

My Mother at Sixty-six

Question 1.

The mother's old age and lack of energy is a depiction of

- (a) the poet's helplessness in old age
- (b) joy and fun of old age
- (c) bonding of mother with family members
- (d) sickness and ill-health

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) the poet's helplessness in old age

Question 2.

The poem is made up of

- (a) twenty lines
- (b) a single sentence
- (c) ten stanzas
- (d) five stanzas

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Answer: (b) a single sentence

Question 3.

The image of merry children has been brought out by the narrator in order to

- (a) show energy and exuberance of young children
- (b) to show the children playing
- (c) to show the children playing pranks
- (d) to compare with herself

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) show energy and exuberance of young children

Question 4.

The narrator is only using her smile to

- (a) cover up her pain
- (b) make herself happy
- (c) to make her mother happy
- (d) to make her father happy

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Answer: (a) cover up her pain

Question 5.

Smile and smile and smile is

- (a) alliteration
- (b) repetition
- (c) simile
- (d) metaphor

▼ Answer

Answer: (b) repetition

Question 6.

She said to her mother

- (a) goodbye
- (b) au revoir
- (c) good morning go.
- (d) see you soon, Amma

▼ Answer

Answer: (d) see you soon, Amma

Question 7.

When the narrator looked at her mother again she felt a pang of

- (a) her familiar ache
- (b) guilt
- (c) heartache
- (d) a headache

▼ Answer

Answer: (a) her familiar ache

Question 8.

The narrator again compared her mother too

- (a) summer's sun
- (b) rain clouds
- (c) late winter's moon
- (d) trees and plants

▼ Answer

Answer: (c) late winter's moon

Question 9.

'Children spilling out' is an

- (a) simile
- (b) metaphor

- (c) personification
- (d) transferred epithet

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) metaphor

Question 10.

'Trees sprinting' is a poetic device. It is

- (a) personification
- (b) alliteration
- (c) repetition
- (d) simile

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Answer: (a) personification

Question 11.

She soon put that thought out of her mind and

- (a) smiled
- (b) laughed heartily
- (c) cried bitterly
- (d) looked out of the window

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Answer: (d) looked out of the window

Question 12.

The poetess says her mother looked pale like a

- (a) corpse
- (b) ghost
- (c) malnourished child
- (d) anaemic person

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) corpse

Question 13.

The person in the car, beside the poetess, was,

- (a) her aunt
- (b) her niece
- (c) her uncle
- (d) her mother

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Answer: (d) her mother

Question 14.

She was going to

- (a) Goa
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Cochin
- (d) Kolkata

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Answer: (c) Cochin

Question 15.

Kamala Das was an

- (a) Bengali
- (b) Punjabi
- (c) Keralite
- (d) Gujarati

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Answer: (c) Keralite

Question 16.

What were the words she used while parting from her mother?

- (a) See you soon Ba
- (b) See you soon beiji
- (c) See you soon mata ji
- (d) See you soon, amma

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Answer: (d) See you soon, amma

Question 17.

Whose house the poet was leaving?

- (a) her friend's house
- (b) in-law's house
- (c) her husband's house
- (d) her parents' house

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Answer: (d) her parents' house

Question 18.

What does the expression smile, smile and smile signify?

- (a) poet was going home and was elated
- (b) poet was happy
- (c) poet was hopeless
- (d) poet's desperate efforts to hide her fears

▼ Answer

Answer: (d) poet's desperate efforts to hide her fears

Question 19.

What question arises from the complexity of the situation in the poem?

- (a) what to do in old age
- (b) how to take care of one's skin
- (c) how to drive
- (d) How to strike a balance between duties and responsibilities

▼ Answer

Answer: (d) How to strike a balance between duties and responsibilities

Question 20

What does the narrative single sentence style of the poem highlight?

- (a) Poet's feelings
- (b) Poet's insecurities
- (c) poet's thoughts
- (d) poet's intertwining thoughts

▼ Answer

Answer: (d) poet's intertwining thoughts

Question 21.

Why does the poet feel parted, upset and sad?

