

Dear Teachers,

The handbook 'STEP UP English' has been prepared as a part of 'Vijayabheri Project' exclusively for those students who are struggling hard to score even 24 in English in the Higher Secondary public examinations. The booklet consists of 5 parts:

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Part -1 Text Book Analysis

Dear Teacher,

Here, our course book content is dealt with. Attempts have been made to simplify the sentences so that our target group can pick them up easily. Help our students comprehend the content of the course book. This part consists of 3 sections:

- A)Analysis of the Lessons
- B)Review of the Poems
- C) Important Characters

Work them out to develop the content comprehension and language skills.

A. Analysis of the Lessons:

1. The Three Ls of Empowerment.

It is a speech on women empowerment. Women face many problems. There is no equal opportunity. There are 3 Ls of women's empowerment. They are Learning, Labour and Leadership. Education is very important. It is the foundation of everything. A job is must for women. It empowers them. Leadership is also important. Women should be ready to take risks. Then only they can succeed in the world

2. Matchbox

The story 'Matchbox' is about the life of Nomita. She is a typical village woman in India. She quarrels over a letter with her husband, Ajit. Ajit is rich and unkind. He opens the letter addressed to Nomita without her permission. It was a letter from her poor widowed mother. She becomes angry. She loses her self-control. Ajit insults her. At last she burns her sari. Then only he becomes cool. Nomita is innocent and bold. She is a helpless victim.

3. Horegallu

It is an anecdote by Sudha Murty. At first, she speaks about her grandfather. He is a retired school teacher. He is a good listener. He listened to others problems silently. People shared their troubles with him. It relaxed them. It eased their burdens. She also speaks about Ratna, her colleague. She was smart. She listened to others with sympathy and without any judgment. She kept others' problems confidential. Both of them did great social service.

4. Amigo Brothers

It is the story of two teenagers, Felix and Antonio. They were close friends. They had a dream of becoming world boxing champions. They worked hard to fulfil their dream. Once they had to fight with each other. It was a fierce fight. There were three deadly rounds. None of them won the match. Both of them left the ring arm in arm. They didn't wait for the announcement by the referee. They were the champions in the world of friendship.

5. The Hour of Truth

It is a one act play. The main character is Robert Baldwin. The other characters are Martha, John, Evie and Gresham. Robert Baldwin is a good character. He is honest and bold. He didn't accept the bribe offered by Gresham. His family persuaded him to accept the bribe money. But he stood for truth and justice. He was ready even to speak against Gresham at the court. He never supported Gresham in the Bank wreck case. At last he got a good job offer from Marshall. It was a reward to his honest character.

6. A Three Wheeled Revolution

Irfan Alam is one of the top 30 youth icons of India. He tried to empower the rickshaw pullers of the country. He is the founder of Sammaan Foundation. The rickshaw pullers started making profit by selling things to their customers. The sides of the rickshaws were used for advertisements. Each driver got an ID card, a uniform, and loans from banks. The rickshaw pullers started feeling proud of their work. Their families were able to attend evening classes. Irfan Alam is a successful entrepreneur.

7. Didi

It is about the life story of Shaheen Mistri. She worked hard to fulfil her dreams. She founded the Akanksha Foundation for the poor children of India. Her childhood visit to an orphanage changed her mind. She decided that she would work for the welfare of the children. She quit her studies in the U.S. and got admission in St. Xavier's College, Mumbai. Shaheen walked around the city to meet low-income people. She started her classes in the house of a poor girl called Sandhya. Later, the first Akanksha centre was started in 1991. Akanksha grew to 58 centres and over 3500 children.

8. When a Sapling is Planted

When a Sapling is Planted is Wangari Maathai's Nobel Prize acceptance speech. Wangari is the first African woman to get this prize. She talks about the importance of protecting our environment. The clearing of forests leads to the destruction of bio-diversity. Commercial farming did not help women to meet their basic needs. Tree planting is the best solution for all similar problems. She began the Green Belt Movement in 1977. Trees became a symbol of the democracy and peace in Kenya. She asks the young men to achieve their dreams. We should give back to our children their world of beauty and wonder.

9. Dangers of Drug Abuse

Medicines are very important in our lives. Drug abuse is the repeated use of illegal drugs. Some people use drugs to forget their problems. Medicines and sensual drugs are two different things. Sensual drugs give the user just a sense of pleasure. They badly affect the functions of the brain. The drug addict feels physical discomfort and fails to respond to anything. Drug abuse also leads to liver disease, venereal diseases and kidney problems. Damage to the brain is the most dangerous effect.

10. Post Early for Christmas

It is a one-act play with a village post office as its setting. The poster in the post office urges customers to post their cards early for Christmas. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Jones are the early customers of the day. A deaf old gentleman, a fussy old lady, Farmer, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Higgins and her son Bertie also join. The farmer talks about a time-bomb found in a London post office. A foreign tourist comes in with a large and neatly packed parcel. He leaves the post office, but forgets to take his gloves. Bertie hears a funny sound coming from the parcel. He goes out to call a police constable who comes and examines the parcel. The postal assistant brings a bucket of water. The tourist who comes back watches the policeman plunging his parcel in water. The play ends with a threat of legal action by the tourist.

11. Crime and Punishment

The story is a satire on over parenting in nuclear families. The children develop a blackmailing attitude. The background is a single child school where the teacher gives some math lessons. The boy was not in a mood to study. He made the teacher angry by deliberately giving him wrong answers. The teacher got angry and slapped the boy. The boy blackmailed the teacher saying that he would complain to his parents. The teacher was forced to act many roles and became tired. He had to dance to the tune of the student. The child is a representative of the new generation. The slap was a 'crime', and the teacher underwent due 'punishment'.

B. Review of the Poems

1. Any Woman

'Any Woman' is a meaningful poem. It is written by the famous poet Catherine Tynan. Woman is the pillar and key stone of the house Children get love and affection from the mother. Mother holds the family together. Mother is the foundation, protection and decoration of the house. The poem ends with a prayer to the God. The poem is full of metaphors. That makes the poem very effective

2. Mending Wall

'Mending wall ' is a symbolic poem. It is written by the famous poet Robert Frost. It has a good theme. The poet says that Nature is against wall. Poet is against the wall. Neighbour supports the wall. He says that 'good fences make good neighbours.' The poet is modern but the neighbour is conservative. The neighbour always follows the words of his father. The poem gives us a good message. The poet has used the figures of speech such as personification and metaphor.

3 Stammer

Stammer is a poem written by Satchidanandan. Stammer is not a handicap. It is a mode of speech. It is a language When all people stammer it becomes their mother tongue. Everybody stammers in this world. Even God might have stammered when he created man. Stammer is a meaningful poem. It has a good message.

4 Rice

Rice' is a beautiful poem written by Chemmanam Chacko. The poet says that farmers of Kerala are not interested in food crops. Farmers plant rubber and arecanuts palms The poet was eager to eat a meal of 'athikira' rice. But he saw his brother bringing wheat from ration shop. Farmers think that the rubber is profitable. The poem is a satire. The poem has a good message. The

poet has used many figures of speech. 'Ship of the sky' is an example for metaphor.

