

L31A -Aesthetics at Home

Keywords

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Decorated	Oasis	Vases	Porcelain
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In-text Questions

In-text Questions 31.1

I. You are arranging flowers in a vase. Correct the following statements: -

1. To ensure freshness, flowers should be plucked in the evening.

Ans: Flowers should be plucked in the morning

2. Even number of flowers should be chosen.

Ans: Flowers should be odd in numbers.

3. Pin holders are used to keep pins.

Ans: Pin holders are used to hold the flower stems in position.

4. All flowers should be of the same height.

Ans: Flower stems should be cut at different heights.

5. Buds should be placed at the bottom, medium sized flower in the middle and largest sized flower at the top of the arrangement.

Ans: Buds should be placed at the top, medium sized flower in the middle and largest sized flower at the bottom of the arrangement.

II. Fill in the blanks: -

1. In a flower arrangement, green leaves help to add beauty, provide background and make it resemble nature.
2. Tallest stem in a flower arrangement should be 1½ times taller than the vase.
3. Flower arrangement should be placed against a contrast coloured background.

In-text Questions 31.2

I. Assess a flower arrangement for the following –

1. All flowers are placed at the same height.

Ans: There will be no rhythm as the eyes will not move from one place to another and eyes will get stuck at one place.

2. Large flowers are placed on the top.

Ans: It will look unbalanced and will look top heavy.

3. All flowers and leaves are placed towards the left

Ans: It will look unbalanced and lopsided. It will appear heavy on the left and empty on the right side.

In-text Questions 31.3

I. Using the following words, write tips for making a good rangoli –

- i. Theme

Ans: Should be according to the theme of the festival or occasion.

- ii. double

Ans: Draw design in double lines.

- iii. contrast

Ans: Use contrasting colours next to each other in the design.

iv. even

Ans: Fill the Rangoli design with colors evenly.

v. flat

Ans: Press the Rangoli powders flat.

Terminal Questions

1. Rahul's friend gave him five yellow roses on his birthday. What other materials would he need to arrange these? Guide him to arrange these for the side table in his bedroom.

Ans: The materials required to do the flower arrangement are:

- Vase,
- Pin Holder Or Oasis,
- Yellow Roses,
- Green Leaves,
- Twigs Etc.

The guidelines to arrange these yellow roses on the side table of Rahul's bedroom are:

- i. First arrange the tallest flowers and then other flowers in order of their height.
- ii. Place the second branch cut little shorter, away from the first one and so on.
- iii. You should always push the branch firmly inside a pin holder or an oasis so that it stays in place and does not fall down.
- iv. Add the flowers at different heights, ensuring enough space in between.
- v. Face the flowers towards yourself so that you can enjoy their beauty.

2. What points would you keep in mind while arranging accessories?

Ans: While arranging accessories, the points to be kept in mind are:

- i. Hang paintings according to their size and space available i.e., big paintings on a big wall and vice versa.
 - ii. Alternatively a group of small paintings can also be hung together. These can be hung in such a way that they all fit in an imaginary square or a rectangle.
 - iii. Paintings can be enhanced by putting spot lights which fall directly on the paintings.
 - iv. Hang all paintings straight and even, not lopsided.
 - v. Colour of lamps should harmonize with the décor. These can be placed in corners or hung over a painting to enhance it.
 - vi. Cushions can be placed randomly to add colour to the room.
 - vii. Care should be taken that too many curios are not collected together.
 - viii. Similar material curios (like all made of brass, cut glass, white metal, wood, etc) can be grouped and kept together
3. Ritika is expecting her friends. She wants to decorate her room. Give her five suggestions to beautify her room.

Ans: Ritika can follow the given ideas to decorate her room:

- i. Hang paintings according to their size and space available
- ii. Cushions can be placed randomly to add colour to the room.
- iii. Place the curios based on the space available
- iv. Colour of lamps can be harmonized with the décor

- v. Paintings can be enhanced by putting spot lights which fall directly on the paintings.

4. What points would you keep in mind while selecting and using a pin holder.

Ans: The points to keep in mind while selecting a pin holder are :

- Pin holders are iron nails fitted on to a heavy metal base.
- These should be closely spaced, rust free and should be long enough to hold stems of flowers and leaves.

5. Enumerate the principles you would adopt while arranging flowers.

Ans: While arranging flowers, we have to follow some basic principles as below:

- i. The size of the flower arrangement should be proportionate to the room or other articles in the room like the table on which it is kept, other decorative articles in the room etc.
- ii. The plant material should be proportionate to the size of the container.
- iii. The whole arrangement should be balanced. It should neither be top heavy nor lopsided.
- iv. Your eyes should be able to travel easily around the whole design and should not stop moving. For this, the basic shape, colour, texture should be repeated at intervals and This can also be achieved if you arrange flowers at different heights.
- v. Flowers of different sizes should be placed gradually from fully bloomed to buds.
- vi. Keep the stem ends close together. This would give the arrangement a natural look.

- vii. The plant material should look more important than the vase. All parts of flowers should not attract equal attention.
- viii. To emphasize the shape of twigs, flowers should either be placed higher or lower than the curves of twigs. Allow space around each flower.

