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English Core

Chapterwise PYQs

21 sections | 48 questions | 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026

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CHAPTER 1

The Last Lesson

Flamingo – Prose

1. 2026

   Whom does M. Hamel hold responsible for Franz's inadequate French learning?

2. 2025

   Compare M. Hamel and Edla as guides towards self-realisation for Franz and the peddler.

CHAPTER 2

Lost Spring

Flamingo – Prose

3. 2023

   Explain the cycle that traps the bangle-making community in Lost Spring.

CHAPTER 3

Deep Water

Flamingo – Prose

4. 2026

   Compare the treatment of fear and freedom in Deep Water and Aunt Jennifer's Tigers.

5. 2025

   Explain Douglas's determination to overcome his fear of water.

6. 2024

   What does the father's reaction to Douglas's childhood terror reveal about him?

7. 2023

   Describe Douglas's immediate feelings after being pushed into the pool.

CHAPTER 4

The Rattrap

Flamingo – Prose

8. 2026
Compare the consequences of the peddler's greed and Sophie's unrealistic dreams.

9. 2024
Compare Edla's joy at receiving the rattrap with Saheb's joy over discarded shoes in Lost Spring.

10. 2023
Identify Edla Willmansson and explain her night-time visit to the forge.

CHAPTER 5

Indigo

Flamingo – Prose

11. 2025
Describe Gandhi's reception in Motihari.

12. 2022
Who was Andrews, and why did Gandhi discourage dependence on him in Indigo?

13. 2022
Explain the first successful civil-disobedience episode in India described in Indigo.

CHAPTER 6

Poets and Pancakes

Flamingo – Prose

14. 2025
Explain the communication gap between the English visitor and Gemini Studios' staff.

15. 2023

Explain how gentle humour exposes human weaknesses in Poets and Pancakes.

CHAPTER 7

The Interview

Flamingo – Prose

16. 2026

Explain how Umberto Eco uses otherwise idle moments for writing.

CHAPTER 8

Going Places

Flamingo – Prose

17. 2024

What does Jansie's expectation of factory work reveal about her character?

18. 2023

Explain Sophie's wish to share more deeply in Geoff's affections.

POEM 1

My Mother at Sixty-Six

Flamingo – Poetry

19. 2026

Explain the repeated reference to smiling at the close of My Mother at Sixty-Six.

20. 2025

Compare pain and conflict in My Mother at Sixty-Six and Aunt Jennifer's Tigers.

POEM 2

Keeping Quiet

Flamingo – Poetry

21. 2024

Explain Neruda's criticism of fishermen in Keeping Quiet.

POEM 3

A Thing of Beauty

Flamingo – Poetry

22. 2026

Explain Keats's view that nature connects people to Earth.

23. 2025

Explain Keats's idea that beauty remains enduring.

24. 2024

Explain why Keats connects the great dead with beauty.

25. 2022

According to A Thing of Beauty, what darkens the human spirit?

POEM 4

A Roadside Stand

Flamingo – Poetry

26. 2025

Explain how A Roadside Stand reveals city visitors' selfishness.

POEM 5

Aunt Jennifer's Tigers

Flamingo – Poetry

27. 2024

Explain the poet's tone when describing the tigers' continuing confident movement after Aunt Jennifer's death.

28. 2023

Explain why Aunt Jennifer's embroidered tigers show no fear of men.

CHAPTER 1

The Third Level

Vistas

29. 2026

Why does Charley want to purchase old currency?

30. 2025

Why did the booking clerk reject Charley's money?

31. 2024

Explain Charley's fascination with Galesburg.

32. 2023

What discovery did Charley make among his first-day covers?

CHAPTER 2

The Tiger King

Vistas

33. 2026

Explain the significance of the Maharaja's gift for the prince's third birthday.

34. 2023

How did the infant Tiger King astonish the astrologer?

CHAPTER 3

Journey to the End of the Earth

Vistas

35. 2026

Use textual evidence to explain the environmental responsibility urged in Journey to the End of the Earth.

36. 2025

Explain Doshi's comparison of Antarctica to the inside of an enormous ping-pong ball.

37. 2023

Explain human civilisation's environmental impact in Journey to the End of the Earth.

CHAPTER 4

The Enemy

Vistas

38. 2025

Explain how Sadao combines patriotism with compassion.

39. 2024

What does Sadao's concern for Hana reveal about him as a husband?

40. 2023

Discuss Sadao's conflict between medical duty and patriotism.

CHAPTER 5

On the Face of It

Vistas

41. 2026

Explain how Derry and Mr. Lamb's relationship advocates acceptance of people with physical impairments.

42. 2024

As Derry, write a funeral tribute explaining Mr. Lamb's optimism and influence on your outlook. Use 120–150 words.

43. 2023

Explain how Mr. Lamb makes Derry feel welcome.

CHAPTER 6

Memories of Childhood

Vistas

44. 2026

Describe Zitkala-Sa's attempts to prevent her hair being cut.

45. 2025

Compare Zitkala-Sa's and Bama's childhood encounters with dominant cultural attitudes.

46. 2024

Explain what Annan's advice reveals about his relationship with Bama.

LANGUAGE SKILL

Notice and Invitation Writing

Language Skills

47. 2022

As Priyanka/Piyush, accept the Kapoors' invitation to Sania's wedding: 20 June 2022, 7 p.m., their Press Nagar, Indore residence. Write about 50 words.

LANGUAGE SKILL

Letters, Articles and Reports

Language Skills

48. 2022

Apply to Nav Vihar Public School as a part-time counsellor supporting students online. Address the Psychology postgraduate, five-year experience and computer-literacy requirements in 120–150 words.

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