



MORE QUESTIONS SOLVED

SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS (Word Limit: 30-40 words)

Q1. What do you learn about Aunt Jennifer's tigers on reading the poem?

Ans: Aunt Jennifer's tigers were created in the panel by her own hands. They appeared to be prancing (jumping) across a screen. They looked sleek. They were bright like yellow topaz. They were majestic and courageous. They didn't fear the men beneath the tree. They paced in 'chivalric certainty'.

Q2. How has Aunt Jennifer created her tigers? What traits of tigers do they reveal?

Ans: Aunt Jennifer's tigers are her own creations. She works with wool and ivory needles. She has created them in the panel. They have all the traits of the beasts of prey who are denizens of green forests. They are well-built and well-groomed. They are chivalric and full of confidence.

Q3. What difficulty does Aunt Jennifer face while making her tigers and why?

Ans: Aunt Jennifer is making her tigers in the panels. She is using ivory needles. Her fingers are fluttering through the wool. She finds it difficult (hard) to pull even the ivory needles. The reason is obvious. The weight of unhappy and unfortunate experiences of her married life sits heavily on her hands.

Q4. What is the weight that lies heavy on Aunt Jennifer's hand? How is it associated with her husband?

Ans: Aunt Jennifer is working with ivory needles and wool. But she can't move her fingers freely in the wool. She finds it hard to pull even the ivory needles easily. The experiences of her past married life are quite bitter. She has unpleasant memories of her married life with her husband. The heavy weight of the wedding band sits heavily upon her hand.

Q5. How will Aunt Jennifer's hands look when she is dead?

Ans: When Aunt Jennifer dies, her hands will still look terrified. Perhaps she has experienced a lot of hardships and troubles in the past. Their effect has left its print on her hands. The ordeals that crushed her married life had surrounded and cramped her fingers and hands too.

Q6. What will happen to Aunt Jennifer's tigers when she is dead?

Ans: Aunt Jennifer's tigers will survive her. She has created the tigers in a panel. They are made of wool. These objects of art will survive their creator. The tigers will go on jumping, proud and unafraid.

Q7. Describe the poetic devices used in the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'.

Ans: Adrienne Rich's 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' is a beautiful short poem rich in symbolism and imagery. The metaphor 'bright topaz' depicts the shining yellow complexion of her tigers. The effective use of alliteration in 'sleek, chivalric certainty' describes the pace of the tigers effectively. 'The massive weight of wedding band' symbolises

ordeals and hardships of Aunt Jennifer's married life. The images 'terrified hands' and 'ringed with ordeal' create the effect of oppression and terror as well as captivity.

Q8. How are Aunt Jennifer's tigers different from her? [All India 2014]

Ans: Aunt Jennifer's tigers are a picture of strength, beauty and certainty. They seem to be jumping across a screen. They "pace in sleek chivalric certainty". They are confident and impressive. Aunt Jennifer is a weak, depressed and terrified person. Life has been a cup of woes for her. She is still in the grip of those ordeals and terrors that she faced and suffered from during her married life. Her fingers are so 'terrified' that they find it hard to pull even the ivory needle. Thus, the contrast is amply highlighted.

Q9. What are the difficulties that Aunt Jennifer faced in her life? [Delhi 2014]

Ans: The life of Aunt Jennifer was overburdened by the duties of her married life. Hardships and sufferings were the parts of her married life. She had to face oppression by her husband even though she was old and weak.

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