INDIAN SCHOOL NIZWA - WORKSHEET

ENGLISH
A THING OF BEAUTY

Name: _____ Date:_____ Class: XII Sec: ___

Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.

1 *And such too is the grandeur of the dooms*
We have imagined for the mighty dead;
All lovely tales that we have heard or read;
An endless fountain of immortal drink,
Pouring unto us from heaven's brink

1 What is the thing of beauty mentioned in these lines?
2 What image does the poet use in these lines?
3 What is the effect of this 'immortal drink' on us?

II *Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth*
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,
Of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways
Made for our searching: yes in spite of all,
Some shape of beauty moves away the pall
From our dark spirits.

1 Why are we despondent?
2 What removes "the pall from our dark spirits"?
3 Explain, "the inhuman dearth of noble natures."

III *Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing*
A flowery band to bind us to the Earth,
Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,
Of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways
Made for our searching

1 What are the flowery bands that bind us to the Earth?
2 What message do the above lines convey?
3 Why is there an "inhuman dearth of noble natures"?
4 What do you understand by "unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways"?

SHORT QUESTIONS

1 What spreads the pall of despondence over our dark spirits? How is it removed?
2 How is a thing of beauty a joy forever?
3 Why is 'grandeur' associated with the mighty dead?
4 What is the 'endless fountain' and what is its effect?