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Message

Dear students

Kerala has made many strides in the field of education. The foundation of our success in this field is that we are able to attain academic excellence along with

school excellence. Local authorities and people's committees are very supportive for the development of the school. Meaningful interventions by the Kerala Government and the Department of Public Instruction have become critical in this field. The role of teachers in organizing activities according to new perspectives on learning is not a trivial one. The use of ICT has enabled the collection and dissemination of information and thus facilitated learning. All of you are preparing for a very crucial exam. Systematic study is required to approach the exam with confidence and achieve high success. Everyone is here to help you. Vidyajyothi, the study materials prepared by the District Panchayat, Thiruvananthapuram and DIET Thiruvananthapuram will no doubt be an effective tool to ensure your greater success. Make use of it, the maximum. Wishing you all the best.

With love

V.K.Madhu

President, District Panchayath,
Thiruvananthapuram

Dear children

The report by NITI Aayog, which states that Kerala is the number one in Education in India is a source of great excitement for the education sector. The perspectives and activities based on secular democratic principles helped us achieve this aim. The General Education Rejuvenation Mission is another exemplary Kerala model. Many of the initiatives proposed by the new National Education Policy under the leadership of Dr. Kasturirangan have been implemented in Kerala. The fact that Kerala is on a par with the educational standard of many developed countries is a visible manifestation of the will power of the Kerala community. You have made many strides in education by self learning, following the guidelines suggested by your teachers who are research oriented in their approach. Now it's time for you to prepare for the public examination. You need not be afraid of exams. Consider your exam as an opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills you have acquired in the classrooms. Remember to take necessary preparations to face the exam well. The Vidyajyothi study materials prepared by the District Panchayat Thiruvananthapuram and DIET Thiruvananthapuram serves as a real guide for you. Make use of the study materials to the extent possible. Wish you all the best.

Wishing you all success

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PREFACE

Dear friends

All the progress in the field of education in Kerala is the result of effective changes in the curriculum and activities and approaches undertaken and adopted in accordance with the ongoing changes in our modern world. Examples of these include the idea of organizing learning activities considering each child as a single unit, and awareness that there is always a social environment for learning. Similarly, Kerala has adopted a new humanitarian approach towards culture. The idea to value the cultural background of each student in the class and to provide a perspective that culture of each individual is lofty. These are assessed as stepping stones to development. So, we have taken the right and integrated approach encompassing the cultural diversity of each individual. There have been continuous effort in this sector to dismantle traditional notions of education and create a genuinely civic-minded generation. The District Panchayat, Thiruvananthapuram has implemented various exemplary models which are helpful for achieving this aim. The most important among these is the Vidyajyothi learning materials, prepared for five subjects, which are intended to increase the pass percentage of students in Plus Two and help them to face the exams with more confidence. A lot of hard work is behind this venture. We express our sincere gratitude to the Honourable District Panchayat President V.K. Madhu, District Panchayat members, District Panchayat Secretary, Standing Committee Officers, Higher Secondary Directorate for their invaluable suggestions. We also thank the Principal, DIET Thiruvananthapuram, Faculty Members, Deputy Director of Education, Principals, Teachers, Teacher Organizations and PTA / SMC members for their wholehearted cooperation.

With love

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Message

Vidyajyothi is a project envisaged under Thiruvananthapuram District Panchayath for increasing the Higher Secondary results in the district. The project was started in association with the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Thiruvananthapuram.

Teaching Learning material was prepared for five subjects in PLUS TWO- **Accountancy, Economics, English, Mathematics and Physics**. A team of efficient, experienced and committed teachers have participated in the preparation of the material. The material guides the students through the process of learning and tackle the difficulty in learning. It will give the confidence and enthusiasm to prepare and write the upcoming Public Examination effectively.

I hope and wish that the readers of this Teaching Learning Material will find it meaningful.

With regards

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Unit 1 : FLIGHTS OF FREEDOM

1. The 3Ls of Empowerment
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THE 3Ls OF EMPOWERMENT

Lesson 1

Concept

- Women Empowerment - The importance of empowering women for the overall upliftment of a nation.
- Realises the role of women in the progress of a nation.

