
CLASS -XI ENGLISH NCERT SOLUTIONS-HORNBILL
A Photograph (poem)

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Answer 1:

Paddling: To move a boat by means of paddles.

Transient: Something that stays at a place for a short time-period.

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'Cardboard' refers to the photograph only. This word has been used because photograph it lost its colour and also clarity of its images.

Answer 2:

The camera has captured some happy moments from the childhood of the poet's mother. It was a scene taken from a beach where she had gone with her cousins and her uncle for a sea holiday. The girls were paddling in the water.

Answer 3:

The sea has not changed over the years. It is still the same. The sea symbolizes eternity.

Answer 4:

This laugh indicates her remembering her past. She looked back to her childhood with nostalgia and remembered the innocent joys of her childhood days.

Answer 5:

The line refers to the sea holiday as remembered by her mother and the poet remembering her mother's laughing face. Both these now belong to the past. Her mother is no more now.

Answer 6:

'This circumstance' refers to the present situation of the poet wherein the poet is absorbed in the painful memory of her dead mother. Looking at the photograph and thinking of her mother's laughter, the poet also realises that it has been the same number of years since her mother died as her mother's age in the photograph.
