

HIGHER SECONDARY (CLASS XII) - ENGLISH

REVISION TIPS

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The 3Ls of Empowerment (speech) - Christine Lagarde

The 3 Ls of women Empowerment is thought-provoking speech delivered by Christine Lagarde. She explains the three key factors which constitute women empowerment as learning, labour and leadership

- 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 a must for women.
- It empowers them.
- Leadership is also important.
- Women should be ready to take risks.
- Then only they can succeed in their lives.

Ways of Empowering Women.

- ✚ Giving quality education.
- ✚ Giving equal status and equal wages.
- ✚ Providing job opportunities.
- ✚ Providing social Justice.
- ✚ Ensuring participation in all fields.
- ✚ Providing better health care.
- ✚ Giving social security.

Any Woman (Poem) - Katharine Tynan

- “Any women” is a meaningful poem written by the famous poet Katharine Tynan.
- Woman is the pillar and keystone 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
- In this poem she presents the all-embracing power of women to hold a family together.

Match Box - *Ashapura Debi*

“Match box”, written by Ashapura Debi tells the story of Nomitha and Ajith. It unveils the unhealthy husband- wife relationship existing in most Indian families. She compares women to matchboxes.

- ✓ Nomitha is the central character in the short story “Matchbox”.
- ✓ Nomitha is the wife of Ajith.
- ✓ She comes from a poor family.
- ✓ She is very beautiful
- ✓ She is very bold and courageous.
- ✓ Ajith always reads the letters sent by her mother, without her permission.
- ✓ He always insults her.
- ✓ She questions this attitude of her husband.
- ✓ Nomitha is a typical Indian woman

Horegallu - *Sudha Murty*

“Horegallu” is an anecdote by Sudha Murty. Horegallu literally means a stone bench used as support for unloading and loading weight. The writer says that a Horegallu is important in everyone’s life. We all carry burdens according to our situations and capacities. But we need to stop and take rest. The Horegallu gives everyone a chance to do so before they take another burden. It helps people regain their strength. Sudha Murty’s grandfather and Ratna did good social service by listening to others. They are examples of human Horegallu.

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.

Ratna

- Ratna is an important character in “Horegallu”.
- Ratna is a colleague of Sudaha Murty.
- 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.
- Ratna is a living Horegallu.

Mending Wall – Robert Frost

- '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.

'Good fences make good neighbours' - Explain

- It is necessary to keep some limits between neighbours.
- It is essential for privacy.
- It is essential for maintaining good and healthy relations.
- Unlimited freedom between neighbours will destroy the rhythm and harmony of life.
- Good fences are essential for keeping one's own property well.

Amigo Brothers – Piri Thomas

Amigo Brothers is a thought provoking story of two teenagers of the same age, written by Piri Thomas.

- The main characters are two thick friends, Felix Vargas and Antonio Cruz.
- They were both seventeen years old.
- They were so together in friendship.
- They felt themselves as brothers.
- Antonio was fair, lean and lanky.
- Felix was dark, short and husky.
- Antonio's hair was always falling over his eyes.
- Felix wore his black hair in a natural Afro style.
- Each youngster had a dream to become the light weight champion of the world.

They came face to face in the ring at Tompkins Square Park to participate in the Golden Gloves Tournament. They fought like real boxers and in the end they walked away arm in arm without waiting for the result. They proved to the world that nothing is greater than real friendship

The Hour of Truth – Percival Wilde

‘The Hour of Truth’ is a one act play written by Percival Wilde. The play focuses on the corrupting influence of money on people. The two main characters in this play are **Robert Baldwin**, the secretary of a powerful bank and his boss **Mr. John Gresham**, the bank President. The other characters are Martha, John and Evie

- ✓ 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.

Corruption

- Corruption is a cancer of a society.
- Corruption is against democracy.
- Corruption is against development.
- Corruption makes imbalance in the society.
- Corruption is a big crime.
- Corruption is an evil practice.

A Three wheeled Revolution – Irfan Alam

Introducing Irfan Alam

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. **The founder of SammaN Foundation and a world famous social entrepreneur.** Yes, Irfan Alam is our chief guest. He is a young business man. He is from Bihar. He organized the Rickshaw 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

Interview

Question 1 : Would you mind spending some time with me for an interview?

Answer : No, I wouldn't. You can take as much time as you want.

Question 2 : What prompted you to select this field?

Answer : My Childhood experiences, wide reading and the realities around me prompted me to select this field.

Question 3 : Who is your role model?

Answer : I don't consider anyone as my role model. Everyone who comes into my life teaches me something new.

Question 4 : You might have come across failures in life. How did you overcome failures?

Answer : All my friends and well wishers stood by me in moments of crisis. My hard work also helped me to lessen the impacts of failures

Question 5 : Would you like to give a piece of advice to the present generation?

Answer : Yes, I think our youth have immense potential to change the ways of the world. They should use their talents, knowledge and skills to create a better world.

