

My Mother At Sixty Six

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

(I) The poem does not talk about:

- (a) loss of a loved one**
- (b) natural process of aging**
- (c) human relationship**
- (d) separation from a loved one**

(II) By the phrase, familiar ache, Kamala Das refers to:

- (a) pain of separation**
- (b) pain of ageing**
- (c) pain of illness**
- (d) pain of travelling**

(III) The sight of young trees and merry children, on the way to Cochin, is

... the poet's aging

mother.

- (a) like a divine assurance for**
- (b) in sharp contrast to**
- (c) a distraction from pain for**
- (d) the bridge between the poet and**

(IV) The phrase 'old familiar ache' has been used to refer to a fear, in this extract. This phrase can also be used to:

- (a) compare physical pain with mental agony.**
- (b) elicit someone's unanswered queries.**
- (c) substantiate reasons for aches and pains.**
- (d) describe a longing one has been aware of.**

(V) The tone of the poet in the poem is primarily a combination of ..

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| (1) dauntlessness | 2) apprehension |
| (3) dejection. | 4) disappointment |
- (a) 1, 2**
 - (b) 3,4**
 - (c) 2, 3**
 - (d) 1, 4**

(VI) Choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.

Statement 1: The poet accepts with resignation that she may not be able to meet her mother again.

**Statement 2 : The poets mother sees through
the poet's smile.**

- (a) statement 1 is true but Statement 2 is false**
- (b) statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true.**
- (c) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 cannot be inferred from the poem.**
- (d) Both Statement I and Statement 2 can be
inferred from the poem.**

(VII) Choose the option that best describes the sequence of the poets' emotions in the poem:

- (a) joy-realisation-pain-acceptance**
- (b) realisation-pain-negation--acceptance**
- (c) realisation-pain-_ -acceptance**
- (d) sorrow-realisation-acceptance**

(VIII) The narrator has used her smile to

- (a) cover up her pain**
- (b) make herself happy**
- (c) to make her mother happy**
- (d) to show her emotions**

(IX) Pick the quote that best describes the theme of the poem:

- (a) "There is love in holding and there is love in letting go"-Elizabeth Berg.**
- (b) "Ageing is just another word for living"-Cindy Joseph.**
- (c) "When one person is missing the whole world seems empty"-Pat Schwerbert.**
- (d) "And sometimes, against all odds, against all logic, we still hope.'**

(X) The poem in its essential theme presents a universal truth. It is.....

- (a) The ultimate truth is death.**
- (b) The reality of life is despairing.**
- (c) Happiness is just a mask covering the struggles**
- (d) The fear of old age.**

(XI) The fact that the poem's narrative style is single sentence, punctuated by commas shows that:

- (a) there is only one topic which made the poet fearful**
- (b) there is only one thought which runs through the poem.**

- (c) the lines are all being intermingled in the poet's mind.**
- (d) many sub ideas are connected to the main idea of the poem.**

(XII) The sprinting trees is a depiction of movement.

This movement is

- (a) of the car in contrast to the trees.**
- (b) of the winds that blows the trees.**
- (c) of the car as opposite to that of the wind.**
- (d) of the poet's thoughts moving from her mother's age to the energetic young trees.**

(XIII) What question arises from the complexity of the situation presented in the poem?

- (a) What to do in old age?**
- (b) How to make sure your parents are healthy?**
- (c) How to accept the loss of a loved one?**
- (d) How to strike a balance between duties and responsibilities?**

(XIV) Which of the following is NOT an example of the 'ache' that the poet was felling?

- (a) Ritika was sitting in front of her laptop all day and now her head is aching.**
- (b) Prachi and her family went to the hill station where the cloud had burst. Now she is unable to find her brother and she feels an unknown ache.**
- (c) Reyansh was playing with his ball when it bounced into the sewer.**
- (d) Samiksha and her friend were aching to see the pop-star Justin Bieber.**