

SAINIK SCHOOL GOPALGANJ

SUB – ENGLISH

CLASS – XII

ASSIGNMENT

Ch 4: My Mother at Sixty-six

A. Given below are four options against each question. Choose the option which you consider the most appropriate as your answer.

1. The theme of the poem is
 - A. separation from friends
 - B. separation from relatives
 - C. fear of separation from the mother
 - D. love and hatred
2. 'Trees sprinting' and 'merry children spilling' is an attempt by the poet to create
 - A. suspense
 - B. laughter
 - C. visual imagery
 - D. chaos
3. Kamala Das has successfully drawn comparisons between the
 - A. children and her mother
 - B. father and mother
 - C. uncle and aunt
 - D. nephew and niece
4. What was the expression on the narrator's face?
 - A. smiling face
 - B. angry look
 - C. sarcastic expression
 - D. frowning face
5. 'Winter's moon' is a reference to the mother's
 - A. old age
 - B. illness
 - C. colour of skin
 - D. young age

B. Answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words.

Q6. What is the significance of the parting words of the poet and her smile in 'My Mother at Sixty-six'?

Q7. How did Kamala Das put away the thought of her mother's old age?

- Q8. Why did Kamala Das add the image of merry children to her poem?
- Q9. What helped Kamala Das put away the thought of her mother's old age?
- Q10. Why are the young trees described as 'sprinting'?
- Q11. What were the poet's feelings at the airport? How did she hide them?
- Q12. What do the parting words of the poet and her smile signify?

C. Answer the following questions in about 120 words.

- Q13. Write in brief the summary of the poem 'My Mother at Sixty-six'.