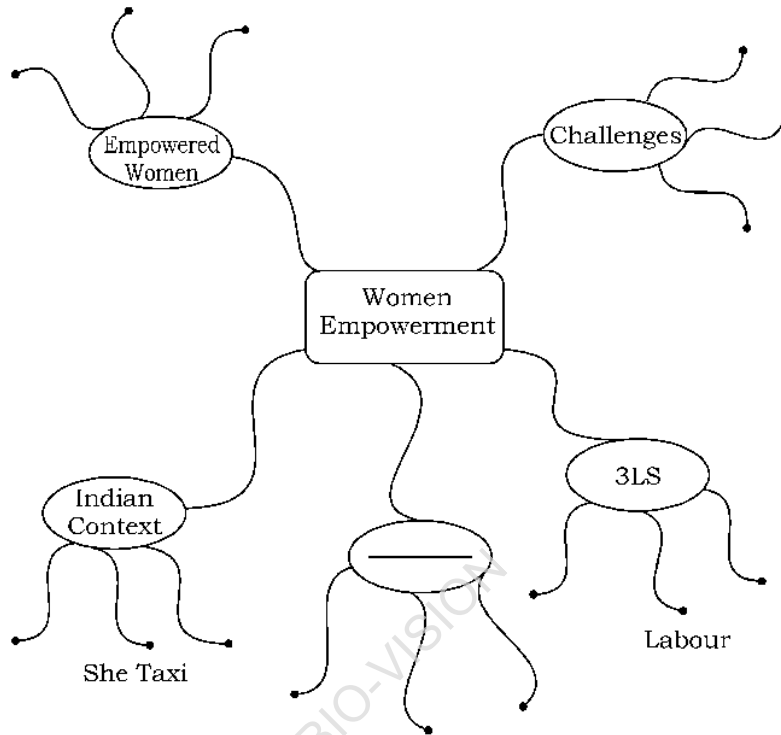
Main points

- '3Ls of Empowerment' is a speech by Christine Lagarde.
- Emancipation and empowerment of women is of prime importance in today's society.
- Women play a vital role in the economic development of a country.
- The three essential factors for the empowerment of women are - Learning, Labour and Leadership.
- Learning helps women to help themselves and break the shackles of exclusion.
- Labour facilitates women to flourish and achieve their true potential.
- Equal pay for equal work should be the slogan. Leadership helps women to rise and fulfill their abilities and talents.
- Women should prove their competence and improve their confidence.
- Women should come out of their comfort zones and make full use of their potential.

ACTIVITIES

1. Write four arguments supporting women empowerment.
 - a) Helps them to realise their inner potential
 - b) Gives economic stability and independence
 - c)
 - d)

2. Prepare a mind map for the lesson '3L's of Empowerment'



Speech

Salutation

Respected Principal, teachers and my dear friends. A warm good morning to one and all/Dear friends,

Introduction

It gives me great pleasure/joy/happiness to stand before you to speak a few words on the topic . . .

Presentation

Develop the hints.

Conclusion

I think it is time to conclude the speech and I thank you all for the patient listening. Thank you one and all.

1. Here's an incomplete speech, fill in the blanks appropriately.

Honourable dignitaries on the dais, respected Principal, teachers and my dear friends,

A warm good morning to all of you!

It is with immense pleasure that I stand before you to share my views on the topic_____.As you all know, today is_____a day to be always kept in thought._____

With these few words let me conclude the speech.

Thank you.

Evaluation

1. Women are the real architects of society. Prepare a script of the speech to be delivered on International Women's Day in your school assembly.
2. Christine Lagarde in her speech 'The 3Ls of Empowerment' speaks about the importance of learning in empowering women. Discuss it in the context of Indian Scenario.
3. Read the following excerpt from the speech 'The 3Ls of Empowerment' and answer the questions given below:

It is time to create a world where all women can meet their potential without impediment or prejudice and the world will reap the benefits. The three L's will help us get there.

- a) What does the word 'impediment' mean here?

