

ATOMIC ENERGY EDUCATION SOCIETY ANUSHAKTINAGAR

CLASS 12 ENGLISH POEM Aunt Jennifer's Tigers M 1/1

Worksheet

Answer All the Questions 3 x 10 = 30 marks

I. Aunt Jennifer's tigers prances 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

1 Identify the poem and the poet.

2. What are Aunt Jennifer's tigers doing?

3. How do the tigers look like?

II. Aunt Jennifer's tigers prances across a screen
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They pace in sleek chivalric certainty

1. As per the poem, where do the tigers live?

2. Do the tigers get scared of anyone? Cite an example.

3. How do the tigers pace?

III. Aunt Jennifer's tigers prances 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

1. What do you mean by denizens?

2. What does chivalric reveal about the attitude of tigers?

3. Why did Aunt Jennifer create tigers which are ideally different from her character?

IV. Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool

Find even the ivory needle hard to pull

The massive weight of uncle's band

Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand

1. What were Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through?
2. How was she pulling the needle?
3. What was upon Aunt Jennifer's hand?

V. Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool

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1. What was lying heavily ?
2. Where was it lying?
3. How did it sit there?

VI. Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool

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1. What is suggested by the image 'massive weight of Uncle's wedding band'?
2. Why do you think Aunt Jennifer's hands are 'fluttering' through her wool in the second stanza?
3. Why is she finding the needle so hard to pull?

VII. 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 pouncing proud and unafraid.

1. Why are Aunt Jennifer's fingers called "terrified"?

2. What are they still ringed with?

3. Where did she make the tigers ?

VIII. 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 pouncing proud and unafraid

1. What will happen to her tigers after her death?

2. Do you sympathise with Aunt Jennifer?

3. What is the attitude of the author towards Aunt Jennifer?

IX. 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 pouncing proud and unafraid

1. What will happen to Aunt Jennifer's tigers when she is dead?

2. What is the poet trying to suggest?

3. What is the significance of the word "ringed"?

X. Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool

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Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand

1. Why do you think Aunt Jennifer created animals that are so different from her own character?

2. What might the poet be suggesting through this difference?

3. What are the 'ordeals' Aunt Jennifer is surrounded by?