Romeo and Juliet questions and answer

**I. Answer the following questions in a word, a phrase or a sentence each: -**

1. When according to Juliet would Romeo make the face of heaven so fine?

Ans: - Romeo would become star.

2. What does Juliet want Romeo to be after her death?

Ans: - To be a star.

3. Whom does the phrase ‘Snowy Dove’ refer to?

Ans: - Juliet

4. Whom does Romeo address as ‘Yonder Lady’?

Ans: - Juliet

5. Why does Romeo intend to touch Juliet?

Ans: - Romeo’s rude hand is blessed.

6. What does Romeo compare Juliet to?

Ans: - Snowy Dove

7. Whom does Romeo call ‘Crows’?

Ans: - The Women on the dance floor.

8. What does the phrase, ‘Face of Heaven’ signify in the extract from the play ‘Romeo and Juliet’?

Ans: - It signifies the brightness and beauty as reflected in the moon.

9. What does the phrase? ‘New Snow’ suggest in ‘Romeo and Juliet’?

Ans: - Romeo

10. What does Juliet ask the loving, Black browed night?

Ans: - To bring her Romeo to her.

11. Who in ‘Romeo and Juliet’ is compared to a ‘Rich Jewel’ in an Ethiope’s ear?

Ans: - Juliet

12. What according to Romeo does Juliet teach to burn bright?

Ans: - The Torches.

13. Who according to Romeo teach the torches to burn bright?

Ans: - Juliet

14. Who according to Romeo seems to hang upon the cheek of night?

Ans: - Juliet

15. Whose beauty according to Romeo is too rich to use?

Ans: - Juliet

16. When according to Romeo would his hand be blessed?

Ans: - When Romeo touches Juliet’s hand.

17. Whose rude hand would be made blessed by touching Juliet’s hand?

Ans: - Romeo

18. What according to Romeo was not seen by him until he saw Juliet?

Ans: - Romeo never saw true beauty till that night.

19. Who are compared to Crows by Romeo?

Ans: - The Women on the dance floor.

20. Whom does Juliet teach to burn bright?

Ans: - The Torches.

21. What does Romeo want to watch of Juliet?

Ans: - The place where Juliet stood.

22. How is the hand of Romeo described?

Ans: - Rude.

23. Who will lie upon the wings of night?

Ans: - Romeo.

24. How does Juliet describe Romeo?

Ans: - As Whiter then snow on a Raven’s Black.

25. Why will the whole world fall in love with the night?

Ans: - Romeo would be present in the form of stars and would make the face of heaven look fine.

26. Whom will people ignore looking at the beauty of the night?

Ans: - The Sun.

27. Whom does Romeo compare the other women in the hall to?

Ans: - Crows

28. What does Romeo asks himself after he sees Juliet?

Ans: - ‘Did my heart love till now’

29. How does Juliet describe Romeo?

Ans: - Snow on Raven’s back.

30. Whom does Juliet not want the world to worship?

Ans: - The Garish Sun.

31. When according to Juliet would all the world be in love with the night? March - 2015

Ans: - When Romeo is cut into stars after his death and make the face of heaven fine.

32. Who, according to Juliet, is whiter than new snow? March - 2016

Ans: - Romeo

33. Who looks as a Snowy Dove to Romeo? March - 2018

Ans: - Juliet

**II. Answer the following questions in a paragraph of 80 – 100 words each: -**

1. How does Romeo describe Juliet’s beauty?

Or

How does Romeo Glorify Juliet’s flawless beauty?

Or

What similes does Romeo use to convey Juliet’s beauty?

Or

How does Romeo mesmerized by the eternal beauty of Juliet? March – 2015

Or

Why does Romeo say he never saw true beauty till that night? Explain. March - 2016

Ans: - Romeo happens to see Juliet for the first time at the grand supper hosted by Lord Capulet, Juliet’s father. Though Romeo belongs to the Montague family and they are devoted enemies, he is strangely attracted towards Juliet. Romeo is fascinated by Juliet’s beauty. Romeo feels that Juliet can teach the torches to burn bright. Juliet’s charms more than the brightness of light. Juliet’s beauty seems to be too rare and splendid that seems to hang upon cheek of night as rich jewel in an Ethiope’s ear. Juliet’s beauty is too rich for use; too dear for earth. Juliet appears to Romeo a white snowy dove and her companions appear to be crows. Romeo wants to touch her hands and get his rude hands blessed by her soft and gentle touch. Romeo asks himself whether his heart ever loved before this moment as he never saw such true beauty.

