INDIAN SCHOOL NIZWA - WORKSHEET

ENGLISH
MY MOTHER AT SIXTY SIX

Name: _____ Date:_____ Class: XII Sec: ___

1. *"Driving from my parent's home to Cochin last Friday*
Morning, I saw my mother, beside me,
doze, open mouthed, her face ashen like that
Of a corpse and realized with pain
That looked as old as she was
But soon put that thought far away."

a. Where is the poet at present?
b. How does she describe her mother?
c. What thoughts had she given away?

2. *"but after the airport's*
security check, standing a few yards
away, I looked again at her, wan,
pale as a late winter's moon"

a. Who is 'her' here? Why does the poet look at her again?
b. Explain "pale as a late winter's moon"

3. *Driving from my parent'shome to Cochin last Friday*
morning, I saw my mother,
beside me,doze, open mouthed, her face
ashen like that
of a corpse and realized with pain
that she was as old as she looked and
thought away…

a. Where was the poet driving to? Who was sitting beside her?
b. What did the poet notice about her mother?
c. Why did her mother's face look like that of a corpse?
d. Find words from the passage which mean
i) Sleep lightly
ii) Dead body

4. *….andlooked but soon*
put that thought away, and
looked out at young
trees sprinting, the merry children spilling
out of their homes

a. What did the poet realize? How did she feel?
b. What did she do then?
c. What did she see outside?
d. Find words from the passage which mean
i) Running fast ii) Happy

Short questions: 30-40 words

1. Why are the young trees described as 'sprinting'?
2. Why does the poet smile and what does she say while bidding goodbye to her mother?