

**BCM SCHOOL, BASANT AVENUE, LUDHIANA**

**ENGLISH ASSIGNMENT**

**CLASS XII**

**Read the given extracts to attempt the questions with reference to context.**

**\*EXTRACT 1:\* (3)**

(A) A thing of beauty is a joy forever,

Its loveliness increases, it will never

Pass into nothingness, but will keep

A bower quiet for us, and a sleep

Full of sweet dreams, health, and quiet breathing.

(i) List at least two qualities of a beautiful thing, as given in the extract.

(ii) What does bower provide us?

(A) Peaceful grove (B) Relaxing sleep

(C) Both (A) and (B) (D) None of these

(iii) Identify the poetic device in the 'bower quiet'.

**EXTRACT 2(3)**

Now we will count to twelve and we will all keep still.

For once on the face of the Earth Let's not speak in any language,

Let's stop for one second and not move our arms so much.

(i) The two activities which the poet wants us to stop are\_\_\_\_\_

(ii) What is the pun in the word 'arms'?

(A) Human organs (B) Destructive weapons

(C) Both (A) and (B)

(D) None of these

(iii) "The Earth can teach us". This is an instance of\_\_\_\_\_.

**\*EXTRACT 3 :\*(3)**

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 realised with pain that she was as old as she looked but soon put that thought away...

(i) Choose the option that best applies to the given extract.

(1) A conversation (2) An argument

(3) A piece of advice (4) A strategy

(5) A recollection (6) A suggestion

(A) 1, 3 & 6 (B) 2, 4 & 5

(C) Only 5

(D) Only 1

(ii) Choose the option that applies correctly to the two statements given below.

Assertion: The poetess wards off the thought of her mother getting old quickly.

Reason: The poetess did not want to confront the inevitability of fate that was to dawn upon her mother.

(A) Assertion can be inferred but the Reason cannot be inferred.

(B) Assertion cannot be inferred but the Reason can be inferred.

(C) Both Assertion and Reason can be inferred.

(D) Both Assertion and Reason cannot be inferred.

(iii) Driving from my parent's home to Cochin last Friday Why did the poetess use 'last Friday' specifically?

(A) To show that the poetess had commenced her job from the next week.

(B) To emphasise the idea of things coming to an end.

(C) To show that the poetess travelled on weekends.

(D) Friday is poetess favourite day of the week.

**\*Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words :\* (6)**

A. What do the 'security checks' at the airport symbolize ?

B. ' Life is what it is all about ' How is keeping quiet related to life ?

C. Why did the poet associate ' grandeur ' with the mighty dead?