1. How are the bangles described in the first stanza? 3

Ans. The bangles are described shining loads, as delicate and bright and as rainbow tinted circles of light. The bangles are also called as the lustrous tokens of radiant lives.

1. Which coloured bangles does a bride wear? How are the bangles described in this stanza? 4

Ans. A bride wears either bright green/yellow (golden) or bright red bangles on the day of her marriage. The green bangles are compared to the vast fields of sunlit corn. Tinkling, luminous, tender and clear.

1. Which women are referred to in the last stanza of the poem? Which responsibilities is this woman carrying on her shoulders? 2

Ans. The women who have reached that stage of their lives where they have become the matriarchs if the family. The women carry the responsibilities of the entire family as a mother and as a wife. She has accomplished all her duties towards her household and family.

1. Describe the old man in the first paragraph of the story. Where was he sitting? 2

Ans. The old man wearing dusty clothes and steel rimmed spectacles. He sat by the side of the road. He was seen near a pontoon bridge by the Ebro river.

1. Which animals did the old man have? Who was he not worried about? Why? 3

Ans. The old man had a cat, two goats and four pairs of pigeons. He was not worried about the cat. He said that the cat knew how to take care of itself and would be safe. He perhaps believed in the proverb that a cat has nine lives.

1. What luck did the old man have? 2

Ans. The narrator was lucky on that day as it was a gray overcast day. The ceiling was low and the fascists planes were not up. The other luck that the old man had was, he knew that the cat would be safe as it would take care of itself.

1. Mention the symbolism of Easter Sunday. 4

Ans. Easter Sunday is the day of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the third day after his crucifixion. Good Friday is the day that the innocent Christ sacrificed himself for humanity. Here the writer is juxtaposing the sacrifice of this old man on the day of Christ’s resurrection.