Ans. Barrier

- b) What does the '3Ls' refer to?

Ans. Learning, Labour, Leadership

- c) The 3Ls of Empowerment is a by Christine Lagarde

Ans. speech

4. Women should be given 50% reservation in the parliament. Write four points in favour of the topic.
- Political rights will ensure the other rights of women.
 - Reservation for women is essential for the attainment of women equity.
 - It will help women involve in decision -making process
 - Women empowerment ensures sustainable development.
5. Fill in the blank with appropriate words given in brackets.
(rapidly, potential ,challenges, economic)

The 21st century poses many (a) _____ that require new ways of thinking , none more important than the (b) _____ role of women in a(c)_____ changing world. But women today remained blocked from contributing their true (d) _____.

Ans : (a. challenges, b. economic, c) rapidly, d) potential)



At a Glance

3 Ls - Learning, Labour, Leadership

Learning – helps women to help themselves and break the shackles of exclusion.

Labour – financial independence. Facilitates women to flourish and achieve their true potential. Ensures equal pay for equal work.

Leadership – enables women to fulfill their abilities and talents. *African adage* –

“If you educate a boy, you train a man. If you educate a girl, you train a village.”

“If we dare the difference, the difference will deliver.”



ANY WOMAN

Concept

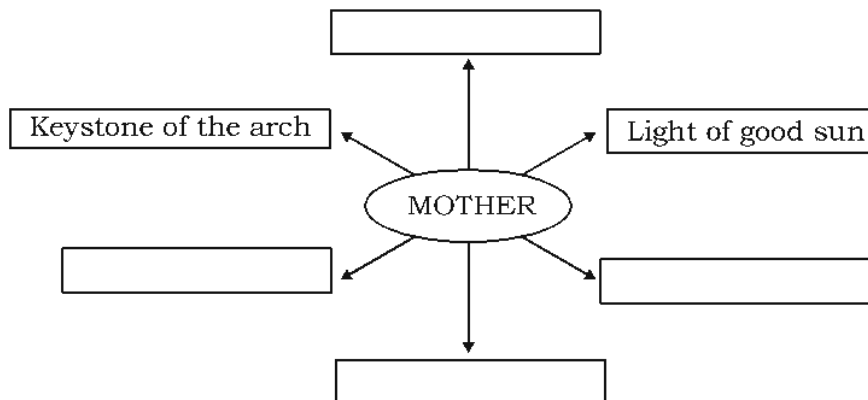
- The multi-faceted role of woman in a family.
- The all-embracing power of a woman to hold the family together

Main points

- A poem by Katharine Tynan.
- It speaks of the importance of woman in a family.
- Sacred ring – mother holds the family members together, binds the family
- The poet describes her as
 - the pillars, roof and walls of the house.
 - keystone of the arch, light of good sun and the heat that warms the earth.
 - the door that guards against all dangers and troubles.
 - the light of the love and the knot of love that holds all the members of the family together.

ACTIVITIES

1. Pick out the words to describe your mother from the poem



2. Read the following poem and compare it with 'Any Woman' by Katharine Tynana.

Woman work

I've got the children to tend
 The clothes to mend
 The floor to mop
 The food to shop
 Then the chicken to fry
 The baby to dry
 I got company to feed
 The garden to weed
 I've 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.

Shine on me, sunshine
 Rain on me, rain
 Fall softly, dewdrops
 And cool my brow again.

Storm, blow me from here
 With your fiercest wind
 Let me float across the sky
 'Till I can rest again.

Fall gently, snowflakes
 Cover me with white
 Cold icy kisses and
 Let me rest tonight.

Sun, rain curving sky
 Mountain, oceans, leaf and stone
 Star shine, moon glow
 You're all that I can call my own.

Maya Angelou

Hints to write a comparison of poems

- ❖ ----- and ----- poems are alike in several ways.
- ❖ Both ----- and ----- have almost similar theme.
- ❖ You may use the linkers, expressions, and phrases like:
 - On the other hand.....
 - Whereas
 - Another similarity
 - Although they share
 - For example, for instance,etc
- ❖ Analyse the theme of the poems.
- ❖ Analyse the summary of the poems.
- ❖ Analyse the poetic devices and figures of speech.
- ❖ Your opinion on the poem.

