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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:

Part -1. Text Book Analysis

- A) Synopses of the Lessons
- B) Reviews of the Poems
- C) Important Characters

Part- II. Important Discourses

Part-III. Question Paper Analysis

- A) Frequently Appearing Words in the Question Papers
- B) HSE March 2019 Question Paper

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(10hours)

Part- V. 'Step Up' Extra

- A) More Characters
- B) More Discourses

Part -1

A) 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) Analyses of the Lessons

B) Reviews of the Poems

C) Important Characters

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

A. Analyses of the Lessons:

1.HIS FIRST FLIGHT

- It is the story of a young seagull.
- He was afraid to fly.
- Lack of confidence and courage made him to stay there.
- It was a real crisis
- His family especially mother gave him confidence to fly
- Every child needs courage and support in his life
- It is our duty to support every one.
- This is a good lesson to all parents.

2.I WILL FLY

- 'I will fly' is a speech by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
- Kalam inaugurated a programme called 'Sasthrayan'
- Sasthrayan means the propagation of science.
- Kalam said that the youth of today need not fear about their future.
- A boy from a village expressed his wish to become a marine engineer.
- Kalam valued his question and recited the poem 'I will fly'
- Everyone has ideas and dreams
- Kalam advised the boy to be unique
- You should find the 'Unique You'
- Students must work hard until they reach the goal

3. QUEST FOR A THEORY OF EVERYTHING

- Stephen Hawking was an ordinary English boy.
- He was slow in learning to read and write at school.
- His father wanted him to attend Oxford University.
- He decided to study mathematics and physics from Oxford university
- He liked classical music, took part in sports and was famous for his wit.
- He became popular and accepted by his friends
- Meeting with Jane Wilde was a turning point in his life.
- She supported him throughout his life
- He wrote a book to make science understandable to common people.
- A computer expert sent him a programme called EQUALIZER
- Hawking was an optimist.

4. AND THEN GANDHI CAME

- 'And then Gandhi Came' is a lesson from Nehru's 'The discovery of India'
- Gandhiji stood for truth, love and non-violence (Ahimsa)
- He was against all social evils like untouchability and child marriage
- He himself set an example for Abhaya (fearlessness)
- His personality was like a magnet
- Essence of his teaching was fearlessness and truth
- Gandhiji was a leader of his people

5. THE PRICE OF FLOWERS

- The price of flowers is a story written by P.K.Mukopadhyay.
- Gupta was an Indian living in London.
- One day he met Maggie in a restaurant/hotel.
- She was working as a typist
- She was from a poor family.
- Her brother Frank is a soldier in India.
- She heard that India is a land of tigers, snakes and fevers.
- Maggie requested Gupta, after looking into the ring that Frank was all right
- Gupta received a letter that Maggies mother was not well.
- Gupta was shocked to learn that Frank had died in the war.
- Gupta was very sad.
- Maggie gave him a shilling to buy flowers to place on her brothers' grave in Punjab.
- He accepted it.
- It gave her joy beyond all price

6. THE TRIP OF LE HORLA

- This is about a thrilling balloon journey from Belgium to Paris
- There were five men in the balloon.
- Captain Jovis was their leader
- People wondered at the sight of the balloon
- Animals made noise after seeing the balloon
- Barometer showed 2350 meters' height.
- They enjoyed the view of Paris city
- They were alone in space with moon.
- It was a fantastic journey
- Passengers thanked Captain Jovis for a wonderful experience

7. THE SACRED TURTLES OF KADAVU

- It is about a strange ritual on a Fijian island.
- Long ago a beautiful princess called Tinaicoboga and her daughter Raudalice lived in a lovely village Namuana.
- One day they went for fishing.
- Fisherman of Nabukelevu seized the two women.
- The two women cried for help.
- Suddenly there was a huge storm.

- They saw that those two women were turned into giant turtles.
- The fishermen were afraid.
- They threw the turtles into the sea and ran for their lives
- Even today, the women from Namuana village dressed in mourning sing for their beloved ones.
- The turtles come up the surface when the Namuana villagers sing the song

8.DISASTERS AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT IN INDIA

- There are two types of disasters.
- They are Manmade disasters and Natural disasters.
- Disasters affect both developed and developing countries.
- Some of the natural disasters are storms, floods, windstorm, earth quakes and drought.
- India faced disasters like Gujarat earthquakes, Mumbai flood, Chennai flood, Tsunami and flood in Kerala.
- Some of the manmade disasters are Bhopal gas tragedy, riots, nuclear weapon, attacks, etc.
- India is highly prone to disasters because of geological formation and geographical locations.
- India has long coastline, snow clad peaks, rivers, mountains.
- Death, damage and destructions are the immediate impacts of disasters.
- Disasters cause damage to life supporting systems.
- Rehabilitation is an important part of disaster management.
- The rescue teams will be well equipped with the latest technologies.

9.THE SERANG OF RANAGANJI

- The Story is written by Dr. A J Cronin.
- Hasan looked ugly with his short legs and disproportionate head.
- Miss. Jope-Smith ridiculed him calling comic creature.
- Some of the crew got infected with small pox.
- It was the duty of A J Cronin, the doctor of the ship, to control the spreading of disease.
- Hassan voluntarily agreed to take care of the patients.
- He sponged the patients with permanganate solutions.
- He gave medicines in time.

- He supported the Doctor in many ways
- He is a symbol of love, care, affection, sincerity, devotion, dedication and responsibility.

10. GOOSEBERRIES

- The story is a satire on man's search for happiness.
- Two brothers – Ivan and Nicholai seek to be happy.
- Ivan becomes veterinary doctor.
- Nicholai wanted to buy a farm house with a garden of gooseberries.
- He achieves his dream by sacrificing many things like happiness health, joys, food, clothes and other entertainments.
- In the end, Nicholai is so happy in his own farm house with gooseberries.
- Ivan never cherishes a dream in his life.
- He is unhappy seeing Nicholai happy.
- He can't even bear the sight of a happy family.
- But Nicholai fulfills his life's dream.
- He follows his goal without any compromises.
- In the end Ivan feels confused, as what is true happiness, whether to chase our dream, sacrificing many things or to live life as it comes...

11. GOING OUT FOR A WALK

- The writer is against walking for the sake of walking.
- He even doesn't like a friend's request to accompany him for a walk.
- Walking stops brain.
- If it is with a boring companion it is useless.
- By walking we waste our time for gossips, reading all inscriptions, notices, advertisements and even milestones.
- Brain stops thinking, it's just a physical activity.
- One's power to instruct and to amuse is lost while he walks for the sake of walking.

