

TOPIC: *LEISURE BY WILLIAM H. DAVIES*

Q. Write down the meanings of the following words:

- a) **bough:** a branch
- b) **broad:** full; open
- c) **care:** a worry, something that takes all our attention and causes us to worry.
- d) **enrich:** to make rich; to improve the quality of something
- e) **glance:** a quick look
- f) **stare:** to look directly at something for a long time

1. Answer the following questions.

a. What is the meaning of the word ‘leisure’?

Answer: ‘Leisure’ means free time that is spent doing what we enjoy when we are not working or studying. It drives us pleasure, relaxation, and other emotional satisfaction.

b. What do you think the following phrases mean?

- i. **full of care**
- ii. **streams full of stars**
- iii. **broad daylight**

- i. **Answer:** The phrase ‘full of care’ means life is full of worries and anxiety.
- ii. **Answer:** The phrase ‘streams full of stars’ means with the sunshine the water of the streams reflects and shines like that of the bright star of the night skies. It can also refer to the underneath pebbles of the transparent water of the stream which looks like the bright star of the night skies.
- iii. **Answer:** The phrase ‘broad daylight’ means the shining of the sun with dazzling effect.

c. Which stanza do you think is the most important?

Answer: The last stanza is the most important because it highlights the exact pathetic situation of our life. Our life is indeed a 'poor life' because it is full of worries and troubles and we have no time to relax, enjoy and appreciate the beauties of nature around us. We always run to fulfil our materialistic desires and have no peace in our mind.

d. Which stanza do you like the best? Why?

Answer: The first stanza is the best because it gives us a self-realization that we are living a life which has no meaning. It is full of worries and anxiety. We have no time to stand and look at the beauties of nature and enjoy them at our own will.

e. In the fifth stanza, Beauty is mentioned with a capital B. Beauty is treated like a person. What does Beauty do like a person?

Answer: Beauty gives a beautiful glance, dances rhythmically with her enchanting feet and smiles that begins from her eyes and spreads to her lips.

2. Answer the questions about these lines from the poem.

**'No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.'**

a. Who or what is 'her' in these lines?

Answer: In the above extracted line Beauty is referred to as 'her'. In these lines Beauty has been personified that is human qualities have been attributed to the beauties of nature.

b. What should there be time for?

Answer: There should be time to stand, look and appreciate the beauties of nature that exists all around us.

c. What does the word 'enrich' mean?

Answer: The word 'enrich' means to intensify or improve the quality of something.
