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A flowery band to bind us to the earth,
 Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth
 Of noble natures, of the gloomy days..."

1. What does "flowery band" symbolise here?

{flowery band symbolizes connection with life and nature; bond with earth; link to beauty}

2. What is the "inhuman dearth of noble natures" according to Keats?

{shortage of good people; lack of noble souls in society}

3. How does this extract reflect the main theme of the poem?

{beauty gives joy; beauty binds us to life; beauty helps overcome gloom}

Section B – Short Answer (30–40 words)

1. How does beauty help us in times of gloom?

{beauty lifts our spirit; beauty removes sadness; gives hope and peace}

2. Why does Keats mention things like "gloomy days" in a poem about beauty?