5 This is Going to Hurt Just a Little Bit

'This is going to hurt a little bit' is an interesting poem. It is written by Ogden Nash. Sitting in a dentist chair is a painful experience. It causes both mental and physical pain. The dentist is polishing our teeth. But we feel that he is demolishing our teeth. We lose our control. We can't be smart in front of the dentist. The poet has used many figures of speech. The mouth is compared to a section of road. The poet has used many figures of speech such as simile, metaphor and paradox

C. Important Characters

1. Nomita

Nomita is the central character in the short story "Matchbox". Nomita is the wife of Ajit. She comes from a poor family. She is very bold and courageous. Ajit, her husband, always reads the letters sent by her mother, without her permission. He always insults her. She questions this attitude of her husband. She tries to fire her anchor of her sari when her husband mistreated her. Nomita is a typical Indian woman

2. Ratna

Ratna is an important character in "Horegallu". Ratna is a colleague of Sudaha Murty. Ratna is a living Horegallu. She listens to the problems of her colleagues. She never provides any solutions to their problems and worries. Moreover, she never reveals the secrets of their problems to anyone.

She is bold. She is polite and humble.

3. Sudha Murty's Grand Father

Sudha Murty's grandfather was a retired school teacher. He always spent his leisure time under a banyan tree in the village. He listened to the worries and problems of the innocent villagers.

He was a living 'horegallu' like Ratna. He never provided any solutions to their worries. He was kind and helpful.

4. Antonio Cruz

Antonio Cruz was a 17 years old boy. He was born and brought up in Lower East side of Manhattan. Felix Vargas was his close friend. Antonio was fair, lean and lanky. His hair was always falling over his eyes. His ambition in life was to become a light-weight champion of the world.

He was a man of hard work. He practised well in order to attain his dream in life. He kept a positive outlook in his life. He was very competitive. He fought with his friend Felix. Both of them won the trophy of friendship

5. Felix Vargas

Felix Vargas was a 17 years old boy. He was born and brought up in Lower East side of Manhattan. Antonio Cruz was his close friend. Felix was dark, short and husky. He had black hair in a natural Afro style. His ambition in life was to become a light-weight champion of the world. He was a man of hard work. He practised well in order to attain his dream in life. He kept a positive outlook in his life. He was a close friend of Antonio Cruz. He was an amigo brother of his close friend Antonio Cruz. He gave importance to friendship.

6. Robert Baldwin

Robert Baldwin is the central character in the play “The Hour of Truth” He was an employee in a bank. He was a man of truth. He was not ready to accept the bribe money offered by his friend Gresham. He was the only witness against Gresham in the court. He stood firm for his truthfulness. The members of his family prompted him to accept the bribe money offered by Gresham. He was very honest. He got a good offer. Marshal offered him a good position in Third Nationals. It was a reward to his honesty.

Part-II IMPORTANT DISCOURSES/ITEMS

Dear Teacher,

This part is the core of the handbook. Prior to some discourses a few common expressions are given. Hope they will help the target group attend the questions with confidence.

1. Speech

Common Expressions:

Good morning,

Dear teachers and friends,

I am very happy to be here on this occasion.

I would like to talk on the topic.....

It is very important.

It is the need of the hour.

I would like to conclude my words.

Thank you

Model Question: You are invited to deliver a speech on the occasion of celebrating World Women Day in the school assembly. Prepare the script of the speech on the topic ‘Women Empowerment: Need of the Hour’

Answer:

Good morning,

Dear teachers and friends,

I would like to talk on women empowerment. It is very important. There are many problems for women. They face many challenges. Economic role of

women is very important. We should discuss it in detail. There are 3 Ls' of women empowerment. They are Learning, Labour and Leadership. Education is every important. It is the foundation of everything. A job is a must for women. It empowers them. Women should be ready to take risks. Then only they can succeed in the world. It is our duty to empower them. We should be very vigilant. Here the government should take special interest. Let's work hard for a better society. I would like to conclude my words
Thank you.

More Topics:

- a) Dangers of drug abuse
- b) Environmental issues

2. Write-ups/Paragraphs

Common Expressions

It is very important

We should discuss it in detail

We can view it from different angle

It has many merits and demerits

It is the need of the hour

Model Question: Social Entrepreneurship targets at the upliftment of the marginalized communities through entrepreneurial action. Prepare a write up on social entrepreneurship.

Answer: Social Entrepreneurship is very important for social and economic development. There are different types of entrepreneurship. It is the need of the hour. There are many problems in society. One of them is unemployment. We should try to solve it. It is our duty to protect the poor. Social entrepreneurship is a solution. It provides employment. It eradicates poverty. Here government should take special interest. They should promote social entrepreneurship. Let's work hard for a better society. There are famous social entrepreneurs like Shaheen Mistri and Irfan Alam

More Topics:

1. Role of education in empowering women
2. Role of teachers
3. Corporeal punishment.
4. Environmental issues
5. Importance of friendship

3. Comparison/Review of poems

Dear Teacher,

Our students need to write three paragraphs when they are asked to compare the textual poem with the given poem.

1. About the given poem
2. About the textual poem
3. A paragraph comparing the both.

Common Expressions for the First and second paragraphs

The poem is written by.....

It has a good theme.

It is very striking.

The poet uses many poetic devices.

He also uses many images

They make the poem very effective.

The theme of the poem has social relevance.

We can read the poem from different angles.

It is very interesting and meaningful.

The poem gives us a good message.

Common Expressions for the third paragraphs:

Both the poems convey good message.

The poems share many things in common.

We can also see striking contrasts.

Both the poets use figures of speech.

They make them effective.

The poets view the same issue from different angle.

Model Question: Read the poem given below:

Dear Neighbour

Jovonni Edward.

How are you doing today?

The grass is green,

The sun is shining,

We are alive to see a new day,

We live by one another,

On this huge planet that is our home,

If we cannot learn to greet another,

And treat one another with love,

Then what good will be able to come?

I understand dear neighbour,

We may not know one another's name,

Nor see one another often,

It is easy to feel as if we are strangers,

But that is not true, I promise

So please don't fear me, dear neighbour, I am
Just a simple man,
Living on this earth as happily, peacefully
And joyfully as I can.

Now prepare the review of the poem and compare it with Mending Wall by Robert Frost

Answer:

The poem Dear Neighbour is written by Jovonni Edwardard .It has a good theme. It speaks about love and peace. He would like to live on this earth happily and peacefully. It is very striking. The poet uses many poetic devices. He also uses many images. They make the poem very effective. The theme of the poem has social relevance. We can read the poem from different angles. It is very interesting and meaningful. The poem gives us a good message 'Mending wall ' is a symbolic poem. It is written by the famous poet Robert Frost. It has a good theme. The poet says that Nature is against wall. Poet is against the wall. Neighbour supports the wall. He says that 'good fences make good neighbours.' The poet is modern but the neighbour is conservative. The neighbour always follows the words of his father. The poem gives us a good message. The poet has used the figures of speech such as personification and metaphor in the poem. Both the poems convey good message. The poems share many things in common. We can also see striking contrasts. Both the poets use figures of speech. They make them effective. The poets view the same issue from different angle

4.Essay /Article/Expressing one's opinion etc...

