

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL JAMMU
SESSION- (2024-25)
ASSIGNMENT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

CLASS-XI

SUBJECT- ENGLISH

Q1. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow-

(1X4=4)

“All three stood still to smile through their hair

At the uncle with the camera.

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.

1. What does the phrase “smiling through their hair” signify in the poem?

- a) The girls who were photographed had their hair decorated
- b) The photographed girls were wearing a mask
- c) When the girls were smiling for the camera, their hair was covering their faces.
- d) The hair of the girls in the picture was smiling as well

2. Identify a term in the extract that describes something as “lasting only briefly”?

- a) Still
- b) Transient
- c) Changed
- d) Less

3. What poetic device involving epithets was used in the poem?

- a) Terribly transient
- b) Through their
- c) Both wry
- d) Laboured ease

4. What has remained constant over time?

Q2. Answer the following questions in 30-40words.

(3X2=6)

1. “This was the turning point in our friendship.” What was the turning point?

2. You will probably agree that this story does not have breathless adventure and exciting action. Then what in your opinion makes it interesting?

Rubrics for Evaluation

Q.	NO.	ANSWER/VALUE POINTS	MARKS
I	I	When the girls were smiling for the camera, their hair was covering their faces.	1 Mark
	II	B) Transient	1 Mark
	III	A Terribly transient	1 Mark
	IV	The Sea	1 Mark
II	A	When they moved to the city, their friendship underwent a sea change. The grandmother was unable to accompany the writer to school and could not comprehend English, so they spent less time together. She didn’t trust science. She was unable to keep up with the author’s modern education from the city school.	3 Marks
	B	The thing of crazy streak in Garoghlanian family makes the story interesting. Uncle Khosrove repeated phrase to every petty or major loss, ‘Pay no attention to it. It’s no harm’, adds more interest in the story. Mourad’s innocence and his mysterious ways to tackle the ‘horse’, ‘dog and even ‘farmer’ make the story really very interesting.	3 Marks