

CHAPTER 9 VASANT PANCHAMI

True/False Questions

1. Kite flying is mentioned as a main activity of Vasant Panchami. (True / False)
2. The speaker in the poem welcomes the songs of the Koels and dhadikulas. (True / False)
3. The poem references "ivory curds" as part of the festive offerings. (True / False)
4. The speaker compares their heart to "fallen flower and faded leaf." (True / False)
5. Sarojini Naidu describes her life as "joyous" in the poem. (True / False)

Fill in the Blanks

1. "O lifting _____, hush your rapturous notes."
2. "Wild bees to your _____ festival."
3. "Ye brides who streamward bear on jewelled feet, / Your gifts of silver lamps and _____ wheat."
4. "My heart has grown, plucked by the wind of _____."
5. "Akin to every lone and _____ thing / That hath forgone the kisses of the spring."

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the central theme of the poem?
 - a) Celebration of spring
 - b) Contrast between joy and personal sorrow

c) Description of Indian festivals

d) Praise of nature's beauty

2. Which flower is described as "crimson Gul mohafs"?

a) Rose

b) Champa

c) Gulmohar

d) Lotus

3. What do the brides carry in the poem?

a) Silver lamps and new-blown wheat

b) Plantain blossom and pomegranate

c) Sandal-soil and rose wreaths

d) Ivory curds and corn

4. The speaker compares their life to:

a) A blooming flower

b) Sorrow-trodden grass

c) A joyful song

d) A fragrant altar fire

5. What literary device is used in "Your songs are poisoned arrows in my breast"?

- a) Simile
- b) Metaphor
- c) Personification
- d) Alliteration

6. Which tree is addressed as "dear Sirisha trees"?

- a) Banyan
- b) Neem
- c) Sirisha (Albizia)
- d) Peepal

7. What does the speaker ask the girls to dim?

- a) Their jewelry
- b) Their voices when singing
- c) Their silver lamps
- d) Their altar fires

8. The phrase "fragrant altar fires" is associated with:

- a) Kite flying

- b) Happy women's desires
- c) Nesting birds
- d) Fallen leaves

9. The poem ends with the speaker feeling:

- a) Rejuvenated by spring
- b) Connected to festive rituals
- c) Isolated and withered
- d) Angry at nature

10. Who is the poet of this poem?

- a) Rabindranath Tagore
- b) Sarojini Naidu
- c) Kamala Das
- d) Toru Dutt