# 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

### ▼ Answer

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

# Answer

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

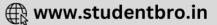
▼ Answer

Answer: (c) late winter's moon

Question 9. 'Children spilling out' is an (a) simile (b) metaphor

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- (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

▼ Answer

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
- ▼ Answer

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
- ▼ Answer



Answer: (d) her mother

Question 14. She was going to (a) Goa (b) Mumbai (c) Cochin (d) Kolkata

### Answer

Answer: (c) Cochin

Question 15. Kamala Das was an (a) Bengali (b) Punjabi (c) Keralite (d) Gujarati

### Answer

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 beeji (c) See you soon mata ji (d) See you soon, amma

Answer

Answer: (d) See you soon, amma

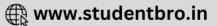
Question 17. Whose house the poet was leaving? (a) her friend's house (b) in-law's house (c) her husband's house (d) her parents' house

Answer

Answer: (d) her parents' house

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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

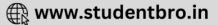
### Answer

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

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- (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

▼ Answer

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

# ▼ Answer

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
- ▼ Answer



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

### Answer

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

### ▼ Answer

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

# Answer

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

### ▼ Answer

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

Answer

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

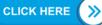
Question 34. What is the kind of pain and ache that the poet feels? (a) Losing her mother (b) heart attack (c) headache (d) children screaming at her

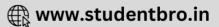
▼ Answer

Answer: (a) Losing her mother

Question 35. Who is the poet of this poem? (a) John Keats (b) Rudyard Kipling

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

# ▼ Answer

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.

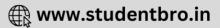
How is the imagery of 'young trees and merry children' a contrast to the mother?

- (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

▼ Answer

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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





