

Ch: A Psalm of Life + Sunnet 14

Q.1 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

- (1) Life is real ! Life is earnest !
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.
- (a) Which line from the above stanza contains an allusion to the Bible? [01]
- (b) Explain clearly what returns to the dust and what doesn't return to the dust. [03]
- (c) Pick one example of parallelism and personification from the poem. [02]
- (d) What is meant by "And the grave is not its goal"? What is the poet conveying? [03]
- (2) Lives of great men all remind us we can make our lives sublime, And, departing, leave behind us footprints on the sands of time.
- (a) What do the lives of great men each us? [02]
- (b) What is meant by "Footprints on the sands of time"? How can we benefit from the footprints on the sands? [03]
- (c) Give the meaning of :
"Let the dead past bury its dead!" [01]
- (3) If thou must love me, Let it be for nought Except for loves sake only. Do not say I love her for her smile... her look... her way of speaking gently, ... for a trick of thought.
- (a) What does the speaker mean by saying "Let it be for nought"? What are the things she does not want to be loved for? [04]
- (b) Give an example of "cumulative listing" in the above extract. [02]
- (4) But love me for love's sake, that evermore Thou mayst love on, through love's eternity.
- (a) Why does poet want to be loved in a particular way? [03]
- (b) State what you like in the poem. Give reasons for your opinion. [03]
- (c) How does the poem show the demand of equal status by a women? [02]
- (d) "Thine own dear pity's weping my cheeks dry". Identify and explain the figure of speech in the above mentioned line. [01]

Best of Luck