Didi – *Shaheen Mistri*

- Shaheen Mistri is the CEO of the Teach for India Project.
- 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 to 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.

Job Application and Resume

From

Priya Sekhar
'Happy Villa'
Vattiyoorkavu P O
Thiruvananthapuram – 695023

To

The HR Manager
Teach for India
Mumbai, India

Sir,

Sub: Application for the post of _____ (write the name of the post)_____.

Ref: Advertisement in The Times of India dated 25/01/2020.

With reference to the advertisement in 'The Times of India' dated 25.01.2020, I would like to apply for the post of _____ (write the name of the post)_____ in your esteemed institution. I am a graduate in English Language and Literature and have an experience of two and half years in a private institution in the city.

I will be extremely pleased to be a part of your company. If selected I promise to serve the company in the best possible way.

Please find enclosed a copy of my resume. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
Priya Sekhar

Resume

(Your Name)
(Your e-mail)
(Your phone number)

(PHOTO)

(Address for Communication)

Objective:

To work in a firm where I can utilize my abilities for its overall development

Educational Qualification:

MA, B.Ed., NET

Activities:

- Worked in National Service Scheme for two years
- 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 and Badminton

Declaration:

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

(Signature)

(Name)

Stammer – *Satchidanandan*

- 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.

When a Sapling is Planted – *Wangari Maathai*

Environmental Issues

There are many environmental issues facing our world today. Global warming, ozone depletion, acid rain, energy and water deficits are all problems that challenge humanity and its progress

Air pollution, poor management of waste, growing water scarcity, falling groundwater tables, water pollution, preservation and quality of forests, biodiversity loss, and land/soil degradation are some of the major environmental issues India faces today. Population growth adds pressure to environmental issues and its resources.

Environmental protection is becoming more and more important and necessary. Without protecting nature, we can't live in this world. The aggravation of these problems can be prevented through education, awareness and action.

Rice – *Chemmanam Chacko*

- The poem 'Rice' is a satire by Chemmanam Chacko.
- The poet says that farmers of Kerala are not interested in food crops.
- Farmers plant rubber and arecanut 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.

DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE – *Dr. Hardin. B. Jones*

- Drug abuse is a serious menace disturbing our society.
- Teenagers and the youngsters are mainly affected by this.
- It has a negative effect on the mental and physical health of the individual.
- Alcohol, heroin, cocaine, opium and marijuana are some of the drugs.
- Curiosity, peer pressure and availability of drugs such as cigarettes and alcohol are the immediate cause of drug abuse.
- The ‘naked’ advertisement of alcohol and cigarettes influence the youngsters to get addicted to it.
- Prolonged use of drugs affects the user’s judgment and thinking ability.
- This leads to complex social, medical and psychological problems.
- Drug addicts lose money and health.
- They lose the joy of life.
- Drug consumption leads to violence in the society.
- The principle ‘say no to drugs, say yes to life’ should be encouraged in the schools.

POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS – *R. H. Wood*

- R H Wood’s ‘Post Early for Christmas’ is a one-act play.
- The play takes place inside a small post office in an English Village during the Christmas Season
- There are many humorous situations in the play.
- Somebody coming to the post office and asks where he can get stamps.
- Another person demands for a pint of beer.
- The deaf man hears book as cook, bed and ted.
- An old lady coming to get medicine for her cat.
- The 'time-bomb' episode is another example.

Announcement

Dear friends,

Welcome to the show. Tonight we are going to stage the one act play ‘Post Early for Christmas’ written by R H Wood.

It has a good message. Watch and enjoy. Thank you...

THIS IS GOING TO HURT JUST A LITTLE BIT – *Ogden Nash*

- ‘This is going to hurt just a little bit’ is an interesting poem.
- The poem by Ogden Nash is about a person’s experience at a dental clinic
- The poet says that dental torture is both physical and mental
- The poet compares the work of a dentist on the mouth to a road that is being repaired.
- The poet has used many figures of speech such as simile, metaphor and hyperbole

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT – *R. K. Narayan*

- ✓ The story is a satire on over parenting in nuclear families.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ The slap was a ‘crime’, and the teacher underwent due ‘punishment’.

Appreciation of a poem

Summary of the **FIRST** Poem

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_____ (write the name of the poem)_____ is a great poem. It is written by _____ (write the name of the poet)_____. This is a very interesting poem. The author has used good language in the poem. The poem is about _____ (theme)_____. The poet has written a lot of similar poems. But this one is his best.

These are the most beautiful lines of the poem. These lines convey a lot of meanings. Every reader will like these lines. The ending of the poem is perfect.

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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 angles.

Speech (Format)

Dear friends,

I am here in front of you to speak a few words on the topic “ _____ (name of the topic)_____”. I am very happy that I got a chance to talk to you. I have a lot of ideas about this topic. I thank the organizers for giving me an opportunity to speak before you. You can agree or disagree with my views. Please be patient to hear my words.

