

**GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE, PRAYAGRAJ**  
**SESSION: 2020-2021**  
**CLASS: 9 A, B, C, D, E**  
**WORKSHEET NO. 4**  
**SUBJECT: ENGLISH LITERATURE**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Parents are requested to ensure that the student spends two days to read and understand the poem and thereafter answer the given questions.

1. Treasure Trove - A Collection of ICSE Poems and Short Stories for classes 9 &10.
2. Workbook Treasure Trove A Collection of ICSE Poems by Selina.
3. Workbook Treasure Trove Volume – II ; Poems ICSE by Xavier Pinto

**POEM: THE BANGLE SELLERS- SAROJINI NAIDU**

**Q1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

Bangle sellers are we who bear  
Our shining loads to the temple fair...  
Who will buy these delicate, bright  
Rainbow-tinted circles of light?  
Lustrous tokens of radiant lives,  
For happy daughters and happy wives.

- a) What does the poet refer to as 'shining loads'? Where are they taking them to?
- b) What are 'circles of light'? Why are they called so?
- c) What does the poet mean by 'lustrous tokens'?
- d) For whom does the bangle seller bring the shining loads in the above lines? What words does the poet use to describe the shining loads?

**Q2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

Some are meet for a maiden's wrist,  
Silver and blue as the mountain mist,  
Some are flushed like the buds that dream  
On the tranquil brow of a woodland stream,  
Some are aglow with the bloom that cleaves  
To the limpid glory of new born leaves.

- a) What colour bangles are fit for a maiden's wrist? What are the colours compared to?
- b) How does the poet describe 'some' in the third line?
- c) What does the poet mean by 'tranquil brow'? For what is it used?
- d) What does the poet mean by 'limpid glory'? Whose glory is it referring to?

**Q3. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow:**

Some are like fields of sunlit corn,  
Meet for a bride on her bridal morn,  
Some, like the flame of her marriage fire,  
Or, rich with the hue of her heart's desire,  
Tinkling, luminous, tender and clear,  
Like her bridal laughter and bridal tear.

- a) What are the bangles compared to in the first line? For whom are they fit?
- b) What colour of the bangles is mentioned in the third line? Explain it.
- c) What does the poet mean by 'hue of heart's desire'?
- d) Write the four adjectives that the poet uses to describe the bangles?

**THE END**