

Think Great Award Champion

Students name: Cindy Chan, Irvandip Kaur

School: St. Paul's Convent School

Entry No: 122

Theme: Love

Division: S.1 – 3 S.4 – 7

Title: Love of the life

Max.8 words

Picture:

(less than 2MB size)



Caption: An old couple sweetly walking down the busy street in Oslo Fjord, Norway. Photo taken on

Max.30 words

14th June, 2005.

Inspired and Supported by:



Commentary:

S.1 – 3:

100 – 200 words

S.4 – 7:

200 – 300 words

The photo captures one of the most ordinary sights in our daily lives, an old couple holding on to each other on the street. If we stop and observe, we will most likely to notice that love is actually all around. Here, the contrast between the rush and flux of life as opposed to the image of a sure and steady love between the couple is heightened. It is clear that the couple is in great need of each other's company as they are relying on each other's help to journey through the obstacles of life. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux once said, "We find rest in those we love, and we provide a resting place in ourselves for those who love us." Love is a beautiful thing, and so is getting old. That's because in either way, love as sturdy as the above couple's is not going to fade, and nothing - not age, poverty, or death can reduce their love. With old couples, they no longer need to speak their mind. It is not hard to see why, as they know each other so well and for so long that they already know what their lover needs. The thing that shines within them is that they can communicate through silence without feeling awkward in the least. Strangely, the society nowadays is over-emphasizing the love between young couples but not the love between old couples. Truth is, we have to understand that the love sustained between old couples is much more sophisticated and mature than young love. Although young couples may have passion, but to sustain the flame of love is a test of mutual faith, respect, patience, support, and much more. One thing for sure, the photo is well reminding us that true love really last a life time.

Inspired and Supported by:

