

Aunt Jennifer's Tigers16.4.20Aunt Jennifer's Tigers.
Practice Assignment

1 → Answer the questions given below with reference to the context.

STANZA - 1.

- a) Are Aunt Jennifer's tigers real?
- b) Where are they found? What do they symbolize?
- c) Which 2 activities are they doing?
- d) Why are they described as 'bright topaz'?
- e) Which literary device is 'bright topaz'?
- f) What does the phrase 'a world of green', refer to?
- g) Why are the tigers not afraid of men?
- h) Mention 2 poetic devices used in the last line - with examples.
- i) Give the meanings of the following words -
 - (i) prance -
 - (ii) screen -
 - (iii) denizens -
 - (iv) pace -
 - (v) sleek -
 - (vi) chivalric -
 - (vii) certainty -

STANZA - 2.

- (a) What does the first line of the stanza tell us about Aunt Jennifer?
- (b) Why are her 'fingers fluttering'? Which poetic device has the poet used here?
- (c) Why is it so hard for her to pull the ivory needle?
- (d) Is Aunt Jennifer different from the images created by her? In what way?
- (e) Explain, 'massive weight of uncle's wedding band'.
- (f) What is the 'wedding band' symbolic of?
- (g) Give the meanings of the following words:-
 - (i) fluttering
 - (ii) ivory.
 - (iii) massive
 - (iv) band
- (h) Do you think Aunt Jennifer enjoys wearing the wedding band? Explain with reference to the last line.
- (i) Why do you think Aunt Jennifer creates animals which are so different from her own character?

STANZA - 3

- a) Whose hands will lie terrified? Why.
- b) What is Aunt Jennifer's death symbolic of?
- c) Is the society affected by her death in any way?
- d) Explain 'ringed with ordeals'.
- e) Who does the word 'Aunt' refer to?
- f) How do the tigers behave after her death?
- g) What does the poetess wish to convey to the readers by presenting this situation?
- h) Give the meanings of the following words:-
 - (i) terrified
 - (ii) ordeals
 - (iii) panel
 - (iv) proud.