12. THE CYBERSPACE

Cyber space is a real estate, intellectual, legal and artificial environment

There are differences like park land, shopping malls and red light zones.

There are areas for information and entertainment.

It is an unlimited world of virtual real estate.

It is a voluntary destination.

There are 3 main areas.

1. Private emails/ chats

2.information and entertainment

3.communities

They make rules instead of following it.

It should be moderated to avoid unnecessary discussions and advertisements.

It is free from power structures.

There is no geographical / gender differences.

We have freedom to leave it or to love it .

13.IS SOCIETY DEAD?

- New generation gets addicted to i-pods, smart phones, other technical devices.
- These addicts have common traits.
- They have vacant eyes.
- They are not social beings.
- They don't have connection with outer society.
- They become isolated.
- They don't respond to social cues.
- They miss the sound of nature, cry of a baby, songs of birds.
- They miss the beauty of outer world.
- Technology makes them isolated beings.
- The ear phones disconnect them from outer world.

14.THE CONCEPTUAL FRUIT

- The new technology helps, enables and equips physically challenged and mentally retarded people.
- Greta's father entertains Greta by creating a Greta's street, Greta's house with fruits in every room.
- He decorates her room with things of her choice.
- Peaches in blue bowls and white curtains.
- The story proves that technology provides, refreshment, relaxation, sense of achievement, confidence, happiness, satisfaction and companionship to people like Greta.
- It is an additional boon to physically/ mentally challenged people.

B. Review of the Poems

1. IF -

IF is a beautiful poem by Rudyard Kipling.

It explains the qualities of a perfect man.

A gentleman should have a balanced character.

He should believe in himself.

He should be patient in waiting.

He must not listen to lies.

He thinks and acts well.

He faces victory and defeat in the same manner.

Others may twist his words but he never talks bad about them.

He should work hard.

He should keep in touch with ordinary people.

He also keeps friendship with kingly people.

The poet uses figures of speech like metaphor, personification, etc. in the poem

Personification: Triumph and disaster are personified as two imposters.

Metaphor: Unforgiving minute for the time that waits for no man.

2. DEATH THE LEVELLER

Death The Leveller is a beautiful poem by James Shirley.

It reminds us the mortality of life.

The rank, power and position in this life are not permanent.

Everybody is equal in front of death

The king and the common man face death in the same manner.

They go in to the same cold tomb.

The soldier and the farmer reap their own fields.

But they yield to death.

The death put an end to life.

But the sweet smell of the actions of the just will remain for ever

The poem has three stanzas with three couplets.

It has a rhyme scheme, ABABCCD.

The poet uses many poetic devices.

3. The Sunrise on the Hills

It is a beautiful poem.

The poet watches the sunrise.

He observes the changes when the sun rises.

As the sun rises the veils are lifted.

Then the beauty is revealed to the poet.

The sun is compared to a warrior.

His glory conquers all the earth.

The poem is full of visual and auditory images.

The nature is a source of inspiration and cure.

It is always smart.

It can heal the wounds of heart and mind

Nothing can dim the smartness of nature.

4. THE WRECK OF THE TITANIC

The Wreck of the Titanic is a beautiful poem by Benjamin Peck Keith.

It is about the greatest tragedy in the sea.

The poem exposes some noble acts of courage and heroism.

The titanic was called as a poem of iron and steel.

Travellers felt proud and safe.

But it was struck and destroyed.

There were many heroes in the sinking ship.

The captain Smith was the first.

He was very brave and determined.

The crew also proved their courage.

The bandsmen continued to play music till their end.

The poem celebrates the courage of Smith and his team

5.TO SLEEP

To Sleep is a beautiful poem by William Wordsworth.

The poet couldn't sleep.

He was so worried.

Some images of nature flashed through his mind.

The poem presents some finest sights and sounds.

He considers sleep as a mistress.

It is the mother of fresh thoughts and joyous health.

It is the blessed barrier between day and day.

The poem is a sonnet.

C) Important Characters

1.MAGGIE

Maggie is the main character in the story The Price of Flowers.

She was an adolescent girl.

She sacrificed all her joys of her age.

Her clothes revealed her poverty.

She loved her family very much.

She was so depressed about her brother who was a soldier in India.

But she was positive towards life.

She was very practical in life.

She was ready to face the challenges of life.

She could play violin.

She kept her house neat and clean.

She struggled to earn one shilling to buy flowers for her brother.

She was a symbol of love and innocence.

2.HASAN, the Serang

Hasan is the serang of the ship Ranaganji.

He looks squat and ugly.

He has short legs and disproportionate head.

He is from Punjab.

He has no place of his own.

He has no family or friends.

He never got married.

He is a Muslim.

He is not interested to earn money.

He never expects reward for his work.

He helped the doctor in nursing the patients.

He is ready to serve them even though it is a contagious disease.

He prays for them.

He is very truthful and sincere.

3.Dr. A J Cronin

Dr. AJ Cronin is the narrator of the story.

He plays a very important role in the time of disaster.

He treated the patients without fear.

He is very kind.

He is surprised when he knew about Hasan.

He is very brave.

He is devoted to his profession.

He is a good observer.

4.Nicholai Ivanich

Nicholai is the younger brother of Ivan.

He is a government employee.

He had a dream.

He wanted to buy a farm with a garden, river and with a gooseberry bush.

He saved money for that.

He sacrificed the happiness of life to achieve his dream.

Finally, he bought the farmhouse.

He planted gooseberries.

He was so happy when he ate the gooseberries from his farm.

5.Ivan Ivanich

Ivan is an important character in the story Gooseberries.

He is a veterinary surgeon.

He told his brother's story to his friends.

He didn't agree with his brother's plan.

He never had a dream.

He is unhappy even to see his happy brother.

6.GRETA

Greta is the main character in the story Conceptual Fruit.

She is a sixteen-year-old girl.

She is differently abled.

She is studying in the 5th grade.

She is studying in a special school.

She has blonde hair and blue eyes.

She has the habit of repeating everything she hears.

She wants to have each room with bowls of fruits.

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 speak 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:

Imagine that you get the opportunity to address Class X students before their public examination. On the basis of Dr. Kalam's message, prepare a speech to motivate and prepare them for the examination.

