**SET A ANSWER KEY**

1. In the poem ‘Home they brought the warrior dead’ what efforts did the maidens take to make the widow cry? 3

Ans. The maidens praised her husband, soft and low and called him worthy to be loved. They also call him as the truest friend and the noblest foe. A maiden also moved quietly to the warrior and removed the face cloth from his face in order to make her cry.

1. Explain the term: ‘truest friend and noblest foe’ 3

Ans. He was called a true friend as he would have never let down his friends or cheated them. The woman’s husband is called as a noble foe because he is not manipulative and is true to his enemies also. He is not a person who would back-stab his enemies. He believes in equal fight and is fair even to his enemies.

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Ans. The narrator did not want to drive through the puddles as the muddy water fountained up through the gaps in the floorboards.

1. What would the narrator do, due to the refinement of his car? 2

Ans. The narrator would keep sun-roof open and the windows too due to which the rain would drip through the joints and formed pools on his lap and the passenger seat.

1. What would Siegfried Farnon do after a hectic week? 3

Ans. Siegfried Farnon would disappear may be for the evening or overnight and often without saying where he was going.

1. In the story ‘Across the fence’ why did Shmuel gift Bruno? How? 3

Ans. Shmuel gifted him the outfit which was, a stripped shirt, pyjamas and cap. Shmuel lifted the bottom of the fence off the ground being particularly careful not to let it touch the muddy ground below.

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Ans. Bruno saw that in one corner three soldiers seemed to be in charge of a group of about twenty men. Those three soldiers were shouting at them. Some of the men had fallen to their knees with their heads in their hands. In another corner he could see more soldiers standing around and laughing and looking down the barrels of their guns, aiming them in random directions, but not firing them. Everywhere he saw there were two types of people: either happy laughing shouting soldiers in their uniforms or unhappy crying people in their striped pyjamas.

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