INDIAN SCHOOL NIZWA - WORKSHEET

ENGLISH
AUNT JENNIFER'S TIGERS

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

Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.

I *When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie*
Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by
The tigers in the panel that she made
Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid

1 Who is the aunt mentioned here?
2 Why is she "ringed with ordeals"?
3 What is the difference between her and the tigers?
4 Why has Aunt Jennifer created the tigers so different from her own character?

II *Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,*
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green
They do not fear the men beneath the tree,
They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

1 How are Aunt Jennifer's tigers described?
2 Why are they described as denizens of a world of green?
3 Why are they not afraid of the men?
4 What are her tigers symbolic of?

III Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool
Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.
The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band
Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.

1 What were Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through?
2 How was she pulling the needle?
3 What was lying heavily? Where?
4 What was upon Aunt Jennifer's hand? How did it sit there?

Short questions

1 How are the tigers different from her?
2 How does Aunt Jennifer express her bitterness and anger against male dominance?
3 Why did Aunt Jennifer choose to embroider tigers on the panel?
4 Why do you think Aunt Jennifer created animals that Die so different from her own character? What might the poet be suggesting through this difference?
5 What is suggested by the image 'massive weight of uncle's wedding band'?
6 What are the 'ordeals' Aunt Jennifer is surrounded by? Why is it significant that the" poet uses the word 'ringed"! What are the different meanings of 'ringed' in the poem?
7 How do 'denizens' and 'chivalric' add to our understanding of the tiger's attitudes?