

V-076

STARCEMENT  
Solid Setting

Q:- Write about the idea of immortality in Sonnet 18 of William Shakespeare.

Ans:- The poet begins the sonnet with an interrogation ('Shall I compare thee to a summer day'). He comes to a conclusion that the beauty of his friend is better than a summer's day. The poet knows that summer is a season of growth, loveliness, fertility and flowers, but it will not last forever because the nature will destroy them with passing of the time. So, he wants to immortalize his friend's beauty. He says

"But thy eternal summer shall not fade"  
The beauty of summer decreases; in all probability this appears to be either a matter of chance or nature's neglect, that 'Nature' doesn't quite maintain summer's beauty. But his friend will retain his eternal summer through these eternal lines of poetry. With the passing of time his friend's beauty will only grow through his poetry, rather than vanish in the shadow of death.

"So long as men - - - - - life to thee".



## The Proposal (MCQ)

1. According to Lomov, Natalya is

- a) an inexperienced housekeeper
- b) an excellent housekeeper (✓)
- c) not interested in housekeeping
- d) interested to learn about housekeeping

2. Chubukov doubts that Lomov has come to

- a) borrow seeds
- b) borrow threshing-
- c) borrow money (✓)
- d) buy a dog machine

3. Lomov suffers from

- a. tuberculosis
- b. arthritis
- c. obsessive compulsive disorder
- d. palpitations (✓)

4. The day when Lomov meets Natalya, the weather is

- a. gloomy
- b. wet
- c. cloudy
- d. splendid (✓)

5. Lomov inherited his land from his

- a. father
- b. aunt and her husband (✓)
- c. father-in-law
- d. step father



6. Natalya calls Lomov's aunt

a. an intriguer  
 b. hump-backed  
 c. lame footed  
 d. a blackbiter (✓)

7. In the heated argument over ownership all three characters behave

a. with grace and decorum  
 b. without maturity (✓)  
 c. with reason and civility  
 d. without malice and spite

8. The expression 'give it to them in the neck' means

a. a lot is to be given  
 b. attack them in the neck  
 c. break their neck  
 d. to drive them out (✓)

9. The word 'precious' means

a. normal  
 b. dear (✓)  
 c. lovely  
 d. effective

10. Chubukov is a

a. merchant  
 b. landowner (✓)  
 c. physician  
 d. lawyer



## SONNET 18 (MCA)

1. The form of Sonnet 18 is

- a. Elizabethan                      b. Shakespearean (✓)  
c. Spenserian                        d. Petrarchan

2. The poet starts with

- a. an exclamation                  b. an emphatic statement  
c. a question (✓)                    d. a remark

3. The poet states that summer is

- a. not eternal (✓)                  b. hot and humid  
c. eternal                              d. constant

4. The eye of heaven refers to

- a. the sun (✓)                        b. the clouds  
c. the poet                              d. the young man

5. Death is personified here as

- a. proud and boastful              b. gentle and humble  
c. angry and cruel                    d. shy and timid

6. Death has no control over

- a. the young person                b. the poet  
c. beauty                                d. poetry (✓)



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7. 'Rough winds' Here  
the word 'rough' means

- a. violent or harsh (✓)
- b. hard
- c. uneven
- d. duration

8. 'And often dimmed' The word 'complexion' means

- a. aspect
- b. character
- c. nature
- d. colour (✓)

9. The word 'ow'st' means

- a. own or belong (✓)
- b. win
- c. grow
- d. lose

10. 'When in eternal thou grows't' The word 'thou' means

- a. though
- b. your
- c. you (✓)
- d. tough