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Class – VIII. Subject – English Literature Topic- ‘ The Lotus ’ (Poem)

RTS:

B. Answer these questions with reference to the context:

1. Rivals forhonour’.

- a. Rose and lily.**
- b. The ‘high honour’ being talked about is the title of ‘queen of flowers’.**
- c. Other flowers were not competing because the god of love came to the flora to create a flower ‘as delicious as the rose’ and ‘stately as the lily in her pride’.**

2. ‘Bards of.....claim’

- a. Rose and lily.**
- b. Their own claims.**
- c. For the title of ‘queen of flowers’.**

C. Answer the following questions briefly:

- 1. Love asks for a new flower that has qualities of both a rose and a lily.**
- 2. The two rivals rose and lily were competing for the title of ‘queen of flowers’.**
- 3. “The rose can never tower
Like the pale lily with her Juno mien”**

“But is the lily lovelier?” Thus between

Flower-factions rang the strife in Psyche’s bower.

- 4. Love wanted a new flower that had the qualities of both a rose and a lily. Love wanted to create a flower as delicious as the rose and as stately as the lily in her pride.**
- 5. As a result flora created a new flower by combining the characteristics of rose and lily. The lotus flower combines the redness of the rose with the paleness of the lily.**
- 6. The line suggests that there were disagreements as to which flower is to be crowned the queen, which is left in dispute at the end of the octave—towering “pale lily” or lovely rose.**