2. How does Juliet express her love for Romeo?

Or

How according to Juliet, would Romeo become immortalized to the world?

Or

How does Juliet draw attention towards ‘Gentle Night’ and ‘Garish Sun’ in ‘Romeo and Juliet’?

Or

Comment on the imagery of ‘Night – day’, ‘Black – White’ in the poem ‘Romeo and Juliet’?

Or

Juliet’s love was more intense than Romeo’s. Justify with reference to the imaginary and similes used in the extract?

Ans: - Juliet asks the night to bring with it her Romeo. Romeo is a bright and a cheerful person. Juliet says that Romeo looks bright like the new snow present on the Raven’s back. Juliet makes it very clear that she doesn’t want to give up Romeo even after her death. Juliet tells the night that after she dies, take her Romeo and turn him into little stars. According to her, if Romeo is turned into stars, then the night will be so beautiful and bright that the entire world will fall in love with the night and no one will look at the garish sun considering it to be harsh and glaring and start liking the night sky. This way Romeo always lives and he will be immortalized. Furthermore, ‘When I shall die’ and ‘Cut him out in little stars’, and ‘Heaven’ is expression that clearly refers to death and immortality.

**III. Answer the following questions in about 200 words: -**

1. How is the intensity of love between Romeo and Juliet brought out in the poem ‘Romeo and Juliet’?

Or

Between Romeo and Juliet whose love do you think is more passionate and intense? Why?

Or

Whose love, do you think, is more passionate and intense in ‘Romeo and Juliet’? Explain. March - 2017

Or

How did Romeo and Juliet express their romantic love feelings to each other in the poem ‘Romeo and Juliet?’

March – 2018

Ans: - Romeo and Juliet express their passionate love each other very effectively. Romeo feels surprised and glorifies his love, Juliet’s beauty to the essential as she looks beyond his imagination. He feels that her beauty betters the brightness of colorful lights in that dark night. Through the simile, he compares Juliet’s matchless beauty to a rich jewel in a black Ethiopia’s ear and she seems shining in the dark cheek of night. Romeo is truly fascinated by her rare beauty and decides to watch her place of stand on the dance floor which seems sacred spot after the dance. Though he is a handsome prince himself, he feels his rude hand to be blessed by touching her smooth and shiny hands. Finally, he self-introspects himself by asking whether his heart loved anybody before and clarifies that this is his first true love with Juliet. This is how; Romeo brightly glorifies Juliet’s perfect beauty in his speech.

Juliet also equally feels a wonderful birth of love for Romeo, a man from the enemy family. She invites both the night and her love, Romeo to come to her as soon as possible. She longs for the gentle night to fall. In Juliet’s imagination, Romeo seems as a bright day, though it is dark night. She believes that he brightens her life. He looks whiter than the new snow on a Raven’s back which is compared to the night and glows by surpassing the dark night.

She thinks that he definitely comes in the night to see her as he cannot see her during day. She wishes to make her Romeo an immortal being by requesting the night to take him and cut him out in little stars in the sky after her death, so that he will make the face of heaven so fine. She convinces the night that Romeo replaces the garish sun by glowing in the night, and then people stop to fear for night. She feels that people fall in love with night and forget to worship the sun in the whole world. In this way, Juliet expresses her implicit feelings towards Romeo and

**Comprehension I**

**1. The phrase ‘teach the torches to burn bright’ suggests:**

**a) Juliet’s glow is brighter than the light of the torch.**

**b) her beauty is capable of enabling the torches to burn bright.**

**c) her beauty surpasses the brightness of light.**

Ans: (c) her beauty surpasses the brightness of light

**2. ‘for earth too dear’ this phrase suggests that the lady’s beauty is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**a) divine**

**b) rare**

**c) expensive**

Ans: a) Divine

**3. ‘the measure done’, connotes the completion of**

**a) Romeo’s admiration of Juliet’s beauty.**

**b) dance organized by Lord Capulet.**

**c) glorification of Juliet’s charm.**

Ans: (c) glorification of Juliet’s charm

**4. The line, ‘did my heart love till now?’ suggests**

**a) Romeo feels he has fallen in love.**

**b) Romeo has been attracted before.**

**c) Romeo feels this is true love.**

Ans: (b) Romeo has been attracted before

**5. The phrase ‘new snow’ suggests**

**a) love as pure as snow.**

**b) description of Romeo’s charm.**

**c) Juliet’s discrete love for Romeo.**

Ans: (b) description of Romeo’s charm

**6. What do you think the phrase; ‘face of heaven’ signifies?**

Ans: The ‘face of heaven’ signifies a constellation in the poem.

