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Worksheet No. 6	Topic: The Concrete Example QUESTION BANK	Note: To be done in the notebook

I. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. *My next-door neighbour, Mrs. Jones,
has got a garden full of stones:
A crazy path, a lily pond,
a rockery and, just beyond
A sundial with a strange device,
which Mrs. Jones thinks rather nice.*



(i) What can be inferred about Mrs. Jones's taste in gardening from the description of her garden being 'full of stones'?

(ii) Identify whether the following statement is true or false.

The garden serves as a means to reveal more about Mrs. Jones herself.

(iii) What does the poet mean by 'crazy path'?

(iv) What does the sundial with a 'strange device' suggest about Mrs. Jones' personality?

- A. She has a fascination with unusual items.
- B. She prefers traditional garden decorations.
- C. She is uninterested in her garden's appearance.
- D. She likes modern and expensive items.

II. Answer the following questions in short.

1. How does Mrs. Jones feel about her garden? Support your answer with evidence from the poem.

2. Why do you think the speaker describes the plants as being so small that they could be planted with a pin?

3. What do we get to know about Mrs. Jones -based on her gardening style and her interaction with the speaker?

4. The poem portrays Mrs. Jones in a positive light. Support this statement.



III. Competency based question

5. What does the poem tell us about the way people think differently about the world around them?

EXTRA QUESTIONS FOR REFERENCE

I. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

1 *My next-door neighbor, Mrs. Jones,
puts little plants between the stones
They are so delicate and small,
they don't mean anything at all.
I can't think how she gets them in,
unless she plants them with a pin.*

(i) Which are the figures of speech used in the phrase 'puts little plants between the stones'?

(ii) What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?

(iii) What is Mrs. Jones doing in her garden?

(v) Select the option that applies to both the assertion (A) and the reason (R).

Assertion (A): Mrs. Jones cares about the appearance of her garden.

Reason (R): She puts small plants between the stones in her garden path.

A. Both the assertion and the reason are true, and the reason correctly explains the assertion.

B. Both the assertion and the reason are true, but the reason does not correctly explain the assertion.

C. The assertion is true, but the reason is false.

D. Both the assertion and the reason are false.

II. Answer the following question. (Competency Based)

2. Why do you think the poet chose humor and clever word play instead of a serious tone to talk about the garden?