Common Expressions

It is an important issue/topic

We should discuss it in detail

There are many issues in the world.

It is a social issue.

The importance of the topic is increasing day by day

We should work hard to solve the problems.

Government should be very vigilant

Hope everything will turn alright

Model Question: Anti-Drug Club of your school brings out a magazine on the occasion of observing International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking You would like to contribute an article to the magazine on the topic 'Consequences of Drug Abuse'. Prepare the article

Answer. It is an important issue. There are many consequences. .It is very serious. We should discuss it in detail. Drug abuse is the repeated use of

illegal drugs. Some people use drugs to forget their problems. Medicines and sensual drugs are two different things. Sensual drugs give the user just a sense of pleasure. They badly affect the functions of the brain. The drug addicts fail to respond to anything. Drug abuse also leads to liver disease and kidney problems. Damage to the brain is the most dangerous. It is a social issue. The importance of the topic is increasing day by day. We should work hard to solve the problems. Government should be very vigilant. Hope everything will turn alright.

More Topics.

1. Women Empowerment
2. Corruption in the Bureaucracy.
3. Environmental issues

5. Letter (Friendly)

Common Expressions

Hope you are fine

What about your.....?

I would like to share a special experience with you.

It is sweet/bitter/shocking experience in my life

I am very happy/I am very sad/I am very shocked.

I have no words to express my feelings.

Convey my regards to all.

Let me conclude.

Lovingly,

Name.

Model Question:

Write a letter to your friend sharing your experience after listening to the speech 'When a Sapling is planted'

Answer:

Place,

Date.

Dear friend,

Hope you are fine. What about your new job? I would like to share a special experience with you. I listened to the speech of Wangari Maathai. .It is very nice. I am very happy. I have no words to express my feelings. She speaks about tree planting. Tree planting is very important. It is simple and attainable. It gives us quick result. There were many problems in Kenya. Lack of firewood, clean drinking water, shelter and income were the main issues. She solved them through tree plantation. It changed Africa a lot. I like

the speech very much. It is a sweet experience in my life. It is our duty to protect nature. Watch the U tube version of the speech. Let me conclude. Convey my regards to all.

Lovingly,

Name

More Contexts:

1. Nomita shares the letter episode to her friend/to her mother
2. You share the experience of watching fight between the Amigo brothers
3. Sharing your experience of visiting a dentist.

6. Announcement

Common Expressions (Before staging a skit /play)

Good evening

Dear friends,

Here it is a special announcement.

We are going to stage a special item.

Yes, a skit/play

It has a good message.

The characters are.....

Watch and enjoy

Model Question: Your class room is going to present a skit based on the play “The Hour of Truth” Prepare an announcement prior to its enactment.

Answer: Good evening,

Dear friends,

Here it is a special announcement. We are going to stage a special item. Yes, a skit. It is based on the play “The Hour of Truth.” The actors are from our class. Master Kiran wrote the script. Master Rahul set the background. Master Arun is the main actor. The characters in the skit are, Robert Baldwin, Martha, John, Evie and Mr. Marshal. It has a good message. Watch and enjoy. Thank you....

6. Agreeing/ disagreeing(For, Favouring/Against, opposing)

Common Expressions:

I agree with it.

It is right

I don't agree with it.

It is wrong.

It is good.

There are many merits and demerits.

Model Question:

Imagine that you are participating in a debate on the topic 'Empowerment of a woman begins at home.' Write four points to justify your arguments

Answer.

- a) I agree with it.
- b) Empowerment of woman begins at home
- c) Women should get freedom at home
- d) Women do many things at home

More Topics:

1. Corporeal punishment
2. Development vs ecological imbalance
3. Corruption.
4. Sports man spirit
5. Drug abuse

7. Preparing script for panel discussion/group discussion

Common Expressions

Good morning,

Dear participants and friends,

I would like to talk on the topic.....

The topic is very important.

I would like to conclude my words.

Thank you

Model Question: You are a participant in a panel discussion on the topic "Corruption is the curse of our society". Draft the script for your presentation.

Answer: Dear participants and friends.

I would like to talk on the topic corruption. The topic is very important. Corruption is the curse of our society. It is dangerous. Corruption prevents the development of our country. We should fight against it. It is our duty. Poor people are the victims of corruption. Poor people do not get the benefits of government programmes. Corruption destroys our country. Government should take action against corruption. I would like to conclude my words.

Thank you

More Topics:

1. Importance of tree plantation
2. Importance of listening to other's problems
3. Drug abuse and healthy problems
4. Honest officials: need of the hour
5. Importance of teachers

8. Blog Entry (Based on your reading experience)

Common Expressions

I would like to share my thoughts here.

I read the lesson/Poem

It has a good theme

It is thought provoking.

It impressed me/It shocked me

I have no words to express my feelings.

Model Question: You would like to share your thoughts on drug abuse through a blog. Prepare the blog.

Answer: Dangers of Drug Abuse

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I would like to share my thoughts on drug abuse. I read the lesson 'Dangers of Drug Abuse'. It shocked me. Drug abuse is a big problem. It is an important issue. Drugs are very dangerous. Youngsters are addicted to drugs. Drug and alcohol are the main reason for crimes and road accidents. Drugs are very harmful to brain. Government should take action against drug abuse. We should protect our children from drug abuse. It is our duty.

More Topics:

1. Reading experience of any lessons/poems
2. A film you have seen
3. An important social/environmental issue.

9. Speech introducing the guests

Common Expressions

Good morning,

Dear teachers and friends,

I am very happy to be here on this occasion.

I would like to introduce a guest to you

He/she is great.

He is a man with vision.

I welcome the guest

I welcome all of you

Let's give him a big applause

Thank you

Model Question: Imagine that Irfan Alam is visiting your school to inaugurate a seminar on entrepreneurship. Prepare a script for a speech introducing Irfan Alam to the audience.

Answer: Good morning,

Dear teachers and my dear friends,

I am happy to be here on this occasion. I would like to introduce a guest to you. He is great. He is a man with vision. Yes, Irfan Alam is our chief guest. He is a young business man. He is from Bihar. He organized Rikshaw pullers. He is the founder of Samman Foundation. He is a role model for us. I welcome the guest. Let's give him a big applause. I welcome all of you.

Thank you

More Contexts:

1. Introducing Shaheen Mistri
2. Introducing Wangari Maathai
3. Introducing Sudha Murty
4. Introducing any famous personality
5. Introducing any character/personality of the course book

10. Interview

Common Expressions

Qn.1. What is the turning point in your life?

Answer. I attended an International Seminar in 1999 in Dubai. That is the turning point in my life.

Qn.2. Are you satisfied with your present position?

