

## POEM-1 | A Photograph

## QUIZ-01

1. What does the "cardboard" in the poem refer to?

- A. A piece of wood                      B. A photo album  
C. A snapshot mounted on cardboard  
D. A drawing by the poet                      (C)

**Explanation:** The word 'cardboard' denotes a photograph mounted on stiff paper material.

2. How many people are captured in the photograph described in the poem?

- A. Two                                      B. Three  
C. Four                                      D. Five                                      (B)

**Explanation:** The photograph shows the poet's mother with her two cousins, Betty and Dolly.

3. What is the setting of the photograph?

- A. A wedding ceremony                      B. A birthday party  
C. A beach holiday                              D. A garden                              (C)

**Explanation:** The girls are seen paddling in the sea, indicating a beach vacation.

4. What does the line "washed their terribly transient feet" imply?

- A. The sea made their feet clean  
B. Their feet were injured by water  
C. Human life is short-lived  
D. They were running through waves                      (C)

**Explanation:** The word 'transient' highlights the temporary nature of life compared to the eternal sea.

5. What emotion is reflected when the poet's mother laughed at the snapshot years later?

- A. Joy of childhood memories  
B. Sarcasm  
C. Anger  
D. Indifference                              (A)

**Explanation:** The mother laughed fondly at the memory of their childhood beach holiday.

6. What is the significance of "laboured ease of loss"?

- A. The pain of losing the photograph  
B. A tiring journey  
C. The conflicting feelings of coping with grief  
D. A casual memory                              (C)

**Explanation:** The phrase captures the emotional effort involved in coming to terms with personal loss.

7. What has changed least over the years, as per the poem?

- A. The poet's home                              B. The clothing  
C. The mother's laughter                      D. The sea                              (D)

**Explanation:** The poet remarks that the sea has changed less than the people in the photo.

8. What does the poet mean by "her past, mine is her laughter"?

- A. They don't share memories  
B. The mother's childhood is distant, while the poet remembers her mother's reaction  
C. The poet dislikes the photograph  
D. The mother has forgotten her past                      (B)

**Explanation:** The mother's past is the beach holiday, and the poet's memory is her mother's laughter at that photo.

9. How long has the mother been dead, as described in the poem?

- A. A few months  
B. About as many years as her age in the photo  
C. Over fifty years                              D. One year                              (B)

**Explanation:** The poet notes the mother has been dead nearly as many years as she was old in the photo.

10. What does the line "its silence silences" convey?

- A. Peace and calm  
B. The inability to express grief  
C. The quiet of the beach  
D. The mother's silence                              (B)

**Explanation:** The poet expresses that the emotional pain of the loss leaves her speechless.