

**“Determine that the thing can and shall be done, and
then we shall find the way.”
– Abraham Lincoln**

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Section A

- 1 What was the poet Kamala Das's mother performing during the journey to the airport? [1]
a) She was weaving a woolen cloth
b) She was lost somewhere
c) She was skimming a novel
d) She was snoozing
- 2 How long does the poet want to cease activity and observe complete silence? (**keeping quiet**) [1]
a) One hour
b) One day
c) One second
d) One year
- 3 What symbol from nature did the poet use to portray that there can be life under apparent stillness? (**Keeping quiet**) [1]
a) Sun
b) Earth
c) Stars
d) Moon
- 4 What did the poet urge to mankind in the poem, **Keeping quiet**? [1]
a) To cease their actions
b) To promote education
c) To fight for their rights
d) To help their fellow beings
- 5 Who composed the poem, **A thing of beauty**? [1]
a) Robert Frost
b) Pablo Neruda
c) Stephen Spender
d) John Keats
- 6 Why are beautiful things worth treasuring? (**A Thing of Beauty**) [1]
a) They are a source of perennial joy
b) They counteract misery
c) They have the power to heal and rejuvenate
d) All of these
- 7 What does the bower provide to mankind? (**A thing of beauty**) [1]
a) Pleasant dreams
b) Good health
c) All of these
d) Sound sleep
- 8 How did the rich and wealthy onlookers find the roadside stands? Select the answer in reference to [1]

the poem **A Roadside Stand** .

- a) A comfortable place on the highway
- b) Shabby insertion on the roadside
- c) A peaceful and serene place on the roadside
- d) A landmark full of utilities

9 Who is referred to as, **the flower of the cities** in the poem, **A roadside stand** ? [1]

- a) Beautiful city girls
- b) The most beautiful flower in the city
- c) Innocent little children in the cities
- d) Rich and wealthy city dwellers

10 Who owned the roadside stands? [1]

- a) Poor rural people
- b) Beggars
- c) Government officials
- d) Polished people

11 How do the '**prancing**' tigers look? [1]

- a) Just like coal
- b) Just like topaz
- c) Just like diamond
- d) Just like stone

12 What does the **wedding band** represent in Aunt Jennifer's Tigers? [1]

- a) Band of wedding
- b) Martial relation
- c) Ring ceremony
- d) Band in the wedding

13 Tell the meaning of **Denizen of a world of green** in Aunt Jennifer's Tigers. [1]

- a) Green - coloured animals
- b) Forest lovers
- c) Forest dwellers
- d) Forest haters

14 Which words depict the **dominant and arrogant attitude** of the wild animal in the poem?(Aunt Jennifer's Tigers) [1]

- a) Bold and Dominant
- b) Adorable Denizens
- c) Denizens and chivalric
- d) Arrogant and chivalric

15 The poem **Aunt Jennifer's Tigers** echoes with opposition against which ideology that is generally observed in Rich's poems? [1]

- a) Racism
- b) Liberalism
- c) Militarism
- d) Feminism

Section B

16 Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[6]

I saw my mother beside medoze, open mouthed, her face ashen like that of a corpse and realised with pain that she was as old as she looked but soon put that thought away, and looked out at Young Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling out of their homes.

1. Which amongst the following options has used the same poetic device in its underlined phrase as used in the expression **ashen like that of a corpse** ?
 - a) The tree blocks the free flow of water.
 - b) The flood swallowed more than a dozen villages.
 - c) He walked as slow as a snail.
 - d) He was a lion in the battle.
2. Choose the correct option that best explains the reason for the poet **to put that thought away**.
 - a) The mother's face was pale and ugly.
 - b) She was troubled by the thought of her mother's perpetual state of exhaustion.
 - c) It was unbearable for her to see her mother sleeping.
 - d) She was deeply pained by the thought of the mother's imminent death.
3. What do the expressions **doze open mouthed** describe about the poet's mother?
 - a) She is sleeping and relaxing.
 - b) She is aged and exhausted.
 - c) She is tired of travelling.
 - d) She is not in a mood to talk to her daughter.
4. Select the correct option to fill in the blank. The poet uses the image of sprinting trees to emphasize the _____ to the ageing mother.
 - a) difference
 - b) contrast
 - c) comparison
 - d) similarity
5. What mood does the expression **merry children spilling** bring in?
 - a) Innocence and playfulness
 - b) Laziness
 - c) Joy
 - d) Happiness and enthusiasm
6. The figure of speech used in the given line "the young trees sprinting" is _____.

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 4. Answer in ONE word. The poet uses the image of sprinting trees to emphasize the _____ to the ageing mother.
 5. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below. (1) The poet portrays typical mother - daughter love and affection. (2) The poet is horrified by the thought of losing her.
 - a. (1) can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
 - b. (2) can be inferred from the extract but (1) cannot.
 - c. Both (1) and (2) can be inferred from the extract.
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What I want should not be confused with total inactivity. Life is what it is about; I want no truck with death.