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_____ (few sentences about the topic)_____

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It is time to end my speech. Thank you for your patience. Please think about my ideas. Ideas can change lives. It is time to be active. We hope for a better tomorrow. Always remember that. Wishing you all a great day. Thank you.

Letter to the Editor

From

Name

Address

To

The Chief Editor

Times of India, Kochi

Sir,

Sub:- _____ (name of the topic)_____

I read Times of India daily. It is a great news paper. You report everything truthfully. I write this letter to share my ideas on the topic _____ (name of the topic)_____. I have my own opinion about this issue. Please consider my ideas. Please publish it in the newspaper.

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_____ (few sentences about the topic)_____

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_____ (name of the topic)_____ is an important issue. Government must think about this. Similar issues come up every day. There are positive and negative sides to every subject. We have to accept the positives and reject the negatives. The Government and the readers should open their eyes. It is time to be active. We hope for a better tomorrow. I conclude the letter.

Thank you

Yours Faithfully,
Name.

Diary

4th March 2020

What a day it has been for me today! I cannot forget this day in my life. I am sad / happy this day. What am I to do? How can I Sleep?

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Profile

TITLE

He/She was born **on** (date) **at**(place)**in**(city/state/year)

- ✓ He/She was born in Russia in 1920 (on 25th March 1920)
- ✓ He/She was educated at the University of Oxford.
- ✓ He/She has won several awards including Padmasree.
- ✓ He/She is the recipient of many national and international awards including Padmabhushan.
- ✓ His/Her major works include A,B,C and D (Develop the hints to write the Profile)

R.K NARAYAN

R.K. Narayan was born in **1906** in Tamilnadu. He completed his education in Chennai and Mysore. He is famous as a **writer**. His important works are **The Guide, Swami and Friends, Malgudi days**. He was awarded Sahitya Academy Award in 1951 . He passed away in 2001 . He continues to live in the minds of people even today.

Letter

08/08/2014

Thiruvananthapuram

Dear,

How are you? I think you are going smooth there. I am somewhat fine here. I think it is long since we wrote each other.

I am writing this letter to tell you an important matter.

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Convey my regards to all. Hoping to see you soon. I stop my letter

Lovingly,

Sd/-

Name

Notice

ABCD SCHOOL KOZHIKODE -----*(Write the name of the function)*-----

It has been decided to conduct a _____ *(name of the programme)* on _____ *(date)* under the auspicious of _____ *(name of club)* in ABCD School, at _____ *(time)* am/pm. The venue is _____. The _____ *(name of inaugurator)* will inaugurate the function. All are welcome

Place: _____

Date: _____

Signature
Secretary/Convenor
Name of the Club

Programme

Prayer : School Choir
Welcome Speech : Headmaster
Inauguration : (Name of Inaugurator)
Felicitations : 1. (Name of the speaker, his/her designation)
2. (Name of the speaker, his/her designation)
Vote of Thanks : Convenor (Name)
National Anthem

NOTICE

GOVT. HIGH SCHOOL KOZHIKODE Seminar on Poverty: a Social Issue

It has been decided to conduct a Seminar on Poverty a Social Issue on 2nd February 2013 under the auspicious of ***the English Club*** in Govt. High School ozhikode , at 2pm. The venue is School Auditorium The ***Panchayat President, Ms. Haseena*** will inaugurate the function. All are welcome

Place: Kozhikode
Date: 20/01/2013

Signature
Secretary/Convenor
English Club

Slogans / Placards

+ Save trees, Save Earth

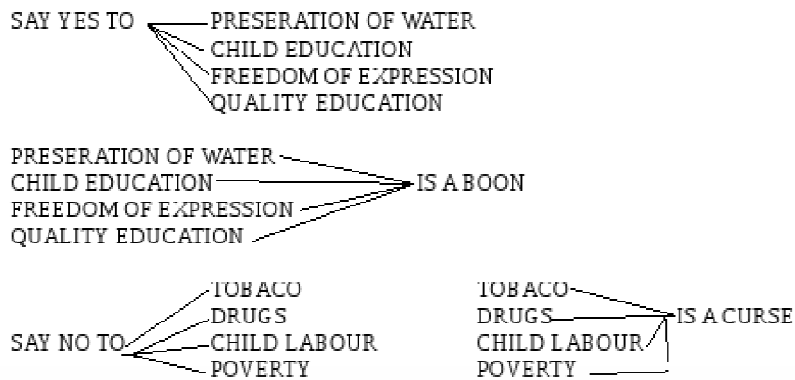
+ Good Earth, Green Earth

+ Plan and plant trees

+ Green Kerala, Clean Kerala

+ Preserve forest Reserve water

+ Save Earth Save Life



Agree / Disagree

- 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.

? 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

- 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.

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