

MY MOTHER AT SIXTY-SIX

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

.....I saw my mother,

Beside me,

Doze, open mouthed, her face

Ashen like that

Of a corpse and realized with pain.....

- i. who is 'I'?

- A. The poetess
- B. A little girl
- C. A young boy
- D. A doctor

- ii. What did she realize with pain

- A. She had lost their bag
- B. She is suffered with some injury.
- C. She had to leave her house
- D. Her mother had grown very old.

- iii. How did the poetess feel on this realization:

- A. Enraged
- B. Delighted
- C. Sad
- D. Enthusiastic

- iv. Name the poet of the given stanza

- A. Kamala Das
- B. Ruskin Bond
- C. Vikram Seth
- D. Pablo Neruda

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

and felt that old familiar ache,
my childhood fear,
but all I said was, see you soon,
Amma, all I did was smile and smile and smile.....

i. What was the childhood fear that now troubled the poet?

- A. Fear for losing her daughter
- B. Fear for losing her mother.
- C. Fear for getting lost in the fair
- D. Fear for leaving her home town

ii. What do the poet parting word suggest?

- A. Optimism
- B. Nostalgia
- C. Reassurance
- D. All of these

iii. Why did the poet smile and smile?

- A. To conceal her happiness
- B. To conceal her pain
- C. The mother asked her to smile
- D. to remember something funny

iv. Name the poetic device used in the line, "All i did was smile smile and smile....."

- A. Alliteration
- B. Consonance
- C. Metaphor
- D. Both 'a' and 'b'

3. Answer any three out of the following questions in about 30 to 40 words:

i. What is poet's familiar ache and why did it return?

ii. What does the poet's mother look like? What kind of image has the poet used to signify her ageing decay?

iii. Why does the poet smile and what does she say while bidding good bye to her mother?

iv. What does the 'merry children spilling out of their homes signify'?

4. Explain the followings with poetic devices used in them:

- A. Late winter moon
- B. Face ashen like
- C. Airport security check.

5. Answer any five out of the followings:

i. The poet has used the image of 'Merry Children' to....

- A. show the happiness of children
- B. show the business of children.
- C. make a comparison with the mother sitting inside the car.
- D. Both 'A' and 'C'

ii. What is the poetic device used in, 'Trees Sprinting'

- A. Assonance
- B. Hyperbole
- C. Onomatopoeia
- D. Personification

iii. Why does the poet/ daughter bring smile on her face?

- A. To make her mother feel satisfied.
- B. To make her mother feel angry.
- C. To make her feel excited.
- D. To comfort her.

iv. The Universal theme of the poem is....

- A. Death is inevitable
- B. Old age is inevitable
- C. Life is beautiful

D. Both, 'A' and 'B'

v. The mother in the poem has been compared with...

- A. Young boys and old trees.
- B. Small children and holy books
- C. Sprinting trees and merry children
- D. Merry children and old trees.

vi. What trait of human life is highlighted in the poem, 'My mother at sixty-six' denote?

- A. Beauty of life.
- B. Contrasting thoughts
- C. Harsh realities of life.
- D. None of these