An. Of course. I am very happy with it.

Qn.3. What are your plans for the next 3 years?

An. I would like to do something for the education of slum children Qn4.

What is your advice to the new generation?

An. Work hard. That makes miracles happen. Thank you

Model Question: Your teacher has won the state award for the best teachers of the year. You are the editor of your school magazine. Meet the teacher and prepare an interview to be published in the magazine.

Answer: Qn: Congratulations. Are you happy with the new award?

An: Of course. I am very happy with the award.

Qn. What was the turning point in your life?

An. I attended an International Seminar in 1999 in Dubai. That is the turning point in my life

Qn: What's your plan for the next 3 years?

An. would like to do something for the education of slum children

Qn. What is your advice to the new generation?

An. Work hard. That makes miracles happen

More Contexts:

1. Interview with Wangari Maathai, the first African woman Who won Nobel Prize.

2. Interview with the social entrepreneurs like Irfan Alam and the educator, Shaheen Mistri
3. Interview with any famous literary figure

11. E-mail

Common Expressions:

Hope you are fine

What about your.....?

I send this email to inform you a special matter.

I am very happy/I am very sad/I am very shocked.

It is our great pleasure to.....

We would be grateful if you if you attend the function.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon/please keep in touch

Thanking you

Question: You are the secretary of the Souhrida club in your school. You plan to invite Shaheen Mistri to inaugurate the year-long activities of the club. Write an e- mail inviting her for the function.

To shaheen@gmail.com

Subject: Invitation for club Inauguration

Dear Madam,

Hope you are fine.

I send this email to inform you a special matter. Counseling, and health care are important for teenagers. I am very happy to inform you that we have formed a club named Souhrida club to organize the activities in this regard. Now, we are planning to begin the activities for the academic year 2019-20. We need to start the activities with a grand opening ceremony. It is our great pleasure to invite you to inaugurate the function. We would be grateful if you could spend some time with us sharing your experiences.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Thanking you,

Name,

Secretary,

Souhrida Club

12. Blurb

Common Expressions:

It is written by.....

The theme is thought provoking.

The language used here is powerful.

A must read.

The characters are interesting and inspiring

It is the masterpiece of the author.

Model Question: Prepare a blurb for the short story text “Matchbox” written by Ashapura Debi.

MATCHBOX Ashapura Debi

It is written by Ashapura Debi. The theme is thought provoking. Nomita is the main character. Ajit is her husband. Nomita’s life is compared to a Matchbox. Ajit’s very unkind and cruel towards her. The language used here is powerful. It is the masterpiece of the author. A must read short story. Matchbox is originally written in Bengali.

More Contexts:

1. Blurb for the anthology of the poems ‘Stammer and Other Poems of Satchidanandan’.
2. Collection of Short stories of R.K Narayan “Crime and Punishment and other Stories”

13. Letter of Enquiry

Common Expressions:

Enquiry regarding.....

I would like to know.....

Please send me the details.

Kindly inform me.

Model Question.

Imagine that you are the secretary of the Eco club of your school and you have been planning a nature camp at Parampikulam. Draft a letter to the District forest officer Palakkad seeking details of the camp.

Answer:

From

The secretary

Nature club

Gghss kozhikode

10-03-2020

To

The District Forest Officer

Palakkad.

Sir/Madam

Sub: Enquiry regarding nature camp.

The members of the Eco Club of our school would like to attend a nature camp in Parampikulam in the last week of June 2020. We have forty members.

Kindly inform me the details of camp. I would also like to know about food and accommodation facilities.

Yours faithfully

Secretary

Nature Club

14. Letter to the Editor

Common Expressions:

I invite your attention to a special matter.

It is very serious.

We can discuss it from different angles.

There are many consequences.

We should try to solve the problem.

It is very important.

Government should take steps in this regard.

Let's work hard to bring it under control

Model Question: Read the following newspaper headlines:

Delhi NCR citizens might soon need 5 oxygen cylinders a day to survive the pollution Smoky Sky in Delhi Lung Patients increase in the Capital city People may have to pay for the oxygen cylinders in New Delhi, the capital city of India. Write a letter to the Editor of an English Daily on the necessity of the intervention of the government to control the air pollution.

Answer:

From

Name

Address

Date

To

The Editor

The Hindu

Delhi-02

Sir,

I invite your attention to a special matter. It is very serious. The people of the capital city have no pure air to breath. Air pollution is the main problem. There are many consequences. People suffer from different lung diseases. People may need oxygen cylinders for existence. We should try to solve the

problem. It is very important. Government should take steps to control air pollution. Old vehicles should be banned. It is our duty to protect the nature. Let's work hard to bring it under control

Yours truly

Sd/

Name

More Contexts:

1. Letter to the Editor on the challenges faced by women
2. 'The vicious web of drugs spoils the dreams and lives of the young.'

14. Job Application and Resume

Common Expressions:

I saw your advertisement in the newspaper.

I would like to apply for the post.

Now I have been working as a.....

I am a post graduate.

I have also qualified all required eligibility tests.

I have ample experience in this field

If you select me, I will work hard for the growth your institution.

I have attached my Resume with it

I look forward to meeting you soon to discuss further matters.

Sincerely,

Model Question:

You happened to see an advertisement in the Hindu seeking qualified hands for the post of Lecturer in English in a private college. Prepare a cover letter and your resume.

Answer:

Job application

11/248,

Daffodils,

M.G.Road,

Ernakulam.

2nd October, 2019

Mr. M. Sahadevan,

Manager,

ABC College of Arts.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Application for the post of Lecturer in English

I saw the advertisement in the newspaper. I would like to apply for the post. I have been working as a lecturer in English at St. Stephen's College. I am a post graduate in English. I have qualified National Eligibility Test as well. I have an ample experience of 8 years teaching students in Higher Education sector.

If you select me, I will work hard for the growth of your institution. I have attached my Resume with it. I look forward to meeting you soon to discuss further matters.

Sincerely,

(Signature)

(Name)

Resume

(Your Name)

(your photo)

(Your e-mail)

(Your phone number)

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- Served as College Union Chairman during post-graduation
- Won essay and quiz competitions at graduation level

Achievements: • Won the best volunteer award during my term in NSS

Skills: • Computer expertise with P.G. diploma in Computer Application

- Skilled in MS Word, MS Excel, and Power Point

Languages: • English, Hindi, Malayalam (speak, read, and write)

Interests: • Travel

- Reading
- Badminton

Declaration:

I hereby declare that the details given above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief

(Signature)

(Name)

More Contexts:

1. Application to the post of Teacher in Teach For India
2. To the Post of Accountant in Sammaan Foundation
3. To the post of Postal Assistant(where the Young Lady Assistant had

resigned the post)

Part-III. Question Paper Analysis

A. A Focus on Difficult words/Phrases Frequently appearing in Question paper

B. HSE March 2019 Question Paper: Just for comprehension

Dear Teacher,

Those who are struggling to score 24, often, find it very difficult to comprehend the questions. The 50 frequently appearing words/phrases in the question papers are listed below. Help them feel the question paper at ease

