

20 MCQS OF POEM - 1

MY MOTHER AT SIXTY SIX

Q1- Who is the poet of this poem?

- A) John Keats
- B) Rudyard Kipling
- C) William Wordsworth
- D) Kamala Das

Q2- What is her work known for?

- A) for its originality, versatility and flavour of the soil
- B) for its popularity
- C) for its style
- D) for the expressions used

Q3- 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

Q4- In which languages has Kamla Das written stories and novels?

- A) English and Tamil
- B) English and Hindi
- C) English and Urdu
- D) English and Malayalam

Q5- Name the poetic devices used in the poem.

- A) metaphor
- B) similie
- C) alliteration
- D) all of these

Q6- What is the significance of the title My Mother at Sixty Six?

- A) Poet's fear of losing her old mother
- B) Poet's fear of moving fast
- C) Poet's inability to express her feelings
- D) All of these

Q7- Which poetic device is used in "Trees sprinting-" ?

- A) metaphor
- B) simile
- C) alliteration
- D) Personification

Q8- What is the distinctive feature of the poem?

- A) its metaphors
- B) simile used
- C) alliteration used
- D) narrative style using a single sentence in a set of 14 lines

Q9- 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

Q10- What is the main idea of the poem?

- A) Painful old age
- B) discolouration of skin
- C) carelessness of a daughter
- D) lack of strength

Q11- 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

Q12- What is the familiar ache?

- A) her childhood fear of losing her mother
- B) her mother's weak health
- C) her duties
- D) her helplessness

Q13- 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

Q14- Who lives at Cochin?

- A) Poet
- B) Her parents
- C) Both A and B
- D) None of them

Q15- 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

Q16- What does the poet notice outside the car ?

- A) sprinting trees and running children
- B) schools and roads
- C) other vehicles
- D) many people on the road

Q17- 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

Q18- What does the poet's smile signify in the poem?

- A) Her assurance to mother and helplessness inside
- B) she has a responsibility
- C) she has to do her duty first
- D) she is a loving daughter

Q19- 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

Q20- What worried the poet when she looked at her mother?

- A) her face
- B) her broken arm
- C) her loving words
- D) her declining age

ANSWER KEY

1. D) Kamala Das
2. A) for its originality, versatility and flavour of the soil
3. A) Losing her mother
4. D) English and Malayalam
5. D) all of these
6. A) Poet's fear of losing her old mother
7. D) Personification
8. D) narrative style using a single sentence in a set of 14 lines
9. D) a single thread of thought mixed with harsh realities
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14. A) Poet
15. C) Pale and lifeless face of poet's mother
16. A) sprinting trees and running children
17. B) Her optimistic farewell full of cheerfulness
18. A) Her assurance to mother and helplessness inside
19. A) death is a truth
20. D) her declining age