Evaluation

“Thou whom a woman laid in a manger.

Take me not till the children grow”.

“I am their wall against all dangers,

Their door against the wind and snow”

1. Explain the meaning in the lines in three or four sentences

Ans. The lines taken from the poem ‘Any Woman’ underline the importance of woman in a society. A woman protects her children from all dangers. Here, woman is compared to wall and door. She functions as a door protecting her children from wind and snow.

2. Comment on these lines citing the importance of the mother in the family

“Take me not till the children grow” (Any woman)

“His mother who was a patient being dead” (The Toys)

Ans. Mother is the synonym of love. Both the lines from the two poems ‘Any Woman’ and ‘The Toys’ signify the importance of mother in a house. She is the light of love in every family. The Mother in ‘Any woman’ prays to God to spare her life till her children grow up.

In ‘Toys’, we can see how the son is beaten and scolded by the angry father. The boy’s mother would not have done it. Both the poems show the importance of mother in the family especially for the welfare of the children.



At a glance

- Expresses the unconditional love of mother, celebrates womanhood
- Without her, the home would be colder than a stone.
- The children come to her for love and affection.
- At the end of the poem, the woman prays to God to spare her life till her children grow.
- The poem has an optimistic mood.
- We may find the figures of speech like metaphor, Allusion, Anaphora, Enjambment, etc.
- Poetic devices - Alliteration
- Mother protects the children from the adversities of life.



MATCHBOX**Concept**

- Gender inequality and inequity.
- Gender discrimination and its cultural dimension.

Justification of the Title

The title is appropriate because Nomita has got enough strength to destroy all the members of the family including Ajit. The title also means that 'match' means 'marriage' and 'box' means 'trap'. Her marriage proved to be a real trap as she lost her freedom, peace of mind and joy.

Main events

- short story written by Ashapura Debi.
- The story takes place in a joint family with twenty six members in it.
- Nomita is a poor village girl who gets married to a man in a rich family.
- But the Match (marriage) becomes a Box (trap) for her.
- Her husband is always doubtful of her. He opens the letters that arrive in Nomita's address to make sure that they are not love letters.
- But the letters are from her widowed mother with requests for money. According to her mother and other people, Nomita is a queen who enjoys all the comforts of life.
- Fed up with Ajit's behaviour, Nomita quarrels with him. Nomita couldn't control herself. She lights the match stick and touches it to the anchor of her sari.
- Ajit gets upset and immediately puts out the fire.
- The very next moment she becomes an ordinary home maker when she meets other members in the family.

Panel discussion(Pattern)

1. Script of speech to welcome panellist.

Good morning,

I am extremely happy/it gives me immense pleasure / today we are going to have _____.

I welcome all these expert members to take part in the discussion.

2. Script of a speech summarizing the panel discussion

Good morning,

Let us review what we have discussed today _____ It has been a great discussion on _____.

On the whole it has turned out to be a fruitful venture _____
(Hints – Points raised by the panellists and their relevance, vote of thanks to the panellist etc.

3. Report on panel discussion held

1. Title
2. Event, Date, place
3. Details
4. Conclusion

Report on

Place : A panel discussion on the topic _____ was held on _____ (date) in _____ (venue) in connection with _____ celebration.

Sri / Smt _____ inaugurated the programme.

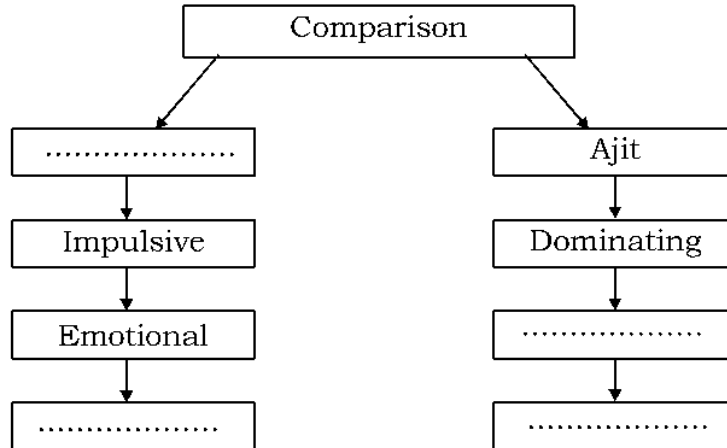
The panel discussion started with a prayer. _____ presided over the meeting. Sri / Smt _____ welcomed the gathering.