**Comprehension-III**

1. **Comment on the imagery of night- day black-white in the poem. What purpose do they serve in highlighting the intensity of love?**

William Shaskspear is a pre eminent dramatist. Juliet’s’ beauty burns so bright that it rivals the stars and even burning fire. Romeo is truly star struck. He makes comparisons to demonstrate Juliet’s true beauty. He contrasts Juliet against her family calling her a snowy dove which represent pure white also bright symbol of love and hope against family of crows. He uses to explain their criminality and darkness against the light is referred to Juliet. The snowy dove is symbol of innocence and purity. He also describes Juliet has been like a sun brighter than torches. A jewel sparking in the night and bright angle among dark clouds. Juliet uses the phrase “day in night” and whiter than new snow on a Raven’s back. She describes Romeo as day in night and whiter than snow upon a Raven’s back this contrast of light and dark can be expanded as symbols contrasting love and hate, youth and age in a metaphoric way. Come gentle night come loving dark night “when I shall die” haven and “cut him in little stars” saying so Juliet requests to give her a Romeo. If she dies she begs to fate to turn him into stars and form a constellation in his image his face will make haven so beautiful that world will fall in love with the night and forget the garish sun. One of the play’s most consistence visual motifs is the contrast between light and dark often in terms of night and day imagery. This contrast is not given a particular metaphoric meaning light is not always good and dark is not always evil. On the contrary light and dark are generally used to provide a sensory contrast and to hint at opposed alternatives. The theme of light is symbolic of the natural beauty of young love. Romeo and Juliet see each other as light in surrounding darkness.

Romeo and Juliet’s love is the light in the midst of darkness of the hate around them but all of their activity together is done in night and darkness. This paradox of imagery adds atmosphere to the moral dilemma facing the two lovers. Loyalty to family or loyalty to love thus the imagery of night and day, black and white depicts intensity of their love.

1. **Whose love does think is more passionate and intense in Romeo and Juliet. Explain**

Romeo’s words are attired when he has the first glimpse of Juliet. He had originally come to see his lady love, Rosaline understandably he is awestruck by Juliet’s beauty and goes on praising only that. Romeo praises Juliet beauty with many similes. He compares her beauty to rich jewel in an ethiop’s ear. Her beauty is too rich for use and expensive on the earth. Then he compares her as a white as snowy dove which differs from the crows. In the opening line he exaggerates that Juliet’s beauty surpasses the brightness of light. Romeo does feel that he has experienced true love that night since he is coming across true beauty for the first time and all his earlier interest were superficial and not true at all. He aspires to only touch her hand and feel blessed.

Joliet’s lines come later in the play, both were met admired each other and have begun to love each other passionately. They get married secretly and Juliet waits the next day for her meeting with Romeo. The passage of time between the ball (party) and moment of Juliet waiting has made her feelings more intense and passionate. Besides they have become aware that they belong to rival families and have got married secretly. These facts heighten her emotions there is also a sense of foreboding that they might not be able to live together for a long time given the bitter rivalry between their families. Hence there is a note of urgency in her invocation tonight she urges the night to appear soon, bringing her “day in night” Romeo on its wings. She lovingly asks to night to deliver Romeo to her and takes it for granted that he will be with her through her life because she immediately refers to a time after her death. She asks the night to cut him up into little stars that adorn the night sky and make it so beautiful that people will forget the sun a worship only night. She loves him so much that she wants the whole world too love him in similar manner. Where as in Romeos speech there is just a desire to touch Juliet’s hand and feel blessed. Juliet’s speech there is desire to make her lover immortal so that he is worshiped by everyone as he is by her. Juliet’s love is more passionate and intense.