

## NCERT Solutions

### Class 11 English

#### Chapter 2 - Let Me Not to the Marriage of True Minds

##### Short Answer Questions:

1. Name the poem and the poet.
2. What is the poem based on?
3. According to the poet, what is marriage's most important key element?
4. "Let me not to the marriage of true minds" is which sonnet of Shakespeare?
5. According to the poem, what does marriage without love admit?
6. How does love 'bend'?
7. According to the poet, "love's not" whose "fool"?
8. In Sonnet 116, what does Shakespeare compare love to?
9. What does the "ever-fixed mark" symbolize in the poem?
10. Find the synonym of the word 'changes' from the poem.
11. Write the rhyming scheme of the poem.
12. Find the word which means the same as "difficulties" from the poem.
13. Which poetic device is used in the line "which alters when its alteration finds"?
14. With what does Shakespeare compare true love?
15. What type of poem is "let me not to the marriage of true minds"?
16. What does the phrase "rosy lips and cheeks" suggest?
17. "That looks on tempests and is never shaken" what is never shaken according to the poet in this line?

18. Which figure of speech is used in the line, "It is a star to every wandering bark"?
19. Which figure of speech is used in the line, "Love's not time's fool"?
20. What is the antecedent of 'his' in the line "within his bending sickle's compass come"?
21. "Admit impediments" what do these words mean in the poem?
22. "Whose worth's unknown, although his heights be taken" what is referred to as "whose" in this line of the poem?

### Long Answer Questions:

1. "Love's not time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks" what do rosy lips and cheeks symbolize in this line?
2. Does love change because of outer beauty for someone? What do you think?
3. "Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks". Explain this line.
4. "If this be an error, and upon me proved. I never writ, nor no man ever loved" what does the poet claim in this line?
5. How does the poet compare love with the star in the line "it is the star to every wandering bark"?
6. What does "edge of doom" suggest in the poem? How is it related to love?
7. Write the summary of the poem.
8. What are the characteristics of love according to the poet?

### Answers:

#### Short Answer Questions:

1. The name of the poem is "Let me not to the Marriage of True Minds" and the name of the poet is William Shakespeare.
2. The poem is based on True Love.

3. According to the poet, love is marriage's most important key element.
4. "Let me not to the marriage of true minds" is Sonnet 116 written by Shakespeare.
5. According to the poem, a marriage without love admits Impediments which means no benefits.
6. Love never bends in any condition.
7. According to the poet, "love's not" time's "fool" as it is not based on any particular time period.
8. In Sonnet 116 Shakespeare compares love to an ever-fixed mark that looks on tempests and is never shaken, a star to every wandering bark.
9. "Ever-fixed mark" symbolizes true love in the poem.
10. The synonym of the word 'changes' is 'alters'.
11. The rhyming scheme of the poem is Abab cdcd efef gg.
12. 'Impediment' is a word that means the same as "difficulties" from the poem.
13. Repetition is used in the line "which alters when its alteration finds".
14. Shakespeare compares true love with the guiding star which is the pole star.
15. "Let me not to the marriage of true minds" is a sonnet.
16. The phrase "rosy lips and cheeks" suggests the outer or the physical beauty of a person which fades with the passage of time.
17. According to the poet, love is the thing that is never shaken as it remains constant in all situations.
18. Metaphor is the figure of speech that has been used in the line, "It is a star to every wandering bark".
19. Personification is the figure of speech used in the line, "Love's not time's fool".
20. Time is the antecedent of 'his' in the line "within his bending sickle's compass come"

21. The word 'Admit' means accept and the word 'impediments' means problems.
22. Love is referred to as the word "whose" in the given line of the poem as love's worth cannot be found.

### Long Answer Questions:

1. "Love's not time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks". Rosy lips and cheeks symbolize the outer or physical beauty of a person. According to the poet, love is not based on the outer personality as the outer beauty of a person fades with the passage of time. Whereas, love isn't based on time and stays forever.
2. Love isn't based on time duration. Love is the purest and is based on the heart and nature of a person. Love is not based on the outer as the outer beauty of a person fades with the passage of time. Also, love isn't based on time and stays forever. Love is like a pole star and stays in the same direction. The beauty of a person fades with time but the love of a person stays pure forever.
3. "Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks". The poet states that love isn't based on time duration. Love stays in its purest form forever. Love can be at any age, be it young age, middle age, or old age. There are no boundaries of time in love. Love isn't based on time and stays forever. Love is like a pole star and stays in the same direction.
4. "If this be an error, and upon me proved. I never writ, nor no man ever loved". The poet claims that he will stop writing if he is proved wrong about anything said by him in each line of the poem. He believes that every line of the poem is correct and is truly based on love which is in the purest form. The poet also believes that if anyone doesn't feel the same about love then he/she might not have ever fallen in love. The poet ends the poem with this line.
5. The poet compares love with the pole star in this line. Because love is like a pole star that shows the direction of wandering ships. The star – a north star that never changes its direction. It is metaphorically compared. Love guides those people who are also lost in different directions and wandering around.

6. “Edge of doom” means the end, that is death. Love is related to death as the poet believes that love is the purest form and stays till the end as love isn’t based on any time duration. Love stays in its purest form forever. Love can be at any age, be it young age, middle age, or old age. There are no boundaries of time in love. Love isn’t based on time and stays forever. Love can never bend and it stays even when the person dies.
7. The poet ends the poem with the line, "If this be an error, and upon me proved. I never writ, nor no man ever loved". The poet claims that he will stop writing if he is proved wrong about anything said by him in each line of the poem. He believes that every line of the poem is correct and is truly based on love which is in the purest form. The poet also believes that if anyone doesn’t feel the same about love then he/she might not have ever fallen in love.
8. One of Shakespeare’s most famous sonnets, ‘Let me not to the Marriage of True Minds’ describes the qualities of true love. The poet says in the poem that true lovers cannot be held back by obstacles, since they are united by love. It never changes, even when change is possible. The poet claims that it is loyal and constant beyond comparison and it is never true love that submits to anyone. Poet gives a comparison between true love and the pole star, which remain constant and guide ships in the unknown ocean. True love does not fail to live’s difficulties and guides lovers throughout their lives. As the sun and the pole star are eternal, so is real love. According to Shakespeare, time is a universal destroyer that destroys everything except true love. Time is compared to a farmer's sickle. Crops are reaped with a sickle by a farmer. Likewise, time erodes the physical beauty of a person. Time does not affect it. Love is not affected by death or the destruction of time. Lastly, the poet makes a claim. He insists that he will admit that he is not a poet and that no one in the world ever loved if he is proved wrong in his claims.
9. The characteristics of love are:
  - Love is not affected by the death
  - Love is constant.
  - Love is immortal.
  - Love is a source of guidance in life.

- Love is limitless.