Answer:

Dear friends,

I am very happy to be here on this occasion. I would like to talk to you on how to be ready for your SSLC examination. It is very important that all of you are in crucial period of your school life. The result of your SSLC Examination will decide your future so it is very important to plan your studies early and work hard to achieve a bright result. As Dr.APJ Abdul Kalam says all of us are born with potential and if we realize it we will be self-confident. The ignited mind of the youth is the most powerful resource on earth and we should contribute this power to the development of the society. You should fly to the world of education. Give first priority to your study and come out with a stunning result. I would like to conclude my words.

Thank you

2.Write-ups/Paragraphs

Common Expressions

It is very important

We should discuss it in detail

We can view it from different angles

It has many merits and demerits

It is the need of the hour

Question:

What kind of a profession you like most? Prepare a write up

Teaching is a noble profession and I like to be a teacher in my life. A teacher is always respected by the society. It is very important that a teacher can mould a person. He / she can be considered as the strongest pillar of the society. We should discuss in detail that how a teacher influences the society. A teacher always acts as a social activist. Any positive change in society is brought about by a teacher. A teacher is always concerned about others. Teachers who are concerned about the growth and development of the society is the need of the hour.

3 Review of poems

Common Expressions

The poem is written by

It has a good theme.

It is very striking.

The poet uses many poetic devices.

The poet tries to convey that

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.

Model Question:

Read the poem given below:

AM I NEXT?

Am I next? Am I the next one to go?

The deaths recently of people I know.

A cliff edge there. And beyond is below.

Me then, up here, will be nowhere on snow.

It is fate, of course, Inevitable.

That at some point be my turn to be next

The loss I face then, inestimable.

Not outside it; my direct interest.

I am saddened. Feel saddened and bereft.

Not superficial self-pity. Deeper

Advance grief. Nothing of me will be left

I cannot swerve meeting the grim reaper

So, for this shock ahead I have sorrow.

I know it will be my turn tomorrow.

Now prepare the review of the poem focusing on its theme, message, relevance and figures of speech.

Answer:

The poem Am I Next is written by an unknown poet. It has a good theme. He says that death is inevitable. It is very striking that our turn to death may come at any time. The poet has used many poetic devices. They make the poem very effective. The theme of the poem is very relevant. We can read the poem from different angles. One can enjoy the poem as it gives a

good message. The poet has used the figures of speech like personification, simile, metaphor etc. in the poem. The rhyme scheme used in the poem makes it a melodious one.

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

Model Question:

Write an article on the use and misuse of cyberspace for your School Magazine.

Cyber space is a parallel world based on internet. Society has reached up the situation that nobody can live without this 'space'. This virtual world gives us any information within seconds. The communication is so fast and cheap in this world. But we should discuss in detail the negative side of this world. It is an important issue that the young generation is wasting time using this space for unimportant matters. There are many issues in the world regarding the misuse of cyber space. The new generation is very active in the cyber space. It is a social issue that they forget that the real life is outside.

More Topics.

1. Role of parents in our life
2. The qualities of a good leader in my dream
3. Disaster management
4. Role of physical exercise in maintaining good health
5. Social Media

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:

'When I go to that part of the country, I shall visit your brother's grave and write to you.' A few weeks after the narrator's departure, Maggie receives a letter from Mr. Gupta. What might be the content of the letter? Draft a letter, assuming that you are the narrator.

Place

Date

Dear friend Maggie,

How are you? Hope your mom is alright. As promised, I visited your brother's grave at Fort Monroe and kept a bunch of flowers on it. After leaving you and your mother I was always trying to find a day to visit the place where the soul of your brother rests. Are you happy now? I really felt like talking to his soul. I told him that he is lucky of having a sister like you and a lovable mother. I promised him that one day I would take you and your mother to Fort Monroe to visit his grave

Lovingly,

Mr. Gupta

6) Interview

Common Expressions (questions)

1. What is the turning point in your life?
2. Who is your role model?
3. Do you enjoy this career?
4. Can you tell me a little about yourself?
5. What is your professional strength?
6. What is your greatest professional achievement?
7. Tell me about a challenge or conflict you've faced at work.
8. Can you tell us something about your childhood?
9. What is your opinion about the youngsters (in India)?
10. What is your message to our readers?

Question:

Suppose you got a chance to interview Mr. Nicholai Ivanich. Prepare four questions to ask him and its likely answers.

1. What is the turning point in your life?

Ans: I fulfilled my dream that to buy an estate of my own with gooseberries in it. That is the turning point

2. Who is your role model?

Ans: My father is my role model

3. Do you enjoy this life?

Ans: Of course I enjoy my life. I am so happy that I realized my dream.

4. What is your message to our readers?

Ans: Work hard to achieve your goal and enjoy life

7) E-mail

Common Expressions

Hope you are fine

What about your.....?

I am sending this email to share my experience...

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

It is our great pleasure to.....

We would be grateful if you could attend the function.

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

Thanking you

Question

You get inspired by Dr A. P. J. Abdul Kalam's message and decide to communicate your thoughts and ideas to your friend who is studying abroad.

Draft an **e-mail** to your friend

To	raheemdubai@gmail.com
Subject	Kalam's Speech

Hai Raheem,

How are you? Hope you are fine. What about your exams? I am sending this mail to share the experience of reading Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's speech in our plus one textbook. I am very happy to inform you that this is a must read speech.

He shares his experience of inaugurating a programme called Sasthrayaan. A student asked him the question that how to get confidence in our life. He replies that everybody is unique in their own way. No need of trying to be like others. Our parents and teachers may compel us to be like others but we should be unique in our own way. The speech is really an inspiration to me and I suggest you to read it.

Thank you

Rahulkpplusone@gmail.com

8. Profile.

Tips:

- 1.Catchy title
2. Introduce the person.
3. Write the other details given in chronological order (birth, childhood school and college education, career/dream, problems and achievements, family life, death (depends)).

Prepare a profile of Stephen Hawking using the hints given below

Hints: born 8 January 1942 in Oxford, England- Frank and Isobel – Saint Alban’s School- 1959 Oxford- specialized Physics-Cambridge- rare disease- married Jane-another Einstein- equalizer- 1988 A Brief History of Time- death 14 march 2018

Title: The supernova of physics

Stephen Hawking was born on 8th January 1942 in Oxford, England. His father was Frank and his mother was Isobel. His early schooling was in Saint Alban’s School. In 1959 he joined Oxford and specialized in physics. Then he went to Cambridge for his further studies. There he was contracted with a rare disease called amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. He married Jane and with her support he managed to adjust with his condition. His achievement as a scientist won him the title ‘Second Einstein.’ He lost his capacity to communicate after an operation and later he used a programme called equalizer for communication. His famous book A Brief History of Time was published in 1988. He died on 14th march 2018.