- (a) because of her fears
- (b) because she was getting late
- (c) fear of missing her flight
- (d) because of her duty towards mother and her own needs

▼ Answer

Answer: (d) because of her duty towards mother and her own needs

Question 22.

Quote an example of personification used in the poem.

- (a) sprinting trees
- (b) home to cochin

- (c) airport's security check
- (d) All of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) sprinting trees

Question 23.

Quote an example of a metaphor used in the poem.

- (a) as a late winter's moon
- (b) 'Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling out of their homes'
- (c) Driving from my parent's home
- (d) None

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) 'Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling out of their homes'

Question 24.

Which Rhyming scheme is used in the poem?

- (a) coupled rhyme
- (b) monorhyme
- (c) Alternate rhyme
- (d) free verse

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Answer: (d) free verse

Question 25.

Why did the poet look at her mother again?

- (a) because she was busy
- (b) because she was going away
- (c) because she wanted to stay back
- (d) because of fear and insecurity

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Answer: (d) because of fear and insecurity

Question 26.

What is the universality of the theme of the poem?

- (a) death is a truth
- (b) Life is a reality
- (c) everyone is happy
- (d) to show old age

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Answer: (a) death is a truth

Question 27.

What do the parting words "See you soon Amma" signify?

- (a) her carelessness
- (b) Her optimistic farewell full of cheerfulness
- (c) she bids goodbye like this
- (d) she is in a hurry

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Answer: (b) Her optimistic farewell full of cheerfulness

Question 28.

What does 'ashen face ' signify?

- (a) colour of face
- (b) face is covered with ash
- (c) Pale and lifeless face of poet's mother
- (d) to show ugly face

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Answer: (c) Pale and lifeless face of poet's mother

Question 29.

What do the running trees signify?

- (a) fast moving appearance
- (b) speed of the moving car
- (c) fast moving change in human life from childhood to old age
- (d) none

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) fast moving change in human life from childhood to old age

Question 30.

What did the poet realize with pain?

- (a) her mother's appearance like a corpse
- (b) she is inconsiderate
- (c) old age is pleasant
- (d) she has duties

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Answer: (a) her mother's appearance like a corpse

Question 31.

What does this narrative style of the poem signify?

- (a) differing thoughts
- (b) many thoughts
- (c) contrasting thoughts
- (d) a single thread of thought mixed with harsh realities

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Answer: (d) a single thread of thought mixed with harsh realities

Question 32.

Which poetic device is used in "Trees sprinting- " ?

- (a) metaphor
- (b) simile
- (c) alliteration
- (d) Personification

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Answer: (d) Personification

Question 33.

Name the poetic devices used in the poem.

- (a) metaphor
- (b) similie
- (c) alliteration
- (d) all of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) all of these

Question 34.

What is the kind of pain and ache that the poet feels?

- (a) Losing her mother
- (b) heart attack
- (c) headache
- (d) children screaming at her

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) Losing her mother

Question 35.

Who is the poet of this poem?

- (a) John Keats
- (b) Rudyard Kipling

- (c) William Wordsworth
- (d) Kamala Das

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Answer: (d) Kamala Das

Question 36.

What pangs did she feel when she looked at her mother?

- (a) Pangs of headache
- (b) Pangs of stomachache
- (c) Pangs of knee pain
- (d) Pangs of heartache

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) Pangs of heartache

Question 37.

What was the poet's childhood fear?

- (a) Parting from her husband
- (b) Parting from her friends
- (c) Parting from her siblings
- (d) losing her mother

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) losing her mother

Question 38.

What was the expression of the poet's face while parting from her mother?

- (a) satirical
- (b) funny
- (c) sad
- (d) smiling

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) smiling

Question 39.

How is the imagery of 'young trees and merry children' a contrast to the mother?

- (a) mother is old in comparison to the trees and children
- (b) mother is like ash while the trees are green and children are happy
- (c) like spring and autumn season
- (d) Mother's health-hopelessness and trees and merry children- youthfulness and hope

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Answer: (d) Mother's health-hopelessness and trees and merry children- youthfulness and hope

Question 40.

What does the poem revolve around?

- (a) poet's fears
- (b) poet's love for her mother
- (c) Theme of old age
- (d) All of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) All of these
