

How about the perfect life?

THE PERFECT LIFE

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It is not growing like a tree
In **bulk**, **doth make** Man better be,
Or standing as an oak, three hundred years,
To fall a **log** at last, dry, **bald** and **sere**;

A lily of a day
Is fairer far in May,
Although it fall and die that night-
It was the plant and flower of light.
In small proportion we just beauties see,
And in short **measures** life may perfect be.

-Benjamin Jonson



Moral of the Poem

Life is short but should be perfect. Long life without use is worth less. Short but useful life is perfect.

OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTION

A. Answer the following questions :

1. Why is the word 'Man' spelt with a capital 'M' in the second line?

Keywords

• bulk : size • doth make : makes • log : a heavy piece of wood • bald : hairless head, here it means without leaves • sere : dry • measures : span.



2. What does the poet say about an Oak tree?
3. Why is lily called 'a flower of light'?
4. Why does the poet prefer the lily to the Oak?
5. How can life be made perfect in short measures?
6. 'Quality is better than quantity.' Justify the statement.

Language Master

Change the following sentences into negative.

Example :

My brother is an engineer.

My brother is not an engineer.

1. He plays cricket. _____
2. Mr. Verma looks sad. _____
3. I do my homework regularly. _____
4. He killed a goat. _____
5. She wept. _____

Be Wordy

Given below are the words that describe the feelings of the person concerned in a given situation. The words are jumbled up. Unscramble the words and choose the best word in each case.

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1. You are a wildlife enthusiast and you visited a wildlife sanctuary but didn't see a single wild animal. _____
2. An environmentalist visited the Gir Park and saw a pride of lions, lionesses and cubs. _____
3. You have been chosen as the head girl/boy of the school. _____
4. You are the first speaker in an Inter-School Debate competition. _____
5. You are chatting with your friends during the recess. _____

Creative Master

Can you tell one another the name of the plants that you know. Discuss all the useful things plants give us.