1. What is it that should not be confused with total inactivity?
 - a) Silence
 - b) Illness
 - c) Sufferings
 - d) Lack of desires
2. What is life all about?
 - a) Attaining our goals
 - b) Introspecting deeply
 - c) All of these
 - d) Moving forward
3. Explain **no truck with death** ?
 - a) Silence is not completely associated with death
 - b) Death caused due to a silent disease
 - c) No accident with a truck
 - d) Death caused by a truck
4. What should be the aim of our life?
 - a) To travel
 - b) To reach heights
 - c) To walk on a meaningful and purposeful path
 - d) To fight our foes
5. The name of the poet is:
 - a) Pearl Sydenstricker Buck
 - b) Pablo Neruda

c) Kamala Das d) None of these

6. The poet wants people to stop their work and be totally inactive.

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 - d. Sufferings
2. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to (1) and (2) given below. (1) The poet wants people to adopt a new approach to life. (2) Life is all about introspecting deeply.
 - a. (1) is true but (2) is false.
 - b. (2) is true but (1) is false.
 - c. (2) is the reason for (1).
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 - c. Pearl Sydenstricker Buck
 - d. None of these
6. The poet does not want people to stop their _____, rather he wants them to take some time and analyze the results of their deeds.

20 **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[6]

Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing
A flowery band to bind us to the earth,
Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,
Of all the unhealthy and o'er darkened ways
Made for our searching: yes, in spite of all,
Some shape of beauty moves away
The pall From our dark spirits.

1. In which of the following options can the underlined words be replaced with **despondence** ?
 - a) A chat with a close friend can take away our blues
 - b) Being dogged is what led him to negotiate the challenges.
 - c) I was in jitters, seeing the boy trapped in the trench.
 - d) The man paced about the room showing restlessness
2. Pick the option that is NOT an example of **unhealthy and o'er darkened ways**.
 - a) A person who seeks God's help for all his problems.
 - b) A person who uses evil ways to deceive others.

- c) A person who is corrupt and manipulative.
- d) A person who is egoistic and looks down upon others.

3. Pick the option that enumerates what **noble natures** would include
- a. selflessness
 - b. insensitivity
 - c. enthusiasm
 - d. aggression
 - e. meticulousness
 - f. judiciousness
- a) 1, 3 and 6
b) 1, 4 and 5
c) 2, 4 and 5
d) 2, 3 and 6
4. Based on the poem, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below. **Statement 1** The earth without the beautiful things is a place full of despair and unpleasantness. **Statement 2** The ornate band created by human beings; ushers hope in their lives.
- a) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 cannot be inferred.
 - b) Statement 1 is true but Statement 2 is false.
 - c) Statement 1 is false but Statement 2 is true.
 - d) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 can be inferred.
5. A good family time help us shed our grim thoughts.
6. The poet says that we wreath a flowery band that binds us to Earth.He means to state that nature's beauty fills man with _____.
- a) A spirit of dying
 - b) a spirit of life
 - c) a spirit of living
 - d) a spirit of enjoying

21 **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[6]

“Such the Sun, the Moon, Trees old and young, sprouting a shady boon For simple sheep; and such are daffodils With the green world they live in; and clear rills That for themselves a cooling covert make 'Gainst the hot season.”

1. Which of these provide joy and respite in the hot season?
- a. Shades of trees in forests
 - b. Daffodils
 - c. Clear water streams
 - d. Both Shades of trees in forests and Clear water streams
2. What does the word **brake** implies?
- a. Undergrowth of ferns or bush
 - b. Burning of forest
 - c. Stubble fire
 - d. Large area of grasslands
3. Describe the role of clear rills.
- a. Cool and clear streams
 - b. Cooling shelter
 - c. Flowing in green surroundings
 - d. Getting away our thirst

4. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below. statement 1: The sun, The Moon, and the Young trees provide us joy. statement 2: We feel joyous when surrounded by natural things. Options:
 - a. (1) can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
 - b. (2) can be inferred from the extract but (1) cannot
 - c. Both (1) and (2) can be inferred from the extract.
 - d. (2) is the reason for (1) and can be inferred from the extract.
5. What are the things of beauty mentioned in the poem?
 - a. Sun and Moon
 - b. Young trees and streams
 - c. Flowers
 - d. All these
6. Answer in one word: According to the poet, all of the beauties of nature are like a _____.

22 **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[6]

“The little old house was out with a little new shed
In front at the edge of the road where the traffic
sped, A roadside stand that too pathetically pled,
It would not be fair to say for a dole of bread,
But for some of the money, the cash, whose flow supports
The flower of cities from sinking and
withering faint.”

