

## **Atomic Energy Education Society Anushakti, Mumbai**

### **Class XI English Assignment Poem 1 A Photograph by Shirly Toulson Module 1/1**

Answer all the questions 10x 3=30

1. The cardboard shows me how it was

When the two girl cousins went paddling

Each one holding one of my mother's hands

She the big girl some twelve years or so

a/ Where had they gone for paddling

b. The word cardboard signifies /denotes.....

c. The big girl in the photograph was.....

2. And she the big girl some twelve years ago

All three stood still to smile through their hair

At the uncle with the camera

a. Name the three mentioned in the first line

b. When and where was the photograph taken? Who captured the photograph?

c. What does the phrase "Smile through their face mean"

3. ...."See Betty and Dolly"

She'd say "and look how they

Dressed us for the beach." The sea holiday

Was her past mine her laughter

a. She and mine here refers to ..... and .....

b. The poet's mother's beach dress now appears to be.....

c. What had the camera capture in the poem A Photograph"

4... ..A sweet face

My mother's . That was before I was born

And the sea which appears to have changed so less

Washed their terribly transient feet

- a. Bring out the comparison between the 'sea' and the 'feet'
- b. Why is the reference to the sea so significant
- c. Explain the poetic device in "terribly transient feet"

5..... A sweet face

My Mother's, that was before I was born

And the sea which appears to have changed less

Washed their terribly transient feet

- a. Where are these lines from and identify the writer?
- b. What has not changed much and why?
- c. What is indicated in the phrase 'terribly transient feet'?

6. .... The sea holiday

Was her past mine is her laughter .Both wry

With the laboured ease of loss

- a. What is the significance of the sea holiday here?
- b. The sea holiday was her past mine is her laughter. Explain
- c. Who does 'both' here refer to?

7 .Some twenty thirty years later

She'd laugh at the snapshot

"See Betty and Dolly" She'd say

- a. Who were Betty and Dolly?
- b. Who would laugh seeing the snapshot?
- c. When did the beach holiday take place?

8. The sea holiday was her past Mine is her laughter both wry  
With laboured ease of loss

- a. Who is "her"?
- b. What was her past and mine?
- c. Explain "both wry with laboured ease of loss"

9 As that girl lived. And of this circumstance  
There is nothing to say at all  
Its silence silences

- a. The girl who died twelve years ago is.....
- b. The circumstances here refers to ..... of the poet's mother.
- c. What silences the poet?

10. Now she's been dead as many as years  
As that girl lived. And of this circumstance  
There is nothing to say at all  
Its silence silences

- a. How many years ago had the poetess' mother died?
- b. What does the circumstance refer to?
- c. Explain Its silence silences.