

CBSE Class 12 English Flamingo Important Questions for Poem 1 My Mother at Sixty Six

My Mother at Sixty six 2 Marks Important Questions – 30 to 40 words

Q. Kamala Das speaks of ‘an old familiar ache...’ What do you think is the reason for this feeling?

OR

What childhood fear did Kamala Das refer to in her poem? How did she hide it?

Ans. As a child, the poet had the fear of losing her mother. She calls it an old familiar ache because now, after several years, she feels the same way. She recollects the childhood fear of getting separated from her mother. This fear is due to the old age of her mother. Kamala Das hides her feeling by smiling at her mother.

Q. What kind of pain does Kamala Das feel in ‘My Mother at Sixty-six’?

Ans. The pain that Kamala Das feels is the pain of being separated from her mother. As her mother is ageing, Kamala fears that her mother will die soon. She does not want to lose her and so, is pained at the thought.

Q. What does the poet’s smile in the poem ‘My Mother at Sixty-six show?’

Ans. The poet is sad and anxious. She is pained at the thought that her mother is getting old. Despite this, she smiles in order to make her mother feel happy. She hides her feelings so that her mother does not feel sad.

Q. How does Kamala Das try to put away the thoughts of her ageing mother?

Ans. Kamala Das looks out of the moving car to put away the thoughts of her aging mother. She sees the trees which seem to be running. She also sees the happy children who are running out of their homes into the garden.

Q. Why has the poet’s mother been compared to the ‘late winter’s moon’?

Ans. The late winter’s moon is weak and pale. Unlike its usual appearance, the moon in late winters lacks strength and shine. Similarly, the poet’s mother looked pale and weak. She was old and had lost her charm and beauty. Thus, she has been compared to the late winter’s moon.

Q. What does the narrator’s mother look like? What kind of images have been used to signify her aging?

Ans. The poet says that the colour of her mother's face was like the colour of ash. While asleep, she appeared similar to a dead body. Her appearance has been compared to that of the late winter's moon. She was colourless and pale just like the late winter's moon which lacks shine and strength.

My Mother at Sixty-six 5 Marks Important Question –120 to 150 words

Q. In today's fast life, children neglect their ageing parents. What do you think children can do to have an involved and inclusive relationship with their elderly parents?

Ans. Children are occupied with their careers. They have to achieve the goals and so, are engulfed in stress and ambitions. They tend to overlook the needs of their aging parents. Creating a balance between the various spheres of life is essential. Children must realize their duty towards their parents. They must spend a few hours each day, taking care of their parents. In case the children live in a different city, they must call up their parents and plan a vacation with the family. One can plan to celebrate a festival or birthday with one's parents. Children should be by their parents' side when they need them. Children are always indebted towards their parents and must do whatever they can to express their love and gratitude.