

SET POEMS : QUESTION BANK

1. The Road- Nancy Fotheringham Cato	- How does the poet make this poem such a powerful portrayal of the speaker's feelings towards the journey? - In what ways does Cato strikingly portray the speaker's journey? - Explore the ways in which ideas of resilience and hope are conveyed through this poem. - How does this poem explore the relationship between human resilience and the passage of time?
2. The Instant of my Death- Sarah Jackson	- In what ways does the poet memorably convey the inevitability of time and mortality through her writing? - Explore the ways in which the poet uses words and images to powerful effect to comment on human connection and renewal of the self. - How does this poem paint a vivid portrayal of the speaker's journey through the mountains?
3. The Bus- Arun Kolatkhar	- In what ways does Kolatkhar strikingly convey the journey on the bus? - How does the poem serve as a metaphor for life's journey? - How does the poem portray the speaker's identity crisis/inner turmoil?
4. At the Bus Station- Julius Chingono	- How does the poet use words and imagery to create an intriguing impression of the speaker's thoughts and feelings about the journey? - In what ways does the poet explore the theme of selfishness in this poem? - How does the poet effectively blend seriousness and humour to engage the readers?
5. These are the Times We Live in- Imtiaz Dharker	- In what ways does the poet create powerful impressions of the speaker's discomfort/ humiliation/ sense of resignation and acceptance through her writing? - In what ways does Dharker explore the theme of alienation and marginalisation in this poem?
6. The Enemies- Elizabeth Jennings	- How does the poem explore ideas of alienation and lack of trust? - Explore the ways in which the poet shows the change in the city from acceptance to hostility. - In what ways does this poem disturbingly portray the effect of the arrival of the strangers' arrival on the city? - What striking impressions of the enemies and the town does Elizabeth Jennings's writing create for you?
7. -Boxes Sampurna Chattarji	- How does the poem explore ideas of confinement and entrapment? - How does the poet strikingly depict the effect that restriction has on the woman's life in the poem?

	- In what ways does the poet use language to convey ideas of urbanisation and modernity in this poem?
8. The Capital- W H Auden	- In what ways does Auden's poem strikingly convey the speaker's thoughts and feelings about life in the city? - Explore the ways in which the poet memorably creates impressions about both the allure and the darker side of life in the urbanised city.
9. an afternoon nap- Arthur Yap	- In what ways does the poem depict ideas of a generation gap/ parental pressure/ power and control? - How does the poet make this poem such a striking portrayal of the relationship between the mother and son? - How are the speaker's thoughts and feelings towards the educational experience presented in this poem?
10. Plaits- Elizabeth Smither	- How are the speaker's thoughts and feelings about differences and interdependence vividly conveyed in this poem? - Explore the ways in which the poet develops the symbol of the plaits to offer insights about unity and coexistence.
11. Children of Wealth- Elizabeth Daryush	- In what ways does Daryush present a critique of class privilege through this poem? - How does the poet use words and imagery to create a powerful impression of the speaker's thoughts and feelings about wealthy children's lives? - How does this poem reflect the theme of generational wealth/ inequality between classes?
12. Rich and Poor, or Saint and Sinner- Thomas Love Peacock	- How, and why, are people treated differently in Thomas Peacock's poem Rich and Poor or, Saint and Sinner? - In what ways does this poem emphasise the differences between the rich and the poor? - Explore the ways in which the poem critiques class divide/ privilege?
13. A Long Journey- Musaemura Zimunya	- In what ways does the poet strikingly convey the speaker's thoughts and feelings about the complicated relationship between the past and present? - How does this poem reflect the speaker's sense of melancholy/ alienation/anger? - In what ways does this poem memorably express the impact of progress and modernisation and its consequences? - How does Zimunya portray the legacy of colonialism in A Long Journey?

14. Touch and Go-Stevie Smith	- Examine how Stevie Smith constructs a pessimistic/ bleak world view in this poem. - In what ways does this poem present ideas of alienation/ human struggle/ hardships? - How does this poem movingly capture the idea of the human experience?
15. Song- George Szirtes	- What makes Song by George Szirtes such an uplifting poem? - Examine how this poem explores the themes of resistance and power. - How does Szirtes celebrate the spirit of courage/change in this poem?