

Term-II

AUNT JENNIFER'S TIGERS

—Adrienne Rich



STAND ALONE MCQs

[1 Mark each]

Q. 1. What is the attitude of the speaker towards Aunt Jennifer?

- (A) He is indifferent to her.
- (B) He loves her.
- (C) He sympathises with her.
- (D) He is cruel towards her.

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Explanation: The speaker sympathises with Aunt Jennifer. Aunt Jennifer symbolises particular housewife. She has to do all the household chores without any respite. Her husband is very cruel and often tyrannises her. The poet says that perhaps Aunt Jennifer will have to continue with her household chores even after death.

Q. 2. What was Aunt mastered by?

- (A) her embroidery skills
- (B) her culinary skills
- (C) her taming of the tigers
- (D) her ordeals

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: hardships and difficulties that Aunt Jennifer faced during her lifetime

Q. 3. Aunt Jennifer's terrified hands would tell _____ after her death.

- (A) story of her life
- (B) her strength to find her ways and beat the fears
- (C) her constrained married life
- (D) All of these

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: Aunt Jennifer has been tyrannised by her husband all her life. Her husband has become a picture of terror for her. She is in fact venting out all her inner feelings by embroidering tigers on the panel. In the form of tigers she has in fact embroidered the fearful face of her husband.

Q. 4. For Aunt Jennifer, what do the tigers symbolise?

- (A) Creative energy of women
- (B) Male-dominated society
- (C) Both A and B
- (D) Liberal society

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Explanation: The tigers symbolise creative energy of women. The tigers also represent the male-dominant society. The poet wants to say that the women give birth to men, but the same men tyrannise women when they grow up.

Q. 5. Which of the following character traits suit Aunt Jennifer?

- (A) bold and chivalric
- (B) old and submissive
- (C) cruel and tyrannical
- (D) powerful and authoritarian

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: Aunt Jennifer is old and submissive woman. But the tigers she is embroidering on the panel appear to be bold and chivalric.



Q. 6. Why did Aunt Jennifer choose to embroider tigers on the panel?

- (A) to express her suppressed feelings (B) to express her inner strengths
(C) to express her latent fighting spirit of a warrior (D) All of these

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: Aunt Jennifer has been tyrannised by her husband all her life. Her husband has become a picture of terror for her. She is in fact venting out all her inner feelings by embroidering tigers on the panel.

Q. 7. The tone of the poem towards the end reflects _____.

- (A) happy moments (B) resolving situation
(C) remorse and tension (D) bright future

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Explanation: When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie
Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by.
The tigers in the panel that she made
Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid

Q. 8. Read the statements given below. Choose the option that accurately describes the given statements.

Statement I - The poem is a manifesto against the institution of marriage.

Statement II - Aunt Jennifer represents all women artists.

Statement III - The poem embodies an alternative for women to express their repressed desires through art.

(CBSE QB, 2021)

- (A) Statement I is True, Statement II is False, Statement III cannot be inferred.
(b) Statement I and III are False, Statement II cannot be inferred.
(c) Statement I and II are True, Statement III cannot be inferred.
(d) Statement I is False, Statement II cannot be inferred, Statement III is True.

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q. 9. Which of the following does NOT represent the contrast between Aunt Jennifer and the tigers?

(CBSE QB, 2021)

- (A) Uncertainty and confidence (b) Terror and fearlessness
(c) Fiefdom and freedom (d) Authority and autonomy

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Q. 10. Choose the option that does NOT reflect what the tigers represent in the poem:

(CBSE QB, 2021)

- (A) Aunt Jennifer's undying hopes (b) Aunt Jennifer's failing marriage
(c) Aunt Jennifer's artistic merit (d) Aunt Jennifer's frustrations

Ans. Option (B) is correct.



EXTRACT BASED MCQs

Read the given extracts and answer the questions that follow:

(1 × 4 = 4 marks)

I. Aunt Jennifer's finger fluttering through her wool

Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.

The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band

Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.

(CBSE QB, 2021)

Q.1 How would you describe Aunt Jennifer based on the above extract?

- (A) Oppressed (B) Malnourished
(C) Aging (D) Diseased

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.2. Uncle's wedding band sits heavily on Aunt Jennifer's hand because :

- (A) it is an expensive and heavy ring. (B) she was married against her will.
(C) she feels burdened in her marriage. (D) their relationship is lacking in love.

Ans. Option (C) is correct.



Q.3. Pick the option that displays the image which correctly corresponds to the type of task Aunt is engaged in.



(i)



(ii)



(iii)



(iv)

- (A) Option (i)
(C) Option (iii)

- (B) Option (ii)
(D) Option (iv)

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.4. Which of the following is an example of an alliteration?