1. Where was the new shed put up?
 - a) In front of the house
 - b) Behind the house
 - c) At the door of the house
 - d) Besides the house
2. Who are referred to as **the power of cities** ?
 - a) Village people
 - b) People living in cities
 - c) The poor people
 - d) The elite class
3. The word in the extract **withering** means.
 - a) Encourage
 - b) Admire
 - c) Intended
 - d) Decay
4. Identify the figure of speech used in these lines, **polished traffic** .
 - a) Alliteration
 - b) Simile
 - c) Transferred Epithet
 - d) Metaphor
5. The new shed pled for bread.
6. The poetic device used in the line 'A roadside stand that too pathetically pled' is _
_____.

23 **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[6]

“It is in the news that all these pitiful kin
Are to be bought out and mercifully gathered in
To live in villages, next to the theatre and the store,
Where they won't have to think for themselves anymore,
While greedy good - doers, beneficent beasts of prey,
Swarm over their lives enforcing benefits
That are calculated to soothe them out of their wits,”
And by teaching them how to sleep they sleep all
day, Destroy their sleeping at night the ancient way.

1. Fill the blank with an appropriate word, with reference to the extract.'... And by teaching them how to sleep' here 'they' are the _____
2. Complete the following analogy correctly.greedy good doers: alliteration :: beneficent beasts of prey :_____
3. The phrase in the extract **greedy good - doers** implies
 - a. the people who work for betterment of poor
 - b. politicians who are well aware of their duties
 - c. selfish people who also raise false hopes
 - d. Both (a) and (b)
4. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to (1) and (2) given below.(1) The city dwellers make promises for the betterment of the villagers. (2) The city dwellers have ulterior motives.
 - a. (1) is true but (2) is false.
 - b. (2) is true but (1) is false.
 - c. (2) is the reason for (1).
 - d. Both (1) and (2) cannot be inferred from the extract.
5. Fill in the blank with an appropriate word:Identify the phrase which refers to the deprived villages _____.
6. Choose the one which is not the part of the news:
 - a. Resettlement of poor
 - b. They will enjoy the facilities of theatre and store
 - c. They will be given extra land
 - d. They will enjoy all the comforts

24 **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[6]

"When Aunt is dead,her terrified hands will lie. Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by. The tigers in the panel that she made Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid."

1. Read the statement given below: Aunt Jennifer's plight is best explained by her hands, they hold both her freedom and the instrument of her imprisonment.Choose the option that best explains the above statement, as per the extract.
 - a) Aunt Jennifer knits her desires, but is overpowered by the wedding ring she wears.
 - b) Aunt Jennifer's tigers are proud and unafraid, but she is mastered by ringed ordeals.
 - c) Aunt Jennifer's hands are terrified, but when she is dead, her tigers will roam free.
 - d) Aunt Jennifer makes panels of tigers when she has time from her responsibilities.
2. Which of the following CANNOT be inferred from the given extract?
 - a) Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance as a lasting symbol of her desires.
 - b) Even in death, Aunt Jennifer cannot escape patriarchal subjugation.
 - c) Aunt Jennifer's tigers will keep her alive in everyone's memory.
 - d) Aunt Jennifer feels oppressed and constricted in her marriage.
3. What makes the tigers proud and unafraid?
 - a) They represent Aunt's repressed desires for freedom and power.
 - b) They symbolise authority and are 'topaz denizens of green'.
 - c) They embody the grandeur and supremacy of animals in the wild.
 - d) They are a product of Aunt's imagination and colonial experience.
4. Choose the option that DOES NOT reflect the movement implied by **prancing** .
 - a) Bounding b) Frolicking

c) Shuffling d) Strutting

5. Choose the ODD one out with reference to the tigers in the given stanza.

- a) Proud
- b) Alive
- c) Prancing
- d) Unafraid

6. Aunt Jennifer was liberated only after her death.

25 **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:** "Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen, Bright topaz denizens of a world of green. They do not fear the men beneath the tree; They pace in sleek chivalric certainty."

[6]

1. How are Aunt Jennifer's tigers described?

- a. As bold and fearless
- b. As cruel and menacing
- c. As rober and serene
- d. As sleek and slender

2. Why are they described as denizens of a world of green?

- a. Because they eat the herbivores
- b. Because they are green in colour
- c. Because they live in dense green forests
- d. Because they are bright and beautiful

3. Identify the rhyme scheme of the given lines.

- a. Abcd
- b. Abab
- c. Abca
- d. Aabb

4. The word **prance** in the extract means

- a. destroy
- b. camouflage
- c. shriek
- d. move about or leap

5. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to (1) and (2) given below. (1) There is a contrast between Aunt Jennifer and her tigers. (2) Aunt Jennifer's tigers were afraid of men.

- a. (1) is true but (2) is false.
- b. (2) is true but (1) is false.
- c. (2) is the reason for (1).
- d. Both (1) and (2) cannot be inferred from the extract.

6. Answer in ONE word. Which word in the given extract means being courteous, especially to women, an act of a gentleman?