

Poem:- “ A Photograph”

Poet:- Shirley Toulson

• MCQ BASED QUESTIONS

- 1) Who is the poet of the poem “ A Photograph” ?
  - a) Walt Whitman
  - b) Shirley Toulson
  - c) Ted Hughes
  - d) Markus Natten
  
- 2) What is the poem “ A Photograph” about ?
  - a) Poet’s father
  - b) Poet’ s family
  - c) About poet’s childhood memories
  - d) Tribute to the poet’s mother
  
- 3) How many people were in the photograph?
  - a) Two girls
  - b) Three girls
  - c) Only her mother
  - d) Two girls and one boy
  
- 4) Who was on both sides of her mother?
  - a) Parents
  - b) Friends

- c) Cousins, Betty and Dolly
  - d) Cousins , Betty and Adam
- 5) Who took the photograph of her mother ?
- a) Her grandmother
  - b) Her grandfather
  - c) Her uncle
  - d) Her mother's friend
- 6) What were the favourite memories of her mother?
- a) Vacations
  - b) School memories
  - c) Beach holidays
  - d) None of above
- 7) What does the “terribly transient feet” mean in the poem “ A Photograph”?
- a) Age is temporary
  - b) Temporary situation
  - c) Her feet represent the mother who changes with time while the sea remained the same.
  - d) None of above
- 8) “Was her past , mine is her laughter express ” is the sense of:-
- a) Happiness
  - b) Sorrow
  - c) Celebration

- d) Loss
- 9) “ And of circumstances” refers to:-
- a) Birth of mother
  - b) Childhood of mother
  - c) Emotion of mother
  - d) Death of mother
- 10) “ There is nothing to say at all” means:-
- a) The poet’s sense of loss is deep to express
  - b) There is no one with whom the poet can share her grief with
  - c) Poet doesn’t want to talk about her sense of loss
  - d) It is futile to describe one’s grief.
- 11) After how many years did her mother laugh on seeing the photograph?
- a) Twenty- one
  - b) Twenty- three
  - c) Twelve
  - d) Twenty –five
- 12) What is the meaning of “wry”?
- a) Ironic
  - b) Cry
  - c) Sad
  - d) None of above
- 13) What feelings arise in the poet’s mind?

- a) Comfort of childhood
  - b) Sense of loss
  - c) Fear of old age
  - d) Pleasant state of mind
- 14) What were the three sisters doing ?
- a) Singing
  - b) Playing
  - c) Holding hands and went for paddling
  - d) Swimming
- 15) The expression “ its silence silences” expresses:-
- a) Poet’s sense of loss and helplessness
  - b) Silence of sea shore
  - c) Futility of life
  - d) None of above
- 16) What epithet literary device was used in the poem “ A Photograph”?
- a) Terribly transient
  - b) Through their
  - c) Both wry
  - d) Labored ease
- 17) The sea appears to have less changed as compared to:-
- a) Mother ‘s sweet face
  - b) The sea shore

- c) The transient feet
  - d) The natural beauty
- 18) The poet's mother's beach dress now appeared to be:-
- a) Dirty
  - b) Beautiful
  - c) Fashionable
  - d) Awkward
- 19) "Transient" means:-
- a) Temporary
  - b) Short-lived
  - c) Brief
  - d) All of above
- 20) "A Photograph makes the poem nostalgic" means:-
- a) Sentimental
  - b) Regretful
  - c) Lonesome
  - d) All of the above
- 21) Three stanzas in "A Photograph" depict:-
- a) Three seasons of life
  - b) Three states of country
  - c) Three different phase of life
  - d) None of the above

- 22) The youth in “ A Photograph” is marked with :-
- a) Sorrow and sadness
  - b) Depression and loneliness
  - c) Gaiety and laughter
  - d) Fun and gloom
- 23) This circumstance in “ A Photograph” has created:-
- a) Sorrow in poet’s life
  - b) Vacuum in poet’s life
  - c) Happiness in poet’s life
  - d) Depression in poet’s life
- 24) The big girl in “A Photograph” refers to:-
- a) Eldest cousin of mother
  - b) The tallest of girl
  - c) Poet’s mother
  - d) The heaviest of the girls
- 25) The eternal silence of death expresses human:-
- a) Sorrow
  - b) Challenges
  - c) Helplessness
  - d) Regret
- 26) They were standing :-
- a) At the beach
  - b) Near a river

- c) Near a canal
  - d) On a rock
- 27) The word “transient” shows:-
- a) Changing nature of sea
  - b) Permanent features of sea
  - c) Changing life of a man
  - d) Their momentary life
- 28) The sight of the photograph throws the mother into:-
- a) Clouds of laughter
  - b) Dust of laughter
  - c) Peals of laughter
  - d) Rows of laughter
- 29) The expression “ both wry with the labored ease of loss” is used for:-
- a) Betty or dolly
  - b) Betty or poet
  - c) Dolly or poet
  - d) Poet or her mother
- 30) In the poem “ A Photograph” the poet highlights:-
- a) Internal aspect of nature
  - b) Eternal aspect of nature
  - c) External aspect of nature

d)None of above