1. a few errors
2. against/opposing/disagreeing
3. any 5
4. appropriate
5. arguments
6. as directed
7. attempt/write/answer/draft/prepare
8. blog
9. blurb
10. compare and contrast
11. complete
12. conduct
13. console
14. contains
15. contestant
16. context
17. conveyed
18. corporeal punishment
19. debate
20. deliver a speech
21. draft a letter
22. edit
23. elaborate
24. essay/article
25. excerpt
26. experience
27. figures of speech/poetic devices
28. fill in the blanks
29. focusing on

30. For/in favour of/favouring/agreeing
31. identify
32. imagine/suppose
33. in the light of
34. initiate
35. likely conversation/announcement/responses
36. narrate
37. observe/celebrate/conduct/organize/hold
38. option given below
39. passage
40. read
41. referred to
42. replace
43. satirical element
44. script of the speech
45. Substantiate.
46. suggest
47. suggestions
48. suitably
49. that follow
50. witness(v)

C. HSE March 2019 Question Paper: Just for comprehension

Dear Teacher,

The question paper of the last year public examination (March 2019) is given below. Help the students understand the difficult words/phrases found in the question paper. No need of instructing the learners to think or write of the answers now. Let them be just familiar with the question paper.

**HSE March 2019 Question Paper ENGLISH Maximum – 80 scores
Time – 2½ hrs.**

(Question: 1 – 6) Answer the questions as directed. (1-4)

Read the excerpt from ‘When a Sapling is Planted’ and answer the questions that follow:

‘Later, they became aware of the widespread destruction of the ecosystems, especially through deforestation Climatic instability and contamination of the soil and waters – all contributed to excruciating poverty and subsequent riots.’

1. Who does the speaker refer to as ‘they’? (1)
2. What was the main reason for the destruction of the ecosystem? (1)

3. Which word from the options given, can best replace the word 'excruciation'?(1)

(a) Entertaining (b) Progressing (c) Agonising

4. Here is a diary entry by Sudha Murty. Fill in the blanks with appropriate similes or adjectives from the options given in brackets. (3)

Village days were memorable. Days were full of fun and frolic and we were all as.....(a)..... (dull/cheerful/sharp) as a lark. How I miss those days! In Mumbai, everyone is as busy as a(b).... (snail/sloth/bee) and women too, are no different. Girls who were regarded to be as(c)..... (sour/chill/sweet) as a rose have now transformed themselves into leaders, office and torch bearers.

5. Imagine that you are invited for an interview for the post of chef at Taj Group of Hotels. Complete the interview suitably. (4)

Interviewer:.....(a)..... ?

You: I have specialized in Chinese and Continental dishes.

Interviewer:.....(b).....?

You: Yes, of course. I am comfortable with all types of delicacies.

Interviewer:(c).....?

You: I expect comfortable work atmosphere, fantastic team work and opportunities to develop

Interviewer: Where do you see yourselves ten years from now?

You: Ten years from now, I(d).....

6. The passage given below contains a few errors. Edit the passage appropriately. (4)

The main conflict in the story 'Amigo Brothers' is that off ambition. Both the friends want to be champions. But only one of them can be the champ. So they decide to fight it out. In the end, they realize that they value there bonding more than their ambition. (2)

(Question: 7 – 12) Answer any 5 questions in not less than 60 words. Each carries 4scores. (5×4 = 20)

7. Your class is conducting a debate on the topic 'PUNISHMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL. FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE'. Write four arguments either favouring or opposing the topic.

8. Elaborate the idea conveyed in the lines given below:

'I am the pillars of the house;

The keystone of the arch am I

Take me away, and roof and wall

Would fall to ruin me utterly.'

9. The activities of the literary club of your school will be inaugurated by the

cine artist and state award winner, Sri. Indrans. The one-act play, 'Post early for Christmas' will be staged on the day. Prepare a notice inviting all for the programme.

10. You have come to know that your close friend is having severe toothache. Frame four sets of suggestions you would make before him/her.

I think you should/ If I were you, I / Would you like / Perhaps you could..... / I'd like to suggest

11. Prepare a profile of Shaheen Mistri using the hints given below:

Birth: 16th March, 1971

Place of birth: Mumbai

Academic Qualifications: B.A. degree (Sociology), M.A. in Sociology

Almamater : University of Mumbai, University of Manchester

Occupation: CEO, Teach for India

Famous as: Indian social activist and educator

Founder: Akansha Foundation, Teach for India

Awards won: Ashoka Fellow (2001), Global Leader for Tomorrow (2002), Asia Society 21 Leader (2006)

Authored: Redrawing India – The Teach for India Story (2014)

12. Wangari Maathai says, 'Women are often the first to become aware of Environmental damage.....' Do you agree with her opinion? Substantiate your answer.

(Question: 13 – 19): Answer any 5 questions in about 80 words. Each carries 6scores. (5×6 = 30)

13. Read the following lines from the poem 'Rice'.

"I'll reach home in good time, at last

just as my mother drain the well -cooked rice.'

'This is better money – what good times!'

13. How is the expression 'good times' used in the above two contexts? Substantiate your answer.

14. You have dreams of setting up a business of your own after studies. You are greatly inspired by Irfan Alam's views and ideas. Draft a letter of enquiry to Sammaan foundation asking for clarification of the doubts regarding financial investment of the organization, mode of operation, security of the members, etc.

15. After the competition at Tompkin's Square Park, the Amigo Brothers are interviewed.

Reporter: Has the bout affected your friendship?

Felix: No, we both never take fighting into our hearts.

Reporter: So then, who among you must have won the fight?

Antonio: We both are always winners. The question itself is unimportant.
How would you report the above conversation?

16. As the secretary of the Anti-Narcotics Club in your school, you decide to write an article on the dangers of drug abuse to make aware of this growing menace among schoolmates. Prepare the article to be published in your school magazine.

17. A horegallu is essential in any journey. It is more so when people around us are too busy in their own worlds. You feel that it is necessary to post counsellors in schools so that students can reveal their fears and joys to them. Write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting him to take necessary steps in this regard.

18. Robert Baldwin in 'The Hour of Truth' stands as an epitome of honesty throughout the play. His decisions are never influenced by any financial offers. Prepare a character sketch of Robert Baldwin.

19. The story of Amigo Brothers is always heart-warming. You want to share your appreciation of the story with your friend in Bengaluru. Draft an e-mail conveying the essence of the story so as to inspire your friend to read it at the earliest.

(Question: 20 – 22) : Answer any 2 questions, each in about 140 words. Each carries 8 scores. (2×8 = 16)

20. Given below is a poster displayed at the Assembly Hall in connection with the International Women's Day celebrations conducted by the Souhrida Club of your school. As the convener of the programme, you are asked to give a detailed talk on 'EMPOWERING WOMEN - CHALLENGES AHEAD.' Prepare the likely speech taking hints from the poster.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

EQUALITY

EDUCATION GENDER

FAIRNESS

EQUITY SUFFRAGE

PARTICIPATION

WOMEN'S

EMPOWERMENT

21. Read the poem given below. Compare and contrast it with 'Mending Wall' and attempt a critical appreciation.

NEIGHBOUR by Iain Crichton Smith

Build me a bridge over the stream

to my neighbour's house

where he is standing in dungarees*

in the fresh morning.