9.Letter to the Editor

Common Expressions

1. I am writing to express my concern...
2. I strongly believe
3. In my opinion
4. Please consider the matter ...
5. It is high time to discuss

Model Question:

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper, about the way in which women's issues are presented.

Answer:

From

Karthik
Plus One Humanities
GHSS Kozhikode

Date: 12/12/2019

To

The Editor
The Hindu Daily

Sir,

Sub: - Women Issues

I am writing this letter to express my concern about the women issues presented in your newspaper recently. I don't think the media including your newspaper address the issue properly. The atrocities against women are increasing day by day. I strongly believe that if the media is very vigilant and sincere about the issue it would never repeat like this. In my opinion the media should consider this matter very seriously and fight for the justice and equality of women. Now the victims are marginalized and the criminals are safe in the society. Why the media is always going after the hype only. It is high time to discuss this issue very seriously so please consider this matter and give ample space in your newspaper for it

Yours truly
(Sd/-)
Karthik

10.Live TV Report

Common expressions

1. Now I am standing
2. You can see that...
3. Now we can see
4. It is really amazing/shocking/touching

Question:

Draft a live TV Report of Le Horla's take off.

Hello friends now I am standing near the balloon Le Horla. It is about to take off. Around 300 people are gathered here to witness the historical event. The passengers of the Balloon including Captain Jovis are ready to fly now. Lieutenant Mallet jumps aboard first, followed by him M Etierine Beer, M Bessand, M Eyries and Maupassant get in. But M Eyries is compelled to get down because of over load. Now we can hear M. Joliet's voice that he requests the ladies to stand aside. He commands to let the balloon loose and now the rope has been cut. Please take a look, the gigantic Balloon Le Horla is moving very freely into the air. Wow, what magnificent scene! The enormous golden fruit, Le Horla has its take off now. You can see now the balloon is soaring upward and Captain Jovis and his team move like feather in to the air with cameraman Williamson, Roberto Alvaro from La Villette, Republic TV.

11.Travel essay

Common expressions

We were very thrilled/ excited
We set out our journey at...
It was a wonderful experience.
I enjoyed a lot.
We were so exclaimed.
It was a memorable trip.
We experienced a soothing atmosphere there.
All of us were dancing and singing as we could.

Question

Write a **travel essay** describing a travel experience you had recently

Answer: We were very thrilled to visit Wayanad. Our trip was to Wayanad last week. We set out our journey at 5 AM. It was a wonderful experience to travel through Thamarasseri Ghats. It was covered with fog.

I enjoyed the scene a lot. The monkeys were very active on the road to chase our bus as if they expected some eatables from us. Some of us threw some food items out of the bus.

After breakfast we went straight to Pookkod Lake. We experienced a soothing atmosphere there. Most of us were busy taking photos in the background of the scenic beauty. At 10 Am we returned back from the lake and headed to Meenmutty Waterfalls. This was very close to Neelimala. We reached the falls through a 2kms trekking. Everybody enjoyed the water fall by getting down the cool water. At 12 noon we went to Banasura Sagar Dam, which is the largest earth dam in India. After taking lunch at 12 45 pm we began to climb the step of the Dam. The sight was so beautiful. We had a shopping of spices, coffee, bamboo products and herbal products from nearby shop. At 3 pm we reached Edakal Caves. To climb up to the top of the caves was not that easy. We felt so tired reaching the top of the hills.

By 6 pm we started journey back to our school. We enjoyed our journey very much. All of us were dancing and singing as we could. We reached school at 8.30. It was really a memorable trip.

12.Debate

Question:

The Mahatma College Delhi decided to implement Uniform dress code to UG students this year onwards. The college authority poses the following reasons for it.

Answer:

- a) It will help to maintain discipline in the campus
- b) It will bring a uniformity among students
- c) The poor students will not have the feeling of inferiority
- d) The students of the college can be easily identified anywhere

If you are to argue against this implementation what would be your points

- a) It creates only the feeling of a school student
- b) It will prevent the opportunity to wear the dress of our own taste
- c) College students are above 18, so they can maintain the discipline by themselves
- d) It will affect the privacy of a grown up student

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. corporal 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.

March 2019

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Part - I

ENGLISH

Maximum : 80 Scores

Time : 2½ Hours

Cool off time : 15 Minutes

General Instructions to Candidates :

- There is a 'Cool off time' of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time.
- Use the 'Cool off time' to get familiar with questions and to plan your answers.
- Read the instructions carefully.
- Read the questions carefully before answering.
- Calculations, figures and graphs should be shown in the answer sheet itself.
- Give equations wherever necessary.
- Electronic devices except nonprogrammable calculators are not allowed in the Examination Hall.

(Questions 1 – 8) : Answer the questions as directed.

(Questions 1 – 4) : Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

Science and technology play key roles in monitoring hazards and vulnerabilities, developing an understanding of their continually changing patterns and in developing tools and methodologies for disaster risk reduction. The dissemination and application of new strategies and measures to protect lives, livelihoods and property within societies experiencing dynamic change are key areas of work for the scientific and technical communities. Scientific knowledge, technical expertise and

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experiences to reduce risk have to be shared and made widely available as an integral part of multi-disciplinary technical co-operation. Efficient disaster reduction needs a mutually reinforcing interaction between scientists, decision-makers and informed citizens

1. ✓ What are the roles played by science and technology in disaster management? (2)

2. ✓ Which are the groups of people that can involve in efficient disaster management? (1)

3. ✓ Pick out the word from the passage that means 'spreading'. (1)

4. ✓ Pick out the word from the passage that is opposite in meaning to 'passive'. (1)

5. Elaborate the idea in the following lines from the poem, '*To Sleep*'. (2)

Come, blessed barrier between day and day,
Dear mother of fresh thoughts and joyous health.

6. ✓ In '*The Trip of Le Horla*', Lieutenant Mallet is seated on the aerial net between the basket and the balloon. He gets a better view of the sights beneath him. When the balloon moves past the city of Paris, he gives a commentary on the sights to his companions. Draft the live commentary for Lieutenant Mallet. (3)

7. ✓ The passage given below contains a few errors. Edit the passage.

Manipur is a land of several possibility, especially for adventurous activities. The topography of Manipur offer opportunities for caving, rafting paragliding, rock climbing and wind surfing. Shirui Hills is one of the most famous treks in Manipur, and nature lovers throngs the roads leading in the range during the Shirui Lily festival.

(4)

8. Your class is conducting a debate on the topic '*walking is a noble and virtuous task*'. Write two arguments, one in favour of it and the other opposing it.

