

Short-Answer Questions

Q.1. What ideology does Aunt Jennifer's poem propound?

Ans. The poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' is critical of the male world. It criticises the male society for terrifying and oppressing women like of 'Aunt Jennifer'.

Q.2. How has Aunt Jennifer created her tigers? What traits of tigers do they reveal?

[CBSE (F) 2013]

Ans. Aunt Jennifer has embroidered the tigers on a panel with an ivory needle and wool. The tigers that she has created are wild and free. Bright golden yellow denizens of the green forest. They are fearless and bold, jumping around with confidence, totally opposed to her own character.

Q.3. What do you mean by the certainty that the tigers possess?

Ans. The tigers used to fear the men. But once they were made by Aunt Jennifer, they learnt courage. In their new birth, these tigers feel at ease and confident. Now they do not have to run away from anyone. They move slowly. They run ferociously

Q.4. How does the poet describe Aunt Jennifer's tigers?

[CBSE (AI) 2008]

Ans. The poet describes Aunt Jennifer's tigers as 'bright topaz denizens' of the forest. They are fearless. They pace in 'sleek' chivalry.

Q.5. What will happen to Aunt Jennifer's tigers when she is dead?

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Ans. The tigers created by Aunt Jennifer are eternal. They will keep on prancing even after her death. These tigers are born out of her imagination in response to the oppression she goes through in the patriarchal society.

Q.6. What is the weight that lies heavy on Aunt Jennifer's hand? How is it associated with her husband?

[CBSE (F) 2010]

Ans. Aunt Jennifer had a troubled married life with a domineering and oppressing husband. She tries to find refuge in art to fight these demons, but even here there is no respite. This makes her hand quiver so much that when she find it hard to knit.

Q.7. How are the tigers different from her?

[CBSE (F) 2009]

Ans. The tigers of Aunt Jennifer were quite different from her. In fact they are exactly opposite of her oppressed, submissive personality. The tigers are a symbol of strength, fierceness and beauty.

Q.8. What picture of male chauvinism (tyranny) do we find in the poem, 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'?

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Ans. It shows constraints that a married woman experiences. Uncle's wedding band on Aunt Jennifer's hand symbolizes oppressive band of patriarchal society. Aunt Jennifer is forced to live in accordance with rules laid down by her husband. She does not have any freedom.