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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



Subject : English

Topic : Oh I Wish I Looked
After Me Teeth

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- | I | Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:- | Marks |
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| 1. | <p><i>How I laughed at my mother's false teeth,
As they foamed in the waters beneath.
But now comes the reckonin' it's me they are beckonin'
Oh, I wish I'd looked after me teeth.</i></p> <p>(a) What does 'they' in the 4th line stand for?
(i) the poet and her mother (ii) teeth of her mother (iii) waters (iv) doctors</p> <p>(b) The last lines shows
(i) the fear of the poet (ii) regret (iii) joy (iv) sorrow</p> <p>(c) The rhyming scheme of the stanza is
(i) ab ab a (ii) aa bb a (iii) aba aba (iv) aba aba</p> <p>(d) Give the meaning of the word 'beckonin'.</p> | 4 |
| 2. | <p><i>"Oh I showed them the toothpaste all right, I flashed it about late at night,
But up-and-down brushin' And pokin 'and fussin'
Didn't seem worth the time – I could bite !"</i></p> <p>(a) I showed them the toothpaste all right implies
(i) that the poet never brushed as a child (ii) that the poet used to brush but not properly (iii) that the poet was serious about dental health (iv) that the poet knew how to use toothpaste properly.</p> <p>(b) Didn't seem worth the time – I could bite implies
(i) that the poet gave more importance to eating sweets than to taking care of her teeth (ii) that the poet gave more importance to teeth than that of eating sweets.(iii) that giving time to dental hygiene was useless (iv) that the poet was very serious about her oral hygiene</p> <p>(c) The tone of the narrator is one of
(i) joy (ii) nostalgia(iii) regret(iv) sorrow</p> <p>(d) Explain the phrase 'pokin' and 'fussin'.</p> | 4 |
| 3. | <p><i>'If I'd known, I was paving the way to cavities, caps and decay,
The murder of fillin 's
injections and drillin's,
I'd have thrown all me sherbet away.'</i></p> <p>(a) The poet was paving the way to cavities by</p> | 4 |

- (i) brushing her teeth regularly (ii) ignoring her dental health.
(iii) eating medicine and taking injections. (iv) not eating sweets and toffees.

(b) The rhyming scheme of the stanza is

- (i) aa bb a (ii) ab ab a (iii) aaa bbb (iv) aba aba

(c) According to the stanza, what would have the poet done to avoid her present condition ?

- (i) She would not have eaten sweets and toffees (ii) She would have visited the doctors.(iii) She would have taken some injections and medicines.(iv) She would not have wasted her time in going to the dentist.

(d) Name the poem and the poet.

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*“Oh, I wish I’d looked after me teeth, And spotted the perils beneath,
All the toffees I chewed, And the sweet sticky food,
Oh, I wish I’d looked after me teeth.”*

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(a) What does the poet wish ?

- (i) The poet wishes that she had looked after her teeth. (ii) The poet wishes that she had beautiful teeth. (iii) The poet wishes that she had a dentist at that time.

(b) It is clear from the stanza that

- (i) the poet used to eat a lot of toffees and sweets in her childhood days. (ii) the poet never ate toffees and sweets but now she wished for it. (iii) the poet could never afford toffees. (iv) the poet was very careful about her teeth.

(c) Oh ! I wish I’d looked after me teeth, expresses

- (i) regret (ii) humour (iii) longing (iv) pleasure

(d) Give the meaning of the word ‘spotted’.

5.

*‘When I think of the lollies I licked,
And the liquorice all sorts I picked,
Sherbet dabs, big and little,
All that hard peanut brittle,
My conscience gets horribly pricked.’*

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(a) The conscience of the speaker pricks her as she has been

- (i) careless (ii) ignorant (iii) fun loving (iv) rude

(b) According to the stanza, the condition of her teeth is bad because

- (i) she never brushed her teeth. (ii) she used to eat sweets and toffees in her childhood. (iii) she had been ignorant about dental hygiene.

(c) The poet conveys that

- (i) eating toffees and sweets is not good for dental hygiene. (ii) one should have a good sense of dental hygiene. (iii) one should not worry about one's teeth. (iv) some of the sweets are injurious to dental health.

(d) What are ‘liquorice’ and ‘sherbet dabs’?