



	ENGLISH My Mother at Sixty Six	
Name: _____	Date: _____	Class: XII

Answer the questions in 30-40 words:

1. What does Kamala Das do after the security check? What does she notice?
2. *but all I said was, see you soon Amma; all I did was smile and smile and smile...*
 - a) What does the poet actually feel at this moment?
 - b) Why did the poet say 'see you soon Amma'? What does the poet actually mean by 'smile and smile and smile...'? What kind of smile is it?
3. Discuss mother-daughter relationship as described in the poem.
4. My Mother at Sixty-six is an emotional account of the poet towards the numbered days of her mother. Discuss.
5. Why did Kamala Das add the image of trees sprinting to her poem?
6. What helped Kamala Das put away the thought of her mother's old age?
7. Why has the poet brought in the image of the merry children 'spilling out of their homes'?
8. Why has the mother been compared to the 'late winter's moon'?
9. How do you know that the joyful scene didn't help her drive away the painful thought from her mind?
10. 'A smile does not always indicate happiness.' Does My Mother at Sixty-Six reflect this statement? Justify your response with an example from the poem.