(2)

(Questions 9 – 15) : Answer any six questions, each in about 60 words.

(6 × 4 = 24)

Each carries four scores.

9. ✓ The details of E.C.G. Sudarshan's life and achievements are given below. Read them carefully and prepare a profile.

-E.C.G. Sudarshan

Birth	: 16 th September 1931, Pallam, Kerala
Education	: CMS College, Kottayam, Madras Christian College
Career	: Theoretical physicist
Contributions to science	: Optical coherence, Sudarshan Glauber representation, V – A Theory.
Awards	: Padma Vibhushan, C. V. Raman Award, Majorana Prize
Died	: 13 th May 2018

10. Guy de Maupassant and his fellow travellers are impressed by their journey in '*Le Horla*'. They decide to felicitate Captain Jovis for making their journey in the hot air balloon a memorable one. Draft a felicitation speech that Guy de Maupassant would deliver on the occasion.

11. Go to the woods and hills! No tears
Dim the sweet look that Nature wears.
What was the sweet look that had captured H. W. Longfellow's attention?
Write a paragraph on the use of imagery in the poem '*Sunrise on the Hills*'.

12. Your friend is going to visit the Namuana village in Kadavu island to see the ritual of turtle calling. Write an e-mail wishing him/ her an adventurous journey and also warning him/ her about the dangers in the rocky island.

13. "Then a monstrous terror seized him and his heart stood still. He could hear nothing. But it only lasted a moment".
What happened after that moment? Based on your reading of the story, '*His First Flight*', write a paragraph on the Seagull's first flight.

14. In '*The Serang of Ranaganji*', A. J. Cronin and Hasan exhibited professional excellence in controlling the outbreak of small pox in the ship. Analyze their character. Write a paragraph on the qualities required in times of disaster.

15. The conversation between Maggie and Mr. Gupta in '*The Price of Flowers*' is given below. Report their conversation.

Maggie : Frank is buried at Fort Monroe, near Dera-Ghazi-Khan.

Mr. Gupta : When I go to that part of the country, I shall visit your brother's grave and write to you.

Maggie : Will it be troublesome for you?

Mr. Gupta : No, Dera-Ghazi-Khan is not very far from my place.

(Questions 16 – 20) : Answer any four questions, each in about 80 words. Each carries six scores. (4 × 6 = 24)

16. Mahatma Gandhi's ideals are of immense importance in the present day. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper requesting him to set apart a separate column everyday to publish the teachings of Gandhiji.
17. Prepare a write-up on the helplessness of man as portrayed in the poem, '*Death the Leveller*'.
18. ✓ Hasan in '*The Serang of Ranaganji*' plays a very important role in controlling the outbreak of smallpox. As the reporter of a leading newspaper, you have decided to interview Hasan. What would you ask him? What would be his responses? Draft three questions for the interview. Write the responses also.

19. The main highlights of the trip of Le Horla are given below.

Take off – response of the local people – ascend of the balloon – view of the city of Paris – experience at the highest point – dangers encountered – difficulties in landing – response of the peasants – landing – return journey.

Prepare a newspaper report about the successful and thrilling adventure undertaken by Captain Jovis and his friends in '*The Trip of Le Horla*'.

20. ✓ The boy who raised the question in 'I Will Fly' discovers a new path in life after his encounter with A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. He writes a letter to his friend describing the impact of Kalam's words on him and the changes that have come in his character. Draft the letter for the boy.

(Questions 21 – 23) : Answer any two questions, each in about 120 words. Each carries eight scores. (2 × 8 = 16)

21. ✓ "We haven't created a perfect society on earth and we won't have one in cyberspace either. But at least we can have individual choice and individual responsibility". Based on this statement from Esther Dyson's '*The Cyberspace*', prepare a speech to be delivered on the topic '*Cyberspace – A World of Unlimited Scope and Hidden Dangers*'.

(Hints : Information – communication – entertainment – other services – lack of monitoring – war of words – lack of privacy).

22. 'Hopes and aspirations are what human beings live on'. In the story, 'The Price of Flowers', Maggie and Mrs. Clifford always hope for better things in their life. Mr. Gupta helps them to anchor on to their hopes. Write an essay on the treatment of hope and aspirations in the story, 'The Price of Flowers'.
23. Read the poem given below and write a critical appreciation of it.

SLEEP

In the night of weariness
let me give myself up to sleep without struggle,
resting my trust upon thee.

Let me not force my flagging spirit into a poor preparation
for thy worship

It is thou who drawest the veil of night upon the tired eyes
of the day
to renew its sight in a fresher gladness of awakening.

(Rabindranath Tagore)

Glossary :

weariness – extreme tiredness

flagging – losing strength

thou – you

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 instill 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 practise 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.**

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B) Four Sets of Unit Tests (20 hours)

Dear Teacher,

The learners may be instructed to practise 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.

**Vijayabheri Project,
Malappuram District Panchayat**

English (F.Y)

Time:90 Minutes.

Score:40

Cool off time:10 minutes

Unit Test- I

Focus on 8 score Questions

Items:

- a) Writeup / Essay / Article
- b) Letter to the Editor
- c) Appreciation of the given poem.
- d) Speech.

UNIT TEST -1

1. Disasters cannot be prevented, but their impact can be reduced through proper disaster management. How does science and technology help us to manage disasters? Is India really prepared to manage disaster properly? What should we bear in mind for the effective management of disasters?

Prepare a write-up on disaster management in India.(Score 8, Time15 Minutes)

2. Jawaharlal Nehru writes about the timely entry of Gandhiji into the Indian political scenario in the excerpt 'And then Gandhi Came'. We all know that Gandhiji has been the inspiration for leaders across the globe. Write an essay on the topic, 'Influence of Gandhian Views in shaping today's India. (Hints: gender equality – communal harmony – abolishing social evils- drug free country – no economic disparity between people- welcoming the goodness in other culture – secular belief – corruption free) (Score – 8, Time 15 minutes)
3. Nowadays, our rivers are rapidly getting polluted. Many reasons are cited but no measures are adopted to prevent the pollution of rivers. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper highlighting the gravity of the issue. (Score 8, Time 15 Minutes)
4. Read the sonnet given below and write a note of appreciation.

Upon Westminster Bridge

William Wordsworth

Earth has not anything to show more fair:
Dull would he be of soul who could pass by
A sight so touching in its majesty:
This City now doth like a garment wear

The beauty of the morning: silent, bare,
Ships, towers, domes, theatres, and temples lie
Open unto the fields, and to the sky,
All bright and glittering in the smokeless air.

