

**50 QUESTIONS FOR BOARD EXAMINATION CLASS -XII
FLAMINGO (POEMS)**

POEM. 1 MY MOTHER AT SIXTY SIX by KAMALA DAS

1. What is the kind of pain and ache that the poet feels?
2. Why does the poet draw the image of sprinting trees and merry children?
3. What is the significance of the parting words of the poet and her smile, in My Mother at Sixty six?

POEM-2 AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLASSROOM IN A SLUM -BY STEPHEN SPENDER

4. The poet presents two different worlds. What are they?
5. Why does Spender call Shakespeare wicked and the map a bad example?
6. What is the theme of the poem?

POEM-3 KEEPING QUIET - BY PABLO NERUDA

7. Why does Pablo Neruda urge us to keep still?
8. How does the poet distinguish 'stillness' from 'total inactivity'? Explain.
9. According to Pablo Neruda, what is it that human beings can learn from Nature?

POEM-4 A THING OF BEAUTY By JOHN KEATS

10. What is the special virtue of a beautiful thing?
11. Why doesn't a beautiful thing 'pass into nothingness'?
12. What is the message of the poem/what philosophy of life is highlighted in the poem?

POEM-5: AUNT JENNIFER'S TIGERS By ADRIENNE RICH

13. What do the tigers made by the Aunt symbolize?
14. What do you understand by "massive weight of uncle's wedding band"?
15. Interpret the symbols found in the poem „Aunt Jennifer“s Tigers“

FLAMINGO (PROSE)

1. THE LAST LESSON by Alphonse Daudet

16. How was M. Hamel's class different the day Franz went late to school?
17. What did M.Hamel mean by "Viva La France"?
18. Why did M. Hamel say about knowing one's language is a key to prison?

2. LOST SPRING:STORIES OF STOLEN CHILDHOOD By Anees Jung

19. "Saheb is no longer his own master", says the writer. What does she mean?
20. What does the title of the story 'Lost Spring ' imply?
21. Garbage to them is gold. Why does the author say so about the rag pickers?

3. DEEP WATER BY WILLIAM DOUGLAS

22. What was the misadventure that happened with the author one day?
23. Why did mother warn Douglas against River Yakima?
24. How did Douglas overcome his fear of water?

4. THE RAT TRAP by Selma Lagerlof

25. Why did it please the tramp to compare the world to a rattrap?
26. Why did the tramp sign the letter as Captain Von Stahle?
27. The story has many instances of unexpected reactions from the characters to other's behaviour. Pick out instances of these surprises.

5. INDIGO by Louis Fischer

28. Why did Gandhiji feel that it was useless for the peasants to go to law courts?
29. Why did Gandhiji agree for the 25% refund by the British landlords?
30. What was the "conflict of duties" which Gandhi was involved?

6. GOING PLACES by A.R.BARTON

31. What does Sophie dream of doing after she passes out of school? Why do you call it a dream, and not a plan?
32. What are the adolescent issues discussed in the lesson 'Going places'?
33. Did Sophie really meet Danny Casey?

SUPPLEMENTARY READER : VISTAS

1. THE TIGER KING BY KALKI

34. Who was tiger king? How did he get this title?
35. How did the Maharaja kill the hundredth tiger?
36. How does the hundredth tiger take its final revenge upon the Tiger King?

2. THE ENEMY BY PEARL S BUCK

37. What message does "The Enemy" give?
38. Why did the servants leave Dr. Sadao's house?
39. What was Dr. Sadao's dilemma?

3. SHOULD WIZARD HIT MOMMY? BY JOHN UPDIKE

40. How did the wizard help Roger Skunk?
41. How does Jo want the story to end and why?

4. 'ON THE FACE OF IT' BY SUSAN HILL

42. Who is Derry? What self-opinion does he hold?
43. What is the attitude of Mr. Lamb to the small boy who comes to the garden?
44. How did Mr. Lamb's meeting with Derry become a turning point in Derry's life?

5. EVANS TRIES AN O-LEVEL BY OLIN DEXTER

45. What kind of a person was Evans?
46. Do you think Evans' statement, 'I may surprise everybody,' has some special significance?
47. Jackson found a puzzling thing in McLeery's suitcase. How did McLeery explain it?

6. MEMORIES OF CHILDHOOD By ZITKALA-SA AND BAMA

48. What were the indignities that the new girls were subjected to at Carlisle Indian School?
49. Why did Zitakala-Sa not want her hair to be cut short?
50. What was the incident that made Bama laugh as well as feel so provoked and angry?