O ring of snowdrops

spread wherever you want

and you also blackbird

sing across the fences.

My neighbour, if the rain falls on you,

Let it fall on me also

from the same black cloud

that does not recognize gates.

*dungarees: a garment consisting of trousers held up by straps over the shoulders.

22. In the light of reading excerpts from the lives of Irfan Alam and Shaheen Mistri, you arrive at the conclusion that ‘Entrepreneurs are not made, they are born.’ Our nation benefits from such enterprises too. Write an essay on the topic highlighting the merits of promoting entrepreneurship among the youth.

[Hints: youth made responsible – dignity of labour – self confident – self reliance -hard work and commitment – job satisfaction – financial stability - creating employment opportunities – initiatives like kudumbasree, mango cabs, tuber eats, flip kart]

Part- IV PRACTICE SECTION(40 hours)

A. Frequently Used Sentences/expressions in the Answer Scripts (10 hours)

B. Four Sets of Unit Tests (20 hours)

C. Question Paper: Worksheet (10 hours)

A. Frequently Used Sentences/expressions in the Answer Scripts(10 hours practice)

Dear Teacher,

Here we make an attempt to instil confidence in our learners providing them with 20 sentences. These sentences can be used as such or with slight changes in different contexts in their answer scripts. Enough time should be given to practice the sentences. Let them speak and write them many a time. The students should be given minimum 10 hours to drill the structures. Often our students are asked to write about an issue or their own experiences. These sentences will be useful in attempting essays, articles, paragraphs, write-ups, narrations, etc. If these are too much, select at least, 10 and work them out. Sure, our poor learners can ‘generate’ more sentences if they internalize these structures.

1. It is very important.

2. There are many problems in the world.
3. We should discuss it in detail.
4. I have a dream/similar experience.
5. She is a symbol of hard work.
6. We should be very vigilant
7. It has merits and demerits
8. I agree with it/I don't agree with it
9. It is fantastic.
10. It is the need of the hour.
11. It is really touching.
12. It changed me a lot
13. It is our duty to protect them
14. It is a sweet experience.
15. We should find a solution.
16. It is a social issue.
17. I have no words to express my feelings.
18. It is really good for a healthy society.
19. Here the government should take special interest.
20. Let's work hard for a better society.

B) Four Sets of Unit Tests (20 hours)

Dear Teacher,

The learners may be instructed to practice the discourses and the frequently appearing sentences again. Often questions are framed indirectly. So help them get the core of the questions. Here 4 sets of Unit Tests question papers are given. The learners should be able to score at least 40% of total score. Then conduct retests with the same question papers. As a final step, let the learners attempt the 'Model Question Paper: Worksheet' given in the C section.

Unit Test- I

Items:

- 1) Essay/article/Expressing views,
- 2) Letter to the Editor
- 3) Poem Comparison
- 4) Interview
- 5) Job Application and Resume

English '20 (S.Y) Time:90 Minutes. Score:40 Cool off time:10 minutes

Unit Test- I

1. On the occasion of observing 'World Anti-drug Day' 'Health Club of your school' brings out a school magazine analysing the pros and cons of the issues of drug addiction. Prepare an article on the topic 'social consequences of drug abuse' to be published in the school magazine (Score:8 Time. 15 minutes)

2. Read the following headlines of the English Daily.
"Man arrested for dumping waste in the Public Park." "Five arrested for Chopping down the Forest Tree." '..... when the environment is destroyed, plundered or mismanaged, we undermine the quality of our life and that of future generations'. As a responsible citizen, write a letter to the editor of a prominent daily voicing your concern over environmental issues caused by waste dumping in the public places. (Score 7, Time 15 mints.)

3. Read the following poem and compare it with 'This is Going to Hurt Just a Little Bit' by Ogden Nash (Score:8, Time 15 minutes)

Cavity by Hannah Tsukroff

Every year, the candy is here.
And all that chocolate and Three Musketeers.
Every year, a dentist's delight
This day of candy, a night of fright.
And even if I do have a cavity
This candy has their own gravity
To come to me and have a fight
The dentist needs to drill my teeth tonight

4. Irfan Alam, the founder and Chairman of SammaN Foundation, visits your school to inaugurate Budding Entrepreneurs Summit. You get a chance to interview him. Prepare four questions and likely responses.(Score:8, Time 15 mints.)

5. The Young Lady Assistant in the play 'Post Early for Christmas' resigned the post of Postal Assistant. Imagine that you are a graduate and you would like to apply to the post. Prepare the Job Application and your Resume. (Score:8, Time 15 mints.)

Unit Test II

Dear Teacher,

The questions carrying 5-6 scores dominate in the question papers (Unit Tests II, III&IV). Three sets of unit-test question papers are given below. Work it out well and try to develop the confidence level of the target group.

Items:

1.) Speech

2.Email

3. Letter(Personal)

4.Character sketch

5.Write-up/Paragraphs

English (S.Y) Time:60 Minutes. Score:30 Cool off time:10 minutes

Unit Test- II

1. 'It is time to create a world when all women can meet their potential without impediment or prejudice and the world will reap the benefits'. - Christine Lagarde. Prepare a persuasive speech to be delivered in the school assembly on the topic 'Women Empowerment in the Present Scenario' (Score:5, Time 8 minutes)

2. You are much impressed by the way the grandfather and Ratna listened to the problems of others. You would like to send an email to your close friend sharing your thoughts about the grandfather and Ratna and advising him to be a good listener. Prepare the email.

3. Nomita shares the bitter experience of quarrel between herself and Ajit with her mother through a letter. Prepare the letter for her. (Score 5, Time 8 minutes)

4. Sketch the Character of Robert Baldwin in a paragraph. (Score 5, Time 8 minutes)

5. Teachers play a vital role in nation building and character building of its citizens. Prepare a write up on 'Teachers as social engineers'. (Score 5, Time 8 minutes)

Unit Test. Set III

Items:

1. Script for announcement or compering

2. Narration

3.Blog Entry

4. Award Acceptance speech

5.Speech for introducing the guests

English (S.Y) Time:60 Minutes. Score:30 Cool off time:10 minutes

Unit Test- III

1. Your class has decided to stage the play 'Crime and Punishment' on the occasion of School Day celebration. You are told to prepare an announcement script introducing the play to the spectators. Prepare the script for the announcement.(Score 6, Time 8 minutes)