Never did sun more beautifully steep
In his first splendour valley, rock, or hill;
Ne'er saw I, never felt, a calm do deep!

The river glideth at his own sweet will:
Dear God! the very houses seem asleep;
And all that mighty heart is lying still!

(Westminster Bridge: the bridge across the river Thames in London,
hath : has, doth:does, dome : round roof, glideth: glides)

5. A.J. Cronin gets a grand welcome in his home town after his voyage in the Ranaganji. He is requested to speak on his memorable experiences during the trip. Draft the speech for him. (Score 8, Time 15 Minutes)

UNIT TEST -II

(Focus on 6 score)

Dear Teacher,

The questions carrying 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. Write up***
- 2. Newspaper report***
- 3. Email.***
- 4. Interview***
- 5. Speech Introducing a place / guest.***

Unit test II

Score: 30

- 1 The story, 'The Price of Flowers' depicts Mrs. Clifford and her daughter in a British background. How does the story show that difficulties in life are the same everywhere? Prepare a write-up on family relationship as portrayed in the story. (score 6, Time 8 minutes)
- 2 You were one among the hundreds who had gathered to witness the first flight of the hot air balloon in Paris. Draft the likely newspaper report of the takeoff including details of the time, passengers, nature of the crowd that had assembled etc.
- 3 The boy who raised doubts regarding his future at the inauguration of Sasthayan feels happy that he got an opportunity to ask a question to A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. He sends an email to his friend expressing his excitement and happiness over this achievement. Write the likely e-mail.
- 4 Imagine that you are a travel guide in Ootty. Prepare the script of a short speech you will make to a group of foreign tourists. (Hints: Greeting

tourists, welcoming – Describing location, other details etc.) (Word limit is 80-100 words)

- 5 Hasan in 'The serang of Ranaganji' plays very important role in controlling the outbreak of small pox. As the reporter of a leading newspaper, you have decided to interview Hasan. What would you ask him? What would be his responses. Draft three questions for the interview. Write the responses also.

UNIT TEST – III SCORE: 30

Items:

- 1 Elaboration of the poem lines**
- 2 Speech for introducing the guest**
- 3 Personal letter.**
- 4 Travel info/brochure**
- 5 Charactersketch.**

1. Elaborate the idea of the following lines:

The garlands wither on your brow;
then boast no more your mighty deeds!
Upon Death's purple altar now
See where the victor-victim bleeds;
(Score-6, Time: 8 Mts)

2. The poem, 'The wreck of the Titanic' describes the maiden voyage of the ship. Imagine that you are Captain Smith addressing the passengers on board. Prepare an introductory speech welcoming the passengers and describing the features of the ship.
(Score-6, Time: 8 Mnts)
3. The boy who raised the question in 'I will Fly' discovers a new path in life after his encounter with A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. He writes a letter to his friend describing the impact of Kalam's words on him and the changes that have come in his character. Draft the letter for the boy.
(Score-6, Time: 8 Mnts)
4. You are a travel guide and you are assigned the task of preparing a travel info by the tour and travel coordinator of the travel agency you work with. Prepare a travel info of a place of your choice focusing on the facilities of transportation, major attractions, food etc.,
(Score-6, Time: 8 Mnts)

5. What satisfies one, needn't satisfy the other, this sentence assumes much significance in the short story, 'Gooseberries' Attempt a character sketch of Ivan Ivanich's younger brother who is fond of the bitter and sour gooseberries.

(Score-6, Time: 8 Mnts)

Unit test IV

Items:

- 1. Write up /Paragraph**
- 2. Profile**
- 3. Live TV Report**
- 4. Group Discussions/speech**
- 5. Travel Essay**

1 Read the lines from the poem, 'Sunrise on the Hills' given below.

If thou wouldst read a lesson, that will keep
Thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep
Go to the woods and hills!

More than a nature poem, it sounds like a plea for an escape from daily worries and concerns. Do you agree? Write your comments in a paragraph of 75 words (Score 5, Time 8 Mts.)

2 Prepare a profile of the person using the information given below.

Charles Spencer Chaplin	:	British – US actor and director
Birth	:	April 16, 1889 London
Parents	:	Charles Chaplin Sr. and Hannah
Childhood	:	Fought with poverty and hardship- early death of parents – started performing on the stage.
Turning Point	:	Tour in New York – signed film contract with Mack Sennet – Developed his costume.
Career	:	Directing and acting in his own films- The Tramp, The Gold rush, The Kid, City lights, Modern Times etc.

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Honour : Doctor of letters Degree by University of Oxford and university of Durham – Winner of 3 Academy Awards.

Death : Christmas Day, 1977

(Score 5, Time 8 Mts)

- 3 Imagine that you visited the village of Namuana to witness the strange ritual of turtle calling. Draft a live TV Report of the event. (Hints: description of the location, spectators, details of the event etc.)
(Score 5, Time 8 Mts)
- 4 Your class is conducting a group discussion on 'The relevance of Gandhian Ideas in the 21st Century'. Imagine that you are also participating in it. What would you speak? Prepare script for your presentation (word limit: 50 to 60 words)
(Score 5, Time 8 Mts)
- 5 Prepare a travel essay about a place you visited recently. (Hints: Physical features - major attractions – issues – personal impressions etc.,)
(Score 5, Time 8 Mts)

C) Question Paper: Worksheet(10hours)

Malappuram District Panchayath
English (FY)

Time: 2.30

Score: 80

Cool off time: 15 minutes

Model question Paper: Work Sheet

(Questions 1-3) Read the following excerpt from the story, 'The Serang of Ranaganji' and answer the following questions:

"The huntress from Cheltenham swung around, bent her wit, her fascinations upon me. Where did you keep him during the entire voyage Doctor dear? In a special cage?"

1. Who is referred to as 'huntress' here? (Score 1)

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2. Who does she speak about in the passage? (Score 1)

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3. What do you learn about the lady's character from this comment?
(Score 2)

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(Question 4 and 6) Read the following lines from the poem

'The wreck of the titanic' and answer the questions that follow.

She was the last, best work of men,

And on her first voyage was speeding -when:

Out of the darkness, Out of the night,

Loomed an ominous form of ghostly white!