(The panellist _____ spoke on the topic _____)

The programme proved to be a great success. It was very informative and interesting.

Character Sketch

Compare the characters of Nomita and Ajit.



Nomita

- A typical representative of an average Indian village women.
- A woman of self-esteem, self-respect and dignity
- Impulsive
- Emotional and sensitive
- Beautiful
- Hails from a poor family, married to a rich joint family.
- Loves her mother very much.
- Doesn't express her personal problems to others.
- Protects her husband from being insulted by others
- Fiery temper

Evaluation

1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow
 “And to tell the truth, now he’s a little afraid. He looks fearfully at Nomita’s face, sees a fire burning there, bright, blazing red. He doesn’t have the courage to put out that fire by slapping it between his hands”

- i) What is the context in the given passage?

Ans.

Here, Ashapura Debi, the author of the story 'Matchbox' narrates the quarrel between Nomita and her husband Ajit over a letter that came from her mother.

- ii) What is the reason for a fire burning in the eyes of Nomita?

Ans.

Nomita loses her control due to the rude behaviour of her husband. The quarrel infuriated her and a fire started burning in her eyes.

- iii) What type of a husband is Ajit? Answer the questions in three or four sentences.

Ans.

He is a very cruel and cunning person. He uses harsh words to his wife. He questions the identity of his wife. Moreover, he always doubts Nomita and uses abusive words.

ACTIVITIES

1. "Stop it, what a common vulgar man you are". Nomita tells. Do you agree with Nomita's statement. Write down your impression of Ajit's character based on your reading of the story 'Matchbox'
2. Significance of the title 'Matchbox'.



At a glance

- Comparison of women to matchbox
- It has a serious undertone
- Points towards the atrocities against women.
- Domestic violence
- Domination of a patriarchal society
- An eye - opener
- Nomita, cannot be considered as a role - model
- Nomita is not an empowered woman.



HOREGALLU

Concept

Sharing and caring – the need for social togetherness

Main points

- 'Horegallu' is an anecdote by Sudha Murthy.
- A horegallu is a stone bench. It helps people to sit down and rest for sometime so that they can regain their energy and continue their journey .
- 'Horegallu' is essential in a journey . Life itself is like a journey.
- All people carry burdens in their life.
- Burden symbolically means our troubles. Everyone should find enough time to share his burden.
- A sympathetic listener will help the person with troubles to relieve him of his burden atleast temporarily .Thus by sharing his burden he refreshes himself.
- Sudha Murthy's grandfather and Ratna did good social service by listening to the worries of others. They are examples of human horegallus.

ACTIVITIES

- Complete the conversation between Sudha Murthy and Ratna

Sudha Murthy : Ratna, what do you talk with each person for the whole lunch hour?

Ratna : _____

Sudha Murthy : How can you solve the troubles of so many people?

Ratna: _____

Sudha Murthy: How do you help them by simply listening to them?