2. Sudha Murty shares her childhood experiences in the anecdote 'Horegallu'. Narrate an unforgettable event from the memories of your childhood..(Score 6,Time 8 minutes)
3. You are much impressed by the way Shaheen Mistri dealt with the challenges she had in fulfilling her dream of forming Akanksha Foundation. Prepare a blog entry on Shaheen's willpower to face the challenges and on how she succeeded in reaching the destination. (Score 6, Time 8 minutes)
4. Imagine that you are selected as the Best Personality of the academic year and honoured in the presence of State Governor and other dignitaries. You are supposed to deliver a speech after receiving the award. Draft the speech you would deliver on that occasion (Score 6, Time 8 minutes)
5. Wangari Maathai visits your school to inaugurate Campus Beautification Drive and you are told to introduce the guest to the audience. Prepare the script of the speech introducing the guest.(Score 6, Time 8 minutes)

Unit Test Set IV

Items:

- 1.Blurb
- 2.Letter of enquiry
- 3.Script for the presentation (Group discussion/panel Discussion)
- 4.Agreeing or disagreeing/Debate points
- 5.Report of the Programmes

English (S.Y) Time:50 Minutes. Score:25 Cool off time:10 minutes

Unit Test- IV

1. You are much impressed by the poem Stammer and has decided to collect the other poems of Satchidanandan. Imagine you would like to publish the 'Anthology of Stammer and Other Poems of Satchidanandan'. Prepare a blurb for the book. (Score 5, Time 8 minutes)
2. As part of sensitizing your friends on the harmful effects of drugs on the human body, you decide to collect information on the overuse of drugs and its health hazards. Write a letter to the department of health, enquiring about the various health hazards caused by drug abuse. (Score 5, Time 8 minutes)
3. Your school has decided to conduct a panel discussion on the topic 'Modern Education System -- Challenges Ahead.'You are the first panellist to talk on the topic. Prepare the script of the presentation. (Score 5, Time 8 minutes)

4. Your class is conducting a debate on the topic ‘Children should never be punished in the Schools’. Write your arguments in a paragraph either favouring or opposing the topic. (Score 5, Time 8 minutes)

5. A seminar was conducted in your school on the topic 'Commercialisation and Shortage of Indigenous Food Crops' as per the following programme. Read it carefully and prepare a report of the seminar. (Score 5, Time 8 minutes)

ABC Public School

Chennai

Seminar

Venue: School Auditorium

Date: 24-2-2015

Time: 9.30 am

Programme

Prayer: School Choir

Welcome speech: Sri. Natwar Prasad, the Principal of the School

Presidential Address: Smt. Lalitha Das, the Ward Councillor

Inaugural Address: Sri. Ravi Sasthi, Environmental activist

Paper presentation:

1. Crisis among the food crop farmers - Kum. Fathima Nissan
2. Indigenous food crops and self-reliance - Master David Heinty
3. Change in the attitude of the farmers - Kum. Aruna Prasad
4. The impact of cash crop cultivation - Master Dinu Syam

Interactive Session:

Vote of Thanks: Master Naveen Thomas, Chairman of the School

National Anthem: School choir

Model Question Paper: Worksheet English (S.Y) Time:2.30 minutes

Score:80 Cool off time:15 minutes

Model Question Paper: Worksheet

(Questions Nos. 1-3):Read the passage and answer the following questions:

Greta Thunberg, the teenage climate activist from Sweden delivered a speech criticizing world leaders at the United Nations Climate Summit for their inaction on protecting the environment. “All you can talk about is money and fairy tales of economic growth...You have stolen my childhood with your empty words.” If we decipher all the issues she raised in her brief presentation at the UN General Assembly, we can see that she voices serious

concern over the climatic instability. The girl emotionally exploded against the devotees of speedy and high economic growth. She told that not only the richer nations, but also richer people in every nation continue to believe that they can buy relief and escape from the consequences of climate change for their progeny.

1. Pick out the word from the passage which means ‘children’ or offspring’ (score:1)

2. Who or what, according to you, are responsible for this ‘worsening climatic instability’. Write three sentences.(score:3)

3. “You have stolen my childhood with your empty words.” As a teenager like her, do you agree with the point that your childhood has been stolen by something or somebody else? Express your view in four sentences. (score: 4)
(Question: 4 – 9) Answer the questions as directed.

Read the excerpt from lesson ‘Didi’ and answer the questions that follow:

‘Every day I would go to her house after college. Her home was smaller than the bathroom of my house. When a few children poked their heads inside the doorway to say “hi” to us, she welcomed them in. These children eventually formed the first class I would teach.’

4. Who is ‘I’ mentioned here? (score:1)

5. Who welcomed them in? (score:1)

6. What, according to you, was the aim of the speaker? How did she fulfil her dream? Write four or five sentences ? (score:4)

7. Read the following conversation taken from the play The Hour of Truth
Martha: Ah, well what are you going to do now, Robert?

Baldwin: What do you mean?

Martha: You have been out of work since the bank closed.

Baldwin: Oh, I’ll find a position.

Imagine you heard the conversation and would like to report it to your friend. Change the conversation into reported speech. (score: 4)

8. The teacher ‘delivered a wholesome slap on the youngster’s cheek. Do you agree with the way the teacher dealt with the child? What is your views on corporeal punishment? Write your views in a paragraph (score:4)

9. Read the following lines from the poem Rice by Chammanam Chacko. Elaborate the idea in the lines into a paragraph. (score:4)

Above us, a ‘ship of the sky’ roars northwards,
drowning my brother’s loud cries—

the Chief Minister off like an arrow to the Centre
to clamour for more grains, now flying high

(Questions 10 – 14): Answer any four. (5 scores each)

10. You have read the interview with Irfan Alam , founder and chairman of Sammaan Foundation. Prepare a blog entry on the Irfan’s ideas of entrepreneurship explaining how you were impressed by the novel idea.

11. Inspired by Wangari Maathai, your school has decided to take up the task of planting trees and beautifying the campus. You would like to inform Wangari about this new venture and invite her to visit your school. Draft an e-mail to her.

12. Prepare a write-up on the significance of the title of the poem ‘Mending Wall’

13. Imagine that your class has decided to stage the play ‘Post Early for Christmas’ as a part of the Annual Day Celebration of the Literary Club. You are assigned the role of introducing the play to the audience. Prepare the script for the announcement

14. Fragrance English Association (FEA), the English club of your school has decided to conduct a group discussion on ‘Importance of being a Good Listener’ as a post teaching activity of the lesson ‘Horegallu’. You are asked to initiate the discussion. Prepare the script of presentation.

(Questions 15 – 18): Answer any three. (6 scores each)

15. The Nobel Prize for Literature 2019 was awarded to Peter Handke, Australian writer, for “an influential work that with linguistic ingenuity has explored the periphery and the specificity of human experience.” You get a chance to interview him. Prepare three questions and likely answers he would give.

16. “Antonio and Felix were well liked and respected. Each had his own loyal following,” says Piri Thomas in ‘Amigo Brothers.’ How did these adolescent boys become the role? models of the residents of Manhattan? Attempt your answer in a paragraph of 80 words.

