

12. AUNT JENNIFER

Q. No	Question	Marks
Multiple Choice Question		
Q.79	Which of the following best explains a symbolism that has been used in the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'? A. Aunt Jennifer's hands representing her self B. tigers representing Aunt Jennifer's husband C. men beneath the trees representing humanity D. the wedding band representing strength and chivalry	1
Q.80	What opportunity does creating the panel or the screen give Aunt Jennifer in the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'? A. a way to convince herself to escape B. a method to voice her inner desires C. a plan to increase the joy in her life D. a chance to instill terror in others	1
Q.81	<i>The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band...</i> In this line from the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers', why has the poet used the word 'Uncle's' instead of simply 'Aunt Jennifer's' or 'her'? A. It highlights the value of a partner's strength. B. It reveals the extent of her fear and sadness. C. It acts as a reminder of unseen heroes in the poem. D. It serves to underscore her husband's power over her.	1
Free Response Question/Subjective Type		
Q.82	What does the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' suggest about the kind of relationship Aunt Jennifer shares with her husband? Support your answer with evidence from the poem.	2
Q.83	<i>Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.</i> By referring to the tigers as 'bright topaz denizens' in the above line, the poet highlights their bold and confident nature. Does this align with the description	2

	of the tigers in the rest of the poem? Justify in 20–30 words based on your understanding of the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'.	
Q.84	Based on your understanding of the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers', is Aunt Jennifer likely to break free from the oppression in her life? Justify your opinion in 30–40 words.	3
Q.85	How have the descriptions of movement been used to contrast the differences between Aunt Jennifer and her tigers? Describe in 100–120 words based on your understanding of the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'.	5

Answer Key & Marking Scheme

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Q.79	A. Aunt Jennifer's hands representing her self	1
Q.80	B. a method to voice her inner desires	1
Q.81	D. It serves to underscore her husband's power over her.	1
Q.82	<p>Sample Answer: The poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' suggests that Aunt Jennifer is probably dominated by her husband and fears disobeying him. The poem mentions that, 'the massive weight of Uncle's wedding band sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand', which implies that she feels oppressed by her husband.</p> <p><u>Content</u></p> <p>◆ Infers any one characteristic of the marital relationship from the poem [0.50 marks]</p> <p>(unequal power in the marriage/Aunt Jennifer is probably dominated by her husband/oppressive for the wife/the wife probably shows obedience/the wife probably fears the husband/the wife carries out duties against her will)</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid interpretation supported by the poem.</i></p> <p>◆ Supports the stated characteristic with evidence from the poem [0.50 marks]</p> <p>(the tigers are described as not fearing the men/the tigers prance about in 'chivalric certainty'/'the massive weight of Uncle's wedding band sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand'/'Aunt's 'terrified hands'/'ringed with ordeals she was mastered by')</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid response supported by the poem.</i></p> <p><u>Expression</u></p> <p>◆ Presents a logical connection between the ideas [0.50 marks]</p> <p>◆ Uses correct grammar, spelling and other language mechanics [0.50 marks]</p> <p><i>Award the full allotted marks if both the criteria have been met.</i></p> <p><i>Award half of the allotted marks if only one criteria has been met.</i></p> <p><i>Award 0 marks if none of the criteria have been met.</i></p>	2

Q.83	<p>Sample Answer: Yes, this description does align with how the tigers are portrayed in the poem. The tigers are described as being unafraid and sure of themselves throughout the poem.</p> <p><u>Content</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Describes how the description of the tigers matches the aspect that is implied by the colours <p>(brave to be themselves/secure in their own skin/not afraid of standing out/certain of themselves/proud and unafraid)</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid responses supported by the poem.</i></p> <p><u>Expression</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Presents a logical connection between the ideas [0.50 marks] ◆ Uses correct grammar, spelling and other language mechanics [0.50 marks] <p><i>Award the full allotted marks if both the criteria have been met.</i></p> <p><i>Award half of the allotted marks if only one of the criteria has been met.</i></p> <p><i>Award 0 marks if none of the criteria have been met.</i></p>	2
Q.84	<p>Sample Answer: Aunt Jennifer is unlikely to achieve freedom for herself. The poet suggests that she will remain oppressed for the rest of her life. Even in death, she will remain fettered by the patriarchal oppression that she faced in her wedded life.</p> <p><u>Content</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ States opinion on whether Aunt Jennifer is likely or unlikely to break free [1 mark] <p>(No. Aunt Jennifer is unlikely to achieve freedom for herself.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Aunt Jennifer will achieve freedom, if only figuratively.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Supports the statement with evidence from the poem [1 mark] <p>(No: her hands remain ringed with ordeals even in death/she will die while remaining mastered/she will be afraid even as she dies)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>(Yes: Her creations will go on prancing/the tigers in the panel will live on/her art will live on and triumph over her ordeals)</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid responses supported by the poem.</i></p>	3

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Q.85	<p>Sample Answer: In the poem, Aunt Jennifer has been described as insecure, fearful and oppressed. In contrast, the tigers are described as proud and unafraid. Their respective movements have also been used to reflect these attitudes and qualities.</p> <p>Aunt Jennifer's fingers flutter and tremble, and her hands find even a tiny needle difficult to pull. These movements reflect her fearful and insecure nature. Even her smallest actions are weighed down by the oppression she faces.</p> <p>On the other hand, the tigers prance, mirroring their joyful and fearless nature. They pace about confidently, certain of themselves and unafraid of the men around them. Their movements are sleek and self-assured.</p> <p><u>Content</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ States Aunt Jennifer's and the tigers' traits [1 mark] <p>(timid/terrified/burdened/scared/afraid/nervous/frightened/hesitant/unsure/oppressed/suppressed/ meek) (fearless/brave/noble/courageous/happy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ States Aunt Jennifer's movements [1 mark] <p>(shivering/shaking/quivering/jittery/anxious/weak/subjugated)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ States the tiger's movements [1 mark] <p>(leap/jump/strut/parade/march/frolic)</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid responses supported by the text.</i></p> <p><u>Organisation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Presents a logical connection between ideas <p><i>Award the full allotted marks if both the criteria have been met.</i></p> <p><i>Award half of the allotted marks if only one of the criteria has been met.</i></p> <p><i>Award 0 marks if none of the criteria have been met.</i></p> <p><u>Language Mechanics</u></p>	5

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