Ratna: _____

Character sketch**AJIT**

- Overpowering
- Dominating
- Not bothered about the feelings of his wife
- Self centered
- He hesitates to help Nomita's mother

GRANDFATHER

- Retired school teacher
- Listens to the troubles and worries of the villagers, and thus lightens their burden.
- Refreshes the travellers to carry on their journey (journey of life)

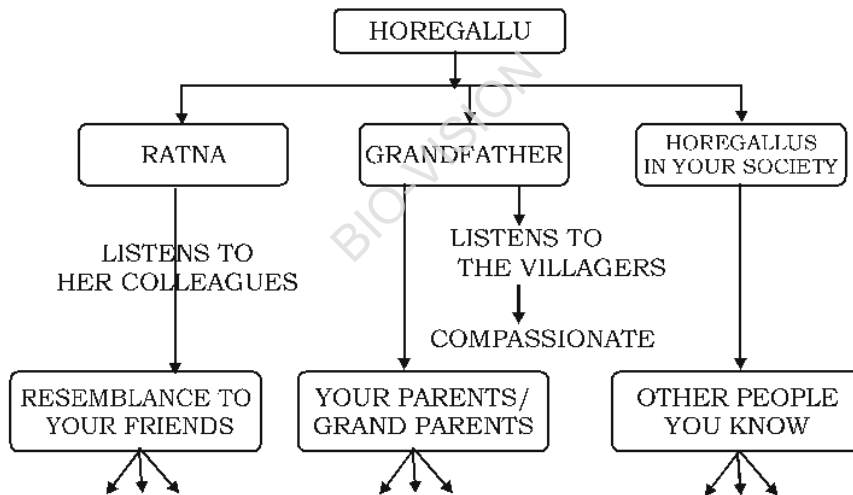
RATNA

- Senior Clerk, middle aged, always cheerful, optimistic.
- Continues her twenty five years repetitive mundane work with an infectious cheerfulness.
- Listens to the personal problems of her colleagues with sympathy, patience, affection and without any prejudice.
- For her, disclosing personal secrets of others meant the worst kind of betrayal.

Both characters offer tremendous social service without the involvement of money or expecting any reward.

HOREGALLU

- Essential in any journey.
- We need to stop and rest for a while.
- Horegallus give everyone an opportunity to lighten the burden of life.
- Helps people regain their strength and get refreshed.
- more horegallus are needed in today's world.
- Little acts of kindness offer unexpected joy in the journey of one's life.



Evaluation

1. After reading Sudha Murty's Horegallu, you realise that it would be worth setting up horegallus on the pavements to help citizens, ease themselves. Write a letter to the Mayor of the city explaining its importance, expecting a positive reply.
2. Comment on the expression 'infectious cheerfulness' used in the anecdote Horegallu.

Ans.

Infectious means 'contagious', something that spreads fast. Ratna, a colleague of Sudha Murthy was a middle aged senior clerk who used to smile always. Her work was repetitive and boring, still she went about with an infectious cheerfulness. Here, infectious cheerfulness implies that Ratna's presence would make others cheerful.

3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words given in brackets.
(great, tremendous, uncannily, small)

Ans.

Her words uncannily echoed my grandfather's sitting on the stone bench under the banyan tree. Perhaps in their own small ways without access to great wealth both these people were doing tremendous social service.

4. Read the following excerpt and answer the questions that follow.
'She went about her repetitive, mundane work with an infectious cheerfulness'.
a) Identify the speaker?

Ans. Sudha Murthy

- b) Who is 'she' referred to here?

Ans. Ratna

- c) Explain 'infectious cheerfulness'.

Ans.

Infectious cheerfulness means contagious cheerfulness. Here 'infectious cheerfulness' implies that Ratna's presence would make others cheerful.



At a glance

- Horegallu - a large flat stone placed horizontally over two vertical ones
- Grandfather and Ratna act as Horegallus.
- A Horegallu is essential in anyone's life.

