

## ENGLISH REVISION TEST

### CLASS XII

Q1. Read the given stanzas and answer the questions that follow:

I. ....wan , pale  
as a late winter's moon and felt that old  
familiar ache, my childhood's fear,  
but all I said was, see you soon, Amma,  
all I did was smile and smile and smile.....

- Who looked 'wan and pale'? When?
- Bring out and explain the figure of speech in the second line.
- What was her childhood's fear?
- How did she console herself and her mother?

II. ....And looked out at young  
Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling  
Out of their homes, but after the airport's  
Security check, standing a few yards  
Away, I looked at again at her.

- What was the state of mind of the poet?
- What did she see out of the window? What is the significance of the 'young trees' and 'merry children'?
- Why did she look at her mother again? What fear crossed her mind?
- Name the poet of the poem.

Q2. Answer the following questions in short:

- Mention any three hazards of working in a bangle factory.
- What does the author remark when Sahib says, "I sometimes find a rupee, even a ten-rupee note?"
- What was Mukesh's dream? Do you think he would be able to fulfill his dream?
- Where was the poet going? What did she see when she looked at her mother?
- What does Mukesh aspire to be? What is his family engaged in?
- Are the people of Firozabad aware of law relating to child labour? Discuss.
- In spite of despair and diseases prevailing in the lives of the slum children, they are not devoid of hope. How far do you agree?
- Describe the world in the car. Compare it with the activities taking place outside.
- Why are the young trees described as 'sprinting'?
- Why was Mrs. Hall happy to see the stranger despite his strange appearance?
- What do the parting words of the poet and her smile signify?
- What, according to the author, has "killed all initiative and the ability to dream" of the youth of Firozabad?
- Describe the strange appearance of the stranger as he arrived the inn.
- What do you get to know about Mrs. Hall after her first meeting with the stranger?

Q3. Answer the following questions in detail:

- The life of bangle makers of Firozabad was full of obstacles which forced them to lead a life of poverty and deprivation. Discuss with reference to 'Lost spring'.
- Give the sum and substance of the Kamala Das's poem, "My Mother at Sixty Six".
- Who was Teddy Henfrey? Describe his first encounter with the stranger.

Q4. Article Writing