

POEM-5 | Aunt Jennifer's Tigers

QUIZ-01

1. What does the phrase "Bright topaz denizens of a world of green" describe?

- A. Precious stones in the forest
- B. Tigers in a natural setting
- C. Aunt Jennifer's imagination
- D. Golden birds on a tree (B)

Explanation: The phrase refers to the tigers as bright, jewel-like inhabitants (denizens) of the green forest.

2. How are the tigers described in their movement?

- A. Aggressive and threatening
- B. Playful and tame
- C. Elegant and confident
- D. Wild and unpredictable (C)

Explanation: The tigers "pace in sleek chivalric certainty," suggesting elegance and noble confidence.

3. What does Aunt Jennifer's difficulty in pulling the needle symbolize?

- A. Her old age
- B. Her lack of interest in embroidery
- C. The burden and constraints in her life
- D. Her poor eyesight (C)

Explanation: Her fluttering fingers and struggle with the needle reflect her inner turmoil and the oppressive weight of her marriage.

4. What is the significance of "Uncle's wedding band" being described as "massive"?

- A. It's a family heirloom
- B. It symbolizes emotional and societal burden
- C. It is physically heavy
- D. It is too large for her finger (B)

Explanation: The "massive weight" of the ring symbolizes the oppressive control and responsibility imposed on her through marriage.

5. What will remain after Aunt Jennifer's death?

- A. Her embroidery materials
- B. Her tigers, continuing to prance
- C. Her wedding ring
- D. Her legacy as a poet (B)

Explanation: The tigers in the panel she created will continue to exist, symbolizing freedom and strength, contrasting her life.

6. What do Aunt Jennifer's "terrified hands" indicate?

- A. Physical illness
- B. Fear and trauma endured in life
- C. Fear of embroidery needles
- D. Nervousness about art (B)

Explanation: The phrase reflects her lifelong fear and suffering, even in death, due to the oppression she faced.

7. Why are the tigers a contrast to Aunt Jennifer?

- A. They live in a forest, unlike her
- B. They are male, while she is female
- C. They are fearless and proud, while she is oppressed and fearful
- D. They are real animals, she is a person (C)

Explanation: The tigers represent strength and confidence, which sharply contrasts Aunt Jennifer's timid and burdened existence.

8. What theme does the poem primarily explore?

- A. Power of nature
- B. Artistic creativity
- C. Female oppression and the search for freedom
- D. Family traditions (C)

Explanation: The poem explores the constraints placed on women in marriage and how creativity becomes a means of escape.

9. What literary device is used in the phrase "ringed with ordeals"?

- A. Metaphor
- B. Irony
- C. Simile
- D. Personification (A)

Explanation: The word "ringed" metaphorically suggests being encircled or trapped by life's hardships, especially those of marriage.

10. What does the poem suggest about art and personal expression?

- A. Art is irrelevant in a difficult life
- B. Art reflects a person's environment
- C. Art can express inner strength and freedom, even when reality is oppressive
- D. Art is only for the elite (C)

Explanation: Aunt Jennifer's art—her tigers—symbolizes the freedom and power she lacks in life, showing how personal expression can transcend hardship.