4. Why was 'she' called the last best work of men? (Score 1)

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5. What was the ominous form of white that loomed out of night (Score 1)

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- 6 Identify the figure of speech used in the lines. (Score 1)
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(Q-7-9) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows:

I had spent the spring of 1912 in Paris studying tropical medicine and making a start at purchasing the supplies that would be needed for Africa. Although I acquired a theoretical knowledge of my subject at the beginning of my medical studies, it was now time to work at it from a practical point of view. This too, was a new experience. Until then, I had engaged only in intellectual labour. How much time and trouble, it cost me to get together the instruments, the drugs, the bandages, and all the other articles needed to equip a hospital, not to mention all the work we did together to prepare for housekeeping in the primeval forest (Out of My life and Thought by Albert Schweitzer)

- 7 Look at the word underlined and identify the part of speech. (Score 1)
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- 8 What is referred to as a new experience? Why is it termed so? (Score 2)
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- 9 Describe the arrangement made by Albert Schweitzer to equip a hospital. What trait of his character is evident from the passage? (Score 2)
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- 10 A.J. Cronin jots down some sentences in his diary recollecting the selfless efforts of Hasan. Fill in the blanks using appropriate forms of the words given in brackets. (2 x 1 = 2)
- How tough those times were ! If Hasan told the passengers about small - pox, they (a) (get) disturbed. Moreover, I too would have been in serious problem if Hasan(b)(refuse) to help me. What a great man he is!

Answer any five question from 11-16 in not less than 60 words. Each carries four score. (5x4=20)

11 Imagine that you were present at the time of the ritual turtle calling on the Fijian island. The following is the DO's and DONT's. We have to observe them and complete it suitably.

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Observe Silence

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12. Liam O 'Flaherty's His first flight' makes the reader think about the kind of support given by parents to make their children self-reliant and self-confident. After reading the story, you decide to communicate your feelings to your friend abroad. Draft an-email to him / her.(4)

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13 Edit the following passage. (1x4)

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His first year with Cambridge was worse than that at Oxford. His slipshod mathematical background catch up with him, and he found general relativity theory extremely tough. Another far more disastrous problem arise then. During his third year of Oxford Hawking would start getting clumsy.

- a).....
- b).....

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d).....

14. Elaborate the idea of the following lines:

The garlands wither on your brow;

Then boast no more your mighty deeds!

Upon Death's purple altar now

See where the victor-victim bleeds;

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15. Your class is conducting a debate on 'Physical educations should be made compulsory to higher secondary students'. The following are a few of the arguments raised against the topic.

Physical education period is a waste of time, since majority of the students are not interested.

There is no sufficient time to allot for physical Education as the syllables of other subjects are vast.

Student will be tired when they come for classes after the physical education period.

If you are to speak For the topic, what points will you raise; write four such arguments.(4)

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16 The following information is about the famous person, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. Prepare a profile of him.

'Vijayabheri' - Malappuram District Panchayath

Birth : 15th October 1931 Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu.
Education : Specialised in Aeroengineering from Madras Institute of Technology.
Career : Joined DRDO in 1958 and ISRO in 1963. Was principal scientific advisor to Govt. of India. Science advisor to Defence Ministry. 11th president of India. (2002-2007)
Awards : Padmabhusan in 1981
Padma Vibhushan in 1990
BaharatRatna in 1997

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Answer any **five** question from 17-22, each in about 80 words. Each carries six scores. (5x6 =30)

17. 'The wreck of the Titanic' tells about the noble valor and sacrifice shown by Captain Smith and his crew members, even in the face of death. As the reporter of a leading newspaper, you get a chance to interview one of the survivors of the tragedy. What would you ask him/her?
Draft three questions for the interview and write the likely responses also.

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18. Imagine that a student of your school had won gold medal in an athletic event in the 65th National School Games recently held at Sangrur, Punjab, your school has decided to convene a meeting to honour him / her. You are asked to deliver a felicitation. Draft a speech in the light of your reading of the speech by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.

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19. Rewrite the following conversation between Gupta and the waitress (The Price of Flowers’) in reported speech.

Gupta : Do you know the girl who was sitting over there?
Waitress : No. Sir, I do not know her, to speak of.
I’ve noticed she has lunch here on Saturdays.
Gupta : Doesn’t she come on any other day?
Waitress : I never see her on other days.

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20. Imagine that you are a news channel reporter and you visited the Namuana Village to witness the strange ritual of turtle calling. Draft a Live TV report of the event.

(Hints: Description of the location, spectators, details of the event etc.)

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21. Suppose you have read an article published in a local newspaper titled "Reading Empowers the Learning of English." In response to this article, draft a letter to the editor of the newspaper expressing your views on the topic.

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22. It is often said that cyberspace carries the younger generation away from the real world they live in. What do you think? Prepare a write up on the issue.

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(Question 23-25) Answer any 2 of the following questions in two pages. Each carries 8 Scores)

(2x8=16).

23 In view of the recurring disasters in the form of floods and landslips in our state, government has taken initiative for constituting people's disaster response force to meet any emergency. Do you think that such initiatives will be helpful in managing the disasters? Prepare an essay on the various stages involved in the disaster management in our country?

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24 In today's world of escalating violence, hatred and intolerance, Gandhian values such as peace, truth and ahimsa have greater significance. Prepare a speech on the topic 'the relevance of Gandhian values in the present world' to deliver at the school assembly.

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25. Read the sonnet, "To Peace" by Shakespeare and write a note of appreciation.

To Peace

O Peace! For ages haven't we invoked
Your grace, by chanting your name ceaselessly?
We're sorely tired; our voices are choked:
Must you still evade us mercilessly?

What will you accept as our libation?
In vain we've offered you, at various stages,
Of faith and Hope a sweet distillation.
Labour, too failed to win you as 'wages'

Ah! You're too precious to be won cheaply!
For you costlier things we need to barter.
We must place, one by one, successively,
The rarest things at your holy altar.

'Step Up- Extra'

A) More Characters:

1. The Young seagull

The young seagull is an important character in the story 'His First Flight'

The young seagull was afraid to fly.

He was not ready to take risks.

He was very hungry.

He couldn't fly like his siblings.

He was over-dependent and lazy.

He was not ready to work hard.

Vigilance and care of his mother made him his first flight possible.

2. The Mother Seagull

The mother seagull is an important character in the story 'His First Flight'.

She was a symbol of love and care.

She taught the young seagull the art of flight.

She was always conscious about her hungry son.

She dealt him with care and vigilance.

She even scolded him to make him fly.

She gave him support and inspiration.

She perfected the flight of the young seagull.

3. Jane Wilde

Jane Wilde was the wife of Stephen Hawking

Jane was a symbol of optimism and faith.

She made the life of Stephen Hawking hopeful.

She was a shy teenager with a strong faith in God

She was very optimistic.

She believed that 'good can come out of any adversity'.

