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Macbeth (Acts III-V)

1. Macbeth Act IV Sc iii: why Malcolm suspects/tests Macduff (complete the reason)

Asked 2× · Board 2025, Board 2026 · 1 marks

In Act IV Scene iii of the play, Macbeth, Malcolm tells Macduff that he has none of the "king becoming graces" because _____.

Atithi / Guest

2. Atithi: Motilal Babu's plan to marry Charushashi to Tarapada (complete the reason)

Asked 2× · Board 2025, Sample 2025 · 1 marks

In the short story, Atithi, Motilal Babu is initially reluctant to marry his daughter to Tarapada because _____.

The Cookie Lady

3. The Cookie Lady: why Mrs. Drew needs Bubber's visits - she drains his youth (complete the reason)

Asked 3× · Board 2025, Board 2026, Sample 2025 · 1 marks

In the short story, The Cookie Lady, Bubber felt exhausted on his way back home after his meetings with Mrs. Drew because _____.

There Will Come Soft Rains

4. There Will Come Soft Rains: MCQ on the fire that destroys the house at the end

Asked 2× · Board 2026, Sample 2025 · 1 marks

Read the two statements from the short story, There Will Come Soft Rains, and choose the correct option from the ones given below.
Statement I: '...the solvent spread on the linoleum, licking, eating, under the kitchen door, while the voices took it up in chorus: "Fire! fire! fire!"'
Statement II: 'While scurrying water rats squeaked from the walls, pistolled their water, and ran for more. And the wall sprays let down showers of mechanical rain.'
(a) Statements I and II are similar.
(b) Statements I and II are not related to each other.
(c) Statement I is the reason for Statement II.
(d) Statement II is the reason for Statement I.

Telephone Conversation

5. Telephone Conversation: does the conversation separate rather than unite the speaker and the landlady? (10 marks)

Asked 2× · Board 2025, Board 2026 · 10 marks

What do you infer about the speaker in the poem, Telephone Conversation? Do you feel that the landlady and the speaker could have come to a mutual understanding? Give reasons for your answer in 200-250 words.

Tithonus

6. Tithonus: how the boon of immortality becomes a curse (5 marks)

Asked 2× · Board 2026, Sample 2025 · 5 marks

How does a boon become a curse for Tithonus in the poem, Tithonus?
Answer in 100-150 words incorporating the following details.

- Boon of immortality
- Implications of the boon on his life

Beethoven

7. Beethoven: suffering, determination and the creation of great music (10 marks)

Asked 2× · Board 2026, Sample 2025 · 10 marks

The poem, Beethoven, illustrates Beethoven's determination and his ability to adapt himself to circumstances to create divine music.
Justify the statement with close references to the poem, in about 200-250 words.

Small Towns and the River

8. Small Towns and the River: why the dead are placed pointing west (complete the reason)

Asked 2× · Board 2026, Sample 2025 · 1 marks

In the poem, Small Towns and the River, the poet says that 'The dead are placed pointing west' because _____.

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