16. Imagine that you are the Secretary of the Souhrida Club of your school. The club has decided to set up some ‘horegallus’ on the campus so that students can sit and chat in their leisure time. You would like to get the financial assistance from The District Panchayat. Write a letter to the President of the District Panchayat informing about your plan and seeking financial aid for your project.

18. It is often said that an empowered woman is the one who can ‘find her own voice’ , ‘speak up’ and ‘be seen and heard’ .How far is this statement relevant to Nomita in Ashapura Debi’s ‘Matchbox’? Now analyse the character of Nomita in a paragraph.

(Questions 19-21) Answer any two questions. Each question carries 8 scores.

19. Imagine that you are representing your school in the essay competition in the Sub-District School Fest. You are given the topic 'dangers of drug abuse'. Write an essay on the topic.

20. On International Women's Day, you are to deliver a speech on 'Women Empowerment for the Empowerment of Nation'. Prepare the script of your speech

21. Read the poem given below:

WOMAN WORK -Maya Angelou

I have got the children to tend

The clothes to mend

The floor to mop

The food to shop

Then the kitchen to fry

The baby to dry

I got company to feed

The garden to weed

I have got shirts to press

The tots to dress

The can to be cut

I gotta clean up this hut

Then see about the sick

And the cotton to pick.

Now prepare a review of the poem and compare it with Any Woman by Katharine Tynan.

PART V 'Step Up- Extra'

A) More Characters

B) More Discourses

Dear Teacher, This part consists of more discourses and character sketches, which may not be necessary for the target group. Go through the part and you can use it if it is fruitful in some way or other

More Characters

1. Ajit

Ajit is an important character in the short story "Matchbox". Ajit is the husband of Nomita. He is from a rich and joint family. He married Nomita because of her beauty. He considers his wife as a mere slave. He insults her. He reads the letters addressed to his wife without her consent. He ridicules Nomita for her poor family background. Ajit is a typical Indian husband who treats his wife as a puppet.

2.Nomita’s Mother

Nomita’s mother is a different character in the short story. She is a widow. She is a poor woman. She married off her daughter Nomita to the rich man, Ajit. She seeks money from her daughter through letters. She knows that her son in law Ajit would help her. But, her habits of begging for money made her daughter inferior. She expects money from her son in law to repair her thatched roof. Her son in law Ajit ridicules her daughter for her begging. She is an illiterate ordinary Indian woman.

3. The Teacher in “Crime and Punishment”

The teacher is the central character in the short story “Crime and Punishment” written by R.K Narayan. He is an ordinary school teacher. He teaches mathematics. He works for extra money. He slapped the boy on the cheek when he failed to do a math problem. In order to avoid the wrath of the child’s parents, he obliged to the demands of the boy. He told stories to the boy. He became angry when the child demanded the same story to repeat once again. He acted the role of station master when the child played with engine of train. When the toy stopped to move, the child demanded to repair it. He was non-mechanical. He became a laughing stock in front of the child. He is a man with a sense of humour and practicability

4.The Boy in “Crime and Punishment”

The boy is an important character in “Crime and Punishment”. He is the only child of his parents. They pampered him and showered him well with love and care. His parents were rich and educated. His parent set up a separate nursery for him. He was a naughty boy. He was extremely poor in mathematics. He outwitted his mathematics teacher when he slapped him on the cheek. He treated his Mathematics teacher badly. He made him a laughing stock. He forced his mathematics teacher to narrate him stories. He even forced him to play the role of a station master. He outwitted his parents with the help of the teacher.

5.Gresham

Gresham is an important character. Robert Baldwin was his close friend in the bank. He misappropriated the funds of the depositors. He was arrested for that case. His friend Robert Baldwin was the only witness against him. He offered a hundred thousand dollars to Baldwin as bribe money to hush the secret case. He was friendly to Baldwin.

6. John

John is an important character in the play “The Hour of Truth” written by Percival Wilde. He is the son of Robert Baldwin and Martha. He is an angry young man. He ridicules his father for not becoming too competitive in his

profession. He is not disciplined. He talks too much in front of his parents. He even questions his father. He blames that his father is the main culprit behind the bank collapse. Unlike his father he loves money.

B. More Discourses

1. Newspaper Report

Model Question:

You are a reporter and you are assigned to report 'Post Office Bomb' hoax. Prepare the report.

Answer:

'Post office Bomb': A Rumour

Malgudi: A rumour about the bomb in post office caused panic among the public. A farmer found 'bomb' in the parcel of the post office. The lady assistant called police. The police defused the bomb dipping it in the water. Later it was found that it was not a bomb, but it was a clock. It was a parcel containing a clock sent by a tourist. The tourist was shocked to see the clock damaged. The tourist complained to the Postmaster General. The Lady Assistant resigned her post declaring that it was better to work at the animal dispensary

Other Contexts:

1. Fight between Amigo Brothers
2. Report of a seminar/debate/etc.
- 3 The Bank Wreck

Live TV Report

Common Expressions:

I am Roshan, from National TV Channel

Now I am at.....

Here, we can see thousands of people.

All of them are eagerly waiting.

It is unpredictable.

What a wonder!

Thank you

Model Question:

Prepare a Live TV Report of the wreck of the bank and the following arrest of Gresham presented in the play "The Hour of Truth"

Answer:

Hi....

I am Roshan from National TV Channel. Now I am near the District Court. Here we can see thousands of people. All of them are eagerly waiting for the verdict. It is unpredictable. The case of Gresham will be heard in the court

soon. Gresham was arrested by the District Police in connection with the Bank wreck. He was arrested for the misappropriation of funds in the Bank. Robert Baldwin is the only witness in the case. Yes, we can wait for the final verdict. Is Gresham innocent? They are now coming out. Yeah. What do they say? Oops. Gresham confessed? Yes. He has confessed. What a wonder! He has admitted his mistake.

Thank You.

2.Report of a Programme:

Common Expressions:

- welcomed the gathering.
- inaugurated the function.
- presided over the function.
- delivered key note address.
- offered felicitations.
- proposed vote of thanks.

Model Question:

Imagine that the health club of your school organized a seminar on drug abuse as per the following programme schedule. Prepare a newspaper report of the programme to be published in next day's news paper PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

GHSS Eranakulam

Seminar topic: Drug abuse

Date and time.: 25/3/19 .10 Am

Venue.: School auditorium

Welcome speech : School principal .P Manoj

Chair: Municipal chairperson C A Soniya

Inauguration. :Mr. Kumar (MKA)

Key note address: Dr Abdurahiman (DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER

Paper presentation: Master Rahul

Kumari Vidya Vote of thanks

:K Raghu, staff secretary.

Answer:

SEMINAR HELD ON DRUG ABUSE Eranakulam: A seminar was held on drug abuse at Eranakulam Government Higher Secondary School auditorium on 25/3/19 at 10am. School principal Manojkumar welcomed the gathering. Smt. CA Soniya , the municipal chairperson of presided over the function. District medical officer ,Dr K Abdurahiman delivered key note address. Master Rahul and Kumari Vidya presented papers. K. Raghu, staff secretary of the school proposed vote of thanks.