The physical and mental condition of Hawking never daunted her.

Her bold intervention made the life of Hawking different.

4. Mr.Gupta

Gupta is the narrator of the story 'The Price of Flowers'

He made the life of Maggie and her family hopeful.

He was a good observer.

He considered others with love and care.

His words and deeds changed the lives of Maggie and her mother.

He loved and cared the family.

He told a lie to console the mother of Maggie.

He accepted the shilling offered by Maggie to buy flowers.

He considered Maggie as his sister.

His simplicity and humility made the difference.

5. Captain Jovis

Jovis was the captain of the balloon 'Le Horla'

He was very bold and adventurous.

He entertained the travellers with his words and deeds.

He discharged his duty with commitment and adventurous spirit.

He never frightened his passengers.

He dealt with the adventurous situations with sportsman spirit.

His intervention made the balloon ride an ever memorable one.

6. Captain Smith.

The poem 'Wreck of the Titanic' celebrates the greatness of Captain Smith.

He was sincere to his words and deeds.

His heroism and sincerity made the ship wreck a 'sublime' one.

He commanded his crew to be 'British and be true'.

He gave top priority to save the life of women and children.

It tells us that he was humane to the core

He was very brave and determined.

The crew was given courage and support.

The bandsmen were told continue to play music till their end

B) More Discourses

1. Newspaper Report

Given below are the features of a good newspaper report.

Head line: Short and attention grabbing.

Byline: Usually written below the headline. It may carry the writer's name.

Paragraphs: Follow the inverted pyramid principle. The most Important details come in the initial paragraphs.

Quotes: It will be interesting and useful to quote the words of People involved in the incident.

Facts and opinions: Try to add all the facts possible using the five W's (who, what, why, where, when).

Third person: The report is written in the third person, as the Reporter is retelling the incident without being involved in it.

Question:

Prepare a news report about the wreck of titanic

Titanic Sinks, Hundreds Die

Stephen Daniel

14/04/1912 Southampton:

Titanic, the largest ship ever built, sank into the depth of Atlantic Ocean. Over 2000 people lost their life as the ship collided with a huge ice berg and crushed into pieces. It was its maiden voyage from Southampton to New York City. There were more than 2100 passengers and the crew including Capt Smith in the Ship. It is estimated that more 1500 died.

‘It was horrible to witness that my fellow travelers struggling for their lie in ice water’ said one of the rescued passenger, who was escaped by the naval rescue team. Experts opined that the captain might have failed to see the ice berg hidden in the deep water.

3. Group Discussion.

Common expression

1. I am very happy to introduce the topic
2. This is a relevant topic...
3. In my opinion...
4. As my friend said
5. I disagree with

Question:

Suppose you are the participant to start a group discussion on the topic ‘Adversities in life should make you better, not bitter’ how will you make a start?

Answer:

Dear friends, we are gathered here to have a group discussion on a relevant topic. I am very happy to introduce this topic because it is relevant in our life. In my opinion life is not always happy sometimes we face problems. But we should face that problems bravely and try to solve it. Then only we can lead a pleasant life. We have read the profile of Stephan Hawking. His life was full of adversities. He could not do anything by himself with his body, he was completely paralysed, even then he became the supernova in physics because he took his adversities as a tool to improve himself.

3. Precis

Points to be noted

1. Read and understand the passage
2. Give a suitable title
3. Write one third of the passage including the key points
4. Make it a single paragraph

Write a **précis** of the essay. A précis, usually, is one-third the size of the original text.

There is a famous expression in English: "Stop the world, I want to get off!" This expression refers to a feeling of panic, or stress 'Stress' means pressure or tension. It is one of the most common causes of health problems in modern life.

There are numerous physical effects of stress. Stress can affect the heart, the respiratory system and the stomach. Emotions are also easily affected by stress. Stress can make people angry, moody, or nervous. Long-term stress can lead to a variety of serious mental illnesses. Addictions often develop as a result of one's efforts to relieve stress.

It is obvious that stress is a serious problem. It attacks the body. It affects the emotions. Untreated, it may eventually result in mental illness. Stress has a great influence on the health and well-being of our bodies, our feelings, and our minds.

Answer:

Stress and its Problems

In modern times stress is one of the most common causes of health problems. Stress affects our body and mind as well. Like heart, respiratory system and the stomach it easily affects the emotions too. It makes a person angry, moody or nervous. Long term stress may lead to mental illness and consequently one may get addicted to drugs to relieve stress.

5. Travel Brochure

Points to be noted

1. Give a title
2. Write a paragraph about the common feature of the place
3. Write a short description about each place (geographical features, scenery, climate, etc.)

Question:

Prepare a **travel brochure** of a place of your choice (a place of tourist importance in your locality or a tourist spot you visited recently).

Answer:

MYSORE

Mysore, the paradise of tourists

Mysore is an important tourist place known as the sandal wood city in India. It was declared the second cleanest city in India. This is one of the most visiting tourist destinations in Karnataka, visited by large number of tourists every year.

Popular Tourist Attractions in Mysore

Mysore Palace: This is a large palace building built in 1897. It was the abode of royal family of the Wodayars. The palace looks splendid with 98000 bulbs.

Brindavan Gardens: This beautiful garden is spread over an area of approximately 150 acres and is situated below the Krishna Raja Sagara Dam. It was constructed in the year 1932 with a botanical park and several musical fountains that are created in different shapes and designs. These colorful fountains are major attractions here

Mysore Zoo: This popular zoo is originally named as Shri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, which houses a wide range of animals and birds from around the world. This zoo was constructed in the year 1892 and it is among the oldest zoos in India.

Kalaranji Lake: Karanji Lake is one of the most important tourist destinations in Mysore, visited by a large number of tourists every day. It is spread over an area of 90 acres and is located

Chamundi Hills: Another prominent attraction of Mysore, the Chamundi Hills can be viewed from any corner of the city. It has a beautiful Chamundeshwari Temple, positioned on the top of the hill, which is of great significance for the locals. The temple belongs to the 11th century and is dedicated to the ancestral goddess of the Mysore royal family.

Shivanasamudra Falls: This stunning waterfall is one among the most beautiful waterfalls in India, which offers a spectacular view of Shivanasamudra, around 85 kms away from Mysore.

Other attractions that you must definitely visit on your trip to Mysore are St. Philomena's Church, Melukote, The Railway Museum, Jaganmohan Palace, Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion, Lalitha Mahal Palace, Kukkarahalli Lake, DattaPeetham, Namma Mysore, Ranganthittu Bird Sanctuary, etc.