**CLASS XII ENGLISH CORE (301)**

**SUMMER VACATION HOLIDAY HOMEWORK (2022-2023)**

**I: Fill in the blanks with one word or two to complete the summary of the poem.**

1.The poet was (a)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from her parent’s home to the Cochin airport last Friday morning. Her mother was sitting (b) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her. She was sixty six years old. The old lady was (c)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Her mouth remained open. Her face looked pale and faded. It was grey like ash. It looked lifeless like a (d)\_\_\_.

The lifeless and faded face of her mother (e) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_her heart. The old lady seemed to be lost in her own thoughts. The poet turned away her attention from her mother and looked outside. The world outside was full of (f) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The young trees seemed running fast. The children looked happy while moving out of their homes.

When they were at the (g) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, they had to undergo a security check. The poet was standing a few yards away from her mother. She looked again at her old mother. She felt pained to look at the colourless, lifeless and pale face of her mother. Her face looked faded like the (h)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which had lost its shine and strength. This aroused the old familiar ache in the poet’s heart. Her childhood (i) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ overpowered her again. However, she controlled herself. She appeared to be normal. She (j) \_\_\_\_\_\_smiles on her face while saying good bye to her mother. She wished to see her old Amma again.

**II.Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow:**

**(ONLY ANSWERS IN HW NOTE)**

1. “ and looked but soon

put that thought away, and looked out at young

trees sprinting, the merry children spilling

out of their homes.”

a) What was the poet ‘looking’ at? What did she notice?

b) What thought did she try to drive away?

c) Why did the poet start ‘looking out’? What does her gesture suggest?

d) What did the poet see from the window of the car?

e) What did the images of ‘young trees’ and ‘merry children’ symbolize?

2. “ but after the airport’s

security check, standing a few yards

away, I looked again at her, wan, pale

as a late winter’s moon”

a) Where was the poet standing?

b) Who does ‘her’ here refer to? How did she look like?

c) Why does the narrator ‘look at her again’?

d) Explain: ‘wan, pale as a late winter’s moon’.

e) What is the tone of the poet in these lines?

III. **LONG ANSWERS** ( 120 WORDS) **Assignment: (Use A4 size file papers)**

**A**.Comment on the appropriateness of the title The Last Lesson. (200 words)

**B.** Why it is important to keep one's language alive? What are the reasons behind extinction of many languages?

**IV**: Write a letter to the Editor of The Indian Express, New Delhi complaining about the

frequent breakdowns in the supply of electricity in your locality, Tilak Avenues, New Delhi.

(150 words.)

**V.Write articles on the following topics . (100 WORDS EACH)**

Topic-1 Language can become a means of suppression/power (reference The last lesson)

Topic-2 Child labour should be banned (reference –Les 2)VI. Read an English newspaper daily. select 10 articles and paste on the notebook

VI.The students council of your school has organised an excursion to Mumbai and Goa for the students of Class 11th and 12th during the summer break . As the President of the Council write a notice in not more than 50words telling the students about this excursion providing all the necessary details. You are Neha or Nikhil of Saint Joseph School Agra.5M

VII. Your school is planning to organise a clean up day when all the students will help to clean up the school premises. This event will not only spruce the campus but it will also bring students together with a sense of ownership and common purpose. Write a notice informing students about this activity. You are Vice Principal of SM public school Chandigarh. Write the notice in 50 words -----------------------------------------

VIII. Solve 10 comprehension passages .Only answers to be written in the note book .

IX. Solve reading and writing section of term 2 exam .( to be sent by me later after the conduct of exam )

**NOTE DO HOMEWORK IN A SEPARATE NOTEBOOK .**