty of bloomed cherry trees.

شاعر چیری کے درختوں کی خوبصورتی سے مسحور ہے۔ وہ ایک طویل زندگی کی خواہش کرتا ہے اور چیری کے درختوں کی خوبصورتی سے لطف اندوز ہونے کی خواہش کرتا ہے۔

What is the theme of the poem?

نظم کا مرکزی خیال کیا ہے؟

The theme of the poem is that man should have time to look at the beauties of nature. He should go out to enjoy the beauty of nature. اس نظم کا مرکزی خیال یہ ہے کہ انسان کے پاس قدرت کی خوبصورتی کو دیکھنے کیلئے وقت ہونا چاہیے۔ اسے قدرت کی خوبصورتی سے لطف اندوز ہونا چاہیے۔

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Text Book Exercise

Choose the correct answer.

Cherry is the loveliest in

a) winter b) spring

c) summer

d) autumn

Easter is a festival of

a) Christians b) Muslims

c) Hindus

d) Sikhs

Cherry is dressed in

a) pink b) red

c) yellow

d) white

Three score years and ten are

a) forty years b) fifty years

c) sixty years

d) seventy years

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v. How many years of poet's life would not come again?

- a) ten b) *twenty* c) thirty d) forty

vi Cherry glorifies

- a) life b) mind and thought c) the city d) *the environment*

2. Mark the statements true or false.

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| i. | Cherry is a flower and not a fruit. | False |
| ii. | Cherry is the loveliest in the Autumn. | False |
| iii. | The colour of the flower of cherry is blue. | False |
| iv. | Seventy years are sufficient to cherish the beauty of cherry tree. | False |
| v. | The cherry blooms in winter. | True |
| vi. | Cherry stands about the woodland ride. | True |
| vii. | Cherry adds to the glory of Easter. | True |
| viii. | "To see the cherry hung with snow" is not worth seeing. | False |
| ix. | The cherry turns woodland a haunted land. | False |
| x. | The cherry is a feast for eyes. | True |

3. Add two more rhyming words in each line.

1. cherry, _____, _____ (Merry, Ferry)
2. hung, _____, _____ (Sung, Dung)
3. springs, _____, _____ (Bring, String)

4. Explain the first stanza with reference to context.

Ans. Reference:

These lines have been taken from the poem "Loveliest of trees, the cherry now" written by A.E Houseman.

Context:

The poet emphasizes on enjoying the natural beauty of cherry trees. According to the poet, even seventy years of life are not enough to enjoy the beauty of cherry trees. He has expressed his deep love for nature in a simple but captivating manner. The cherry trees are a resource of fascination and inspiration for the poet.

Explanation:

The poet is spell-bound by the beauty of cherry trees which are in full swing and their branches are loaded with flowers. They are covered with snow and standing about the woodland ride. The poet symbolizes the white blossoming of cherry trees with "Easter". It seems as if they have worn this white dress to celebrate Easter. The language of the poem is simple and attractive.

5. **What time of the year is mentioned in the first stanza?**

Ans: The time mentioned in the first stanza of the poem is spring. In this time cherry trees are full of flowers and covered with snow.

6. **Read the second stanza carefully and write how old is the poet?**

Ans: The poet is twenty years old as he says that the expected age of a man is about seventy years and twenty of them will never come again.

7. **What is the poet trying to say in the last stanza of the poem?**

Ans: Explanation:

In these lines, the poet is worried how to enjoy the beauty of nature in this short period of life. Even fifty springs cannot satiate his romantic and aesthetic desires for cherry trees. So, he decides to go to see the cherry tree hung with snow. There is a slight hint of poet's escapism from harsh realities of life. We find a rhyme scheme of 'bloom, room' and 'go, snow' which gives a musical touch in the poem.