- (A) Finger fluttering through the wool
(B) Upon Aunt Jennifer's hand
(C) Ivory needle hard to pull
(D) Massive weight of Uncle's wedding band

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

II. When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie
Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by.
The tigers in the panel that she made
Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.

(CBSE QB, 2021)

Q.1. Read the statement given below:

Aunt Jennifer's plight is best explained by her hands, they hold both her freedom and the instrument of her imprisonment.

Choose the option that best explains the above statement, as per the extract.

- (A) Aunt Jennifer's hands are terrified, but when she is dead, her tigers will roam free.
(B) Aunt Jennifer knits her desires, but is overpowered by the wedding ring she wears.
(C) Aunt Jennifer's tigers are proud and unafraid, but she is mastered by ringed ordeals.
(D) Aunt Jennifer makes panels of tigers when she has time from her responsibilities.

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.2. Which of the following CANNOT be inferred from the given extract?

- (A) Aunt Jennifer's tigers will keep her alive in everyone's memory.
(B) Aunt Jennifer feels oppressed and constricted in her marriage.
(C) Even in death, Aunt Jennifer cannot escape patriarchal subjugation.
(D) Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance as a lasting symbol of her desires.

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.3. What makes the tigers "proud and unafraid"?

- (A) They embody the grandeur and supremacy of animals in the wild.
(B) They symbolise authority and are 'topaz denizens of green'.
(C) They represent Aunt's repressed desires for freedom and power.
(D) They are a product of Aunt's imagination and colonial experience.

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.4. Choose the option that DOES NOT reflect the movement implied by 'prancing'.

- (A) Bounding
(B) Frolicking
(C) Strutting
(D) Shuffling

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

III. Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.
They do not fear the men beneath the tree;
They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

[Comptt, Delhi Set-III, 2015; Delhi Set-I, II, III, 2017]

Q.1. Why are the tigers called 'Aunt Jennifer's tigers'?

- (A) She has tamed them
(B) She has trained them
(C) She has sheltered him
(D) She has embroidered them

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Q.2. What does the phrase, 'a world of green' mean?

- (A) Grass
- (C) Forest

- (B) Grasslands
- (D) Trees

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.3. How are the tigers different from their creator?

- (A) Tigers are bold
- (C) Tigers are beautiful

- (B) Tigers are trained
- (D) All of these

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.4. What does the word, 'chivalric' mean?

- (A) Bold as compared to women
- (C) Respectful towards women

- (B) Sympathetic towards women
- (D) Quarrelling with women

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

[AI] IV. Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.

They do not fear the men beneath the tree;

They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

[Comptt, Delhi Set-III, 2015; Delhi Set-I, II, III, 2017]

Q.1. How are Aunt Jennifer's tigers described?

- (A) Bright
- (C) Chivalric

- (B) Confident
- (D) All of these

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Q.2. Who are 'They' in the lines?

- (A) Tigers in the forest
- (C) Tigers roaming in the zoo

- (B) Tigers made of wool
- (D) Tigers purchased by the poet

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.3. Why are 'They' not afraid of men?

- (A) They are strong and powerful..
- (B) They are trained by men.
- (C) They are unaware about the presence of men.
- (D) They are elegant.

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.4. Why are they described as denizens of a world of green?

- (A) They are supporters of green colour.
- (C) They are natives of forests.

- (B) They are natives of tribes.
- (D) They are natives of grasslands.

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

V. Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool,

Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.

The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band,

Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.

[CBSE SQP, 2015-16]

Q.1. Why are Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering?

- (A) She is embroidering tigers
- (C) She is suffering from disease

- (B) She is nervous
- (D) She has become old

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.2. What is the result of the fluttering?

- (A) Embroiders elegant tigers
- (c) Gets afraid of her husband

- (B) Can't pull the ivory needle
- (D) All of these

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.3. What does 'The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band' mean?

- (A) Bound to live with her husband
- (c) Married to her husband as a child

- (B) Living away from the husband
- (D) Forced to lift uncle's band daily

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.4. What is Aunt Jennifer's state of mind?

- (A) Happy
- (C) Sad

- (B) Peaceful
- (D) Perturbed

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

AI VI. Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool
Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.
The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band,
Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.

Q.1. Why does the ring weigh heavy?

- (A) Restrictions of son
- (C) Gaining weight

- (B) Domination of husband
- (D) All of these

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.2. What is Aunt Jennifer doing with her wool?

- (A) Embroidering tigers
- (C) Injecting syrups

- (B) Cleaning teeth
- (D) Stitching clothes

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.3. Why does she find it difficult to pull her ivory needle?

- (A) She is terrorised
- (B) She has become old
- (C) She is unwell
- (D) She has forgotten the use of ivory needle

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.4. What does 'wedding band' stand for?

- (A) Wedding ring
- (C) Responsibilities towards parents

- (B) Music played at the wedding
- (D) Responsibilities of married life

Ans. Option (D) is correct.