Previous Year Questions:

1. What are the principles to be followed in making a good flower arrangement? 4

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- ii. The whole arrangement should be balanced. It should neither be top heavy nor lopsided.
- iii. Your eyes should be able to travel easily round the whole design and should not stop moving. For this, the basic shape, colour, texture should be repeated at intervals and This can also be achieved if you arrange flowers at different heights.
- iv. Flowers of different sizes should be placed gradually from fully bloomed to buds.
- v. Keep the stem ends close together. This would give the arrangement a natural look.
- vi. The plant material should look more important than the vase. All parts of flowers should not attract equal attention.
- vii. To emphasize the shape of twigs, flowers should either be placed higher or lower than the curves of twigs. Allow space around each flower.

viii. The flowers, leaves and vases should harmonize and complement each other

2. Enlist *four* points you will keep in mind while making flower arrangement. 4

Ans: The four points to keep in the mind while making flower arrangement are as follows:

- i. First arrange the tallest flowers and then other flowers in order of their height.
- ii. Place the second branch cut little shorter, away from the first one and so on.
- iii. You should always push the branch firmly inside a pin holder or an oasis so that it stays in place and does not fall down.
- iv. Add the flowers at different heights, ensuring enough space in between.
- v. Face the flowers towards yourself so that you can enjoy their beauty.

3. Rani has to make a corner flower arrangement for her drawing room. What points she should follow? 4

Ans: Rani has to keep in her mind the following points:

- i. She can make her own vase with a flat pot, hollow of a wood etc. Vases should be chosen so as to match the surrounding décor and mood. Normally odd numbers of flowers are used in any arrangement.
- ii. Use of fresh green leaves besides adding beauty and giving background to the flowers, can help the arrangement to resemble nature.
- iii. Pin holders are iron nails fitted on to a heavy metal base. These should be closely spaced, rust free and should be long enough to hold stems of flowers and leaves.

- iv. Twigs help to enhance and give a natural look to the arrangement. These twigs can be collected from curved branches, roots, etc.
- v. Leaves are used to fill up space between flowers and should be washed if dirty. Trim off unwanted, wilted and brown leaves. Some foliage can be used instead of flowers

4. Why are dry twigs and leaves used in a flower arrangement ? In what order, should flowers of different sizes be arranged ? 4

Ans:

- Dry twigs are used to enhance and give a natural look to the arrangement. These twigs can be collected from curved branches, roots, etc.
- Leaves are used to fill up space between flowers and should be washed if dirty. Trim off unwanted, wilted and brown leaves. Some foliage can be used instead of flowers.
- First arrange the tallest flowers and then other flowers in order of their height and add the flowers at different heights, ensuring enough space in between.

5. Give four suggestions to your friend for hanging paintings in the house. [4]

Ans: The suggestions to hang the paintings are as follows:

- i. Hang paintings according to their size and space available i.e., big paintings on a big wall and vice versa. Alternatively a group of small paintings can also be hung together.
- ii. These can be hung in such a way that they all fit in an imaginary square or a rectangle.

- iii. Paintings can be enhanced by putting spot lights which fall directly on the paintings.
- iv. Hang all paintings straight and even, not lopsided.

6. What is the role of pin-holder and oasis in flower arrangement? [2]

Ans: The points to keep in mind while selecting a pin holder and oasis are :

Pin holder

- i. Pin holders are iron nails fitted on to a heavy metal base.
- ii. These should be closely spaced, rust free and should be long enough to hold stems of flowers and leaves.

Oasis

- iii. Alternatively, a device known as oasis is also available in the market. This can absorb a lot of water and keep flowers moist.
- iv. These should be soaked in the water until the air bubbles disappear and water enters right up to its core.
- v. These can be reused 2-4 times.
- vi. Oasis is easier to handle for beginners who may find it difficult to balance flowers in pin holders.

7. Write four ways to help your friend in making a beautiful flower arrangement. 4

Ans: The suggestions to make the flower arrangement are as follows:

- i. First arrange the tallest flowers and then other flowers in order of their height.
- ii. Place the second branch cut little shorter, away from the first one and so on.

- iii. You should always push the branch firmly inside a pin holder or an oasis so that it stays in place and does not fall down.
- iv. Add the flowers at different heights, ensuring enough space in between.

8. What is a pin holder ? Mention any two important features of a pin holder. 2

Ans: Pin holders are iron nails fitted on to a heavy metal base.

These should be:

- Closely spaced
- Rust free
- Long enough to hold stems of flowers and leaves.

9. Which *four* principles should be followed in making an attractive flower arrangement? 4

Ans: While arranging flowers, you have to follow some basic principles as below:

- i. The size of the flower arrangement should be proportionate to the room or other articles in the room like the table on which it is kept, other decorative articles in the room etc.
- ii. The plant material should be proportionate to the size of the container.
- iii. The whole arrangement should be balanced. It should neither be top heavy nor lopsided.
- iv. Arrange flowers at different heights.
- v. Flowers of different sizes should be placed gradually from fully bloomed to buds.

10. What **four** points will you look for selecting a good pin-holder for arranging flowers ? 2

Ans: Pin holders are iron nails fitted on to a heavy metal base.

These should be:

- Closely spaced
- Rust free
- Long enough to hold stems of flowers and leaves.

11. ~~Suggest four tips to make an attractive flower arrangement for a hotel.~~ 2

Ans: The suggestion to make the flower arrangement are as follows:

- i. First arrange the tallest flowers and then other flowers in order of their height.
- ii. Place the second branch cut little shorter, away from the first one and so on.
- iii. You should always push the branch firmly inside a pin holder or an oasis so that it stays in place and does not fall down.
- iv. Add the flowers at different heights, ensuring enough space in between.
- v. Face the flowers towards yourself so that you can enjoy their beauty