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Class: XII

Subject: English (301)

Poem: 1: My Mother At Sixty-Six

Worksheet: 2

General Instructions

1. You have to do the worksheets in your **fair notebook**.
2. Maintain **two separate notebooks** for the worksheets and mark it **Notebook no. 1 & Notebook no. 2**.
3. In **Notebook no. 1** you have to do the worksheets from **1st to 15th date of the month** & in **Notebook no. 2** you have to do the worksheets from **16th to 31st date of the month**.
4. Maintain your notebooks properly with **cover & index**. Work should be **neat & clean**.
5. For answers of the below given questions refer **ENGLISH CORE** book pg. no. 263, 264, 265.
6. Clear your doubts during your **online classes**.

Read the following stanzas and answer the given questions:-

1: Driving from my parent's home to Cochin last Friday
morning, I saw my mother
beside me, doze open mouthed her face ashen like
that of a corpse.

Q1: Where was the poet driving to and why?

Q2: Why had the poet visited her mother?

Q3: How does the poet describe her mother?

Q4: Pick out a literary device from the above stanza.

2: and looked out at young
trees sprinting the merry children spilling
out of their homes, but after the airport's

security check, standing a few yards
away. I looked again at her.

Q1: Why did the poet feel the need to look out? What does the gesture suggest?

Q2: What did the poet see from the window of the car?

Q3: What do the images of 'young trees' and 'merry children' symbolize?

Q4: The comparison is deliberately made to highlight the ageing of the mother.(True/False)

3: wan pale, as a late winter's moon and felt
 that old, familiar ache my childhood's fear
 but all I said was, see you soon Amma.

Q1: Pick out a literary device from above and explain it.

Q2: What 'familiar ache' did the poet feel?

Q3: 'Childhood's fear' refers to the fear of separation from her _____.

Q4: How does the poet reassure her mother?

Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words:-

Q1: What is the kind of pain the poet feels?

Q2: Why are the young trees described as 'sprinting'?

Q3: Why has the poet brought in the image of the merry children 'spilling of their homes'?

Q4: Why has the mother been compared to late winter's moon?

Q5: What do the parting words of the poet and her smile signify?

(Do assignment 25, pg. no. 264, 265 and assignment 26, pg no. 266, in your English Core book itself)