

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