QUESTION BANK

1. Christine Lagarde says “We need to provide greater access to credit so that women can achieve greater economic independence” In the light of this statement, prepare a writeup on the Kudumbasree project in Kerala and its impact on women empowerment. (6)
2. On International Women’s Day, your teacher asked you to prepare an article on the relevance of empowering women in the present day world. Prepare it. (7)
3. Prepare a speech on the topic “Education is the key to women empowerment” to be delivered in the school assembly on International Women’s Day (March 8) (7)
4. ‘Pink Police’, ‘She Taxi’ are some of the attempts on the part of the government to ensure safety and uplift of women equity .Do you have any such innovative ideas for improving the status of women in the society? Write a paragraph stating your views. (6)
5. Atrocities against women like gang rape, murder, domestic violence etc are increasing day by day. Write a short paragraph expressing your views regarding this topic to be posted in social media. (4)
6. You are asked to prepare a poster for a Women Empowerment Campaign. Prepare three statements for the poster reminding people of the need to empower women. (3)
7. ‘Horegallu literally means a stone that can bear weight’ . But it has more significant implications. Discuss the relevance of the title in a short paragraph. (6)
8. After reading Sudha Murthy’s ‘Horegallu’, you realize that it would be worth setting up horegallus on the pavements to help citizens to take a break and ease themselves. Write a letter to the Mayor of your city putting forth the suggestion and explaining the reasons. (6)
9. Sudha Murty has consented to be the chief guest in the Arts Festival of your school. You are asked to introduce her to the audience. Prepare an introductory talk for the day. (4)
10. Imagine you are the reporter of a weekly magazine . You want to interview the famous writer Sudha Murty. Prepare five questions. (5)
11. Do you think that Nomita the character in Ashapura Debi’s story ‘Matchbox’ acted impulsively without thinking about the consequences? Or Is she a brave woman? Who questions her

- husband's selfish ways? Prepare a character sketch of Nomita. (5)
12. Comment on the significance of the title "Matchbox" . (3)
13. You got an opportunity to meet Nomita. How will you console her? Answer in about two or three sentences. (3)
14. Your school is conducting an elocution competition in connection with the school youth festival. You are also a contestant. The topic for the elocution is "Importance of mother in a family". Prepare the script for you speech. (8)
15. Imagine that Nomita gets a chance to talk to Ratna. How would she present her worries? Prepare the likely narration. (5)

BIO-VISION

UNIT TEST**Unit 1 - FLIGHTS OF FREEDOM**

Score -20 marks

1. Read the following excerpt and answer the questions that follow:
 "I am not a trained counsellor or an intellectual. No one can solve your problem . You have to do it yourself."
 a. Who is the speaker? (1)
 b. Who is 'I' referred to? (1)
 c. What do you understand by the word 'counsellor'? (1)
2. Christine Lagarde says, "We need to provide greater access to credit so that women can achieve greater economic independence." In the light of this statement prepare speech to be delivered at the school assembly on International Women's Day. (7)
3. Do you think that Nomita , the character in Ashapura Debi's story "Matchbox" acted (impulsively) without thinking about the consequences ? Or is she a brave woman who questions her husband's selfish ways? Express your opinion in a paragraph. (4)
4. Read the poem given below and write a note of appreciation comparing it with 'Any Woman' by Katharine Tynan.

There is depth in me that is
 Much like the sea
 And on days if my greatest gleam
 I am the woman who manages.
 What some may say is the impossible
 A son, a daughter, I have them all
 And nothing prevents me from
 keeping them calm, in great winds.
 In the roughest rain,
 The sight of my eyes, the searing pain
 of life's hard road
 It all builds to a glorious strength.
 The strength of the women beore me,
 It is the depth of a wordly woman .



Unit 2 : HEIGHTS OF HARMONY

- 5. Mending Wall**
- 6. Amigo Brothers**
- 7. The Hour of Truth**

MENDING WALL

Concept

- The construction of walls in human life.
- Relationship between Man and Nature
- Separation leads to inability in communicating meaningfully.

Main points

- A poem written by Robert Frost.
- Discusses the attitude of two neighbours.
- There is a stone wall that separates Robert Frost's apple orchard from his neighbour's pine trees.
- Robert Frost believes that the natural world dislikes walls. He too disapproves the need of a wall. The neighbour on the other hand asserts that "good fences make good neighbours".
- Robert Frost has a modern outlook. The apple trees in his orchard cannot harm the pine trees in his neighbour's estate.
- The poem is simple but the philosophy it contains is complex.
- He feels the need to convince his neighbour that the wall is unnecessary.
- His neighbour follows the principles of his father and is a traditionalist.
- He is narrow minded and selfish person.
- The wall represents all physical, unhealthy man made barriers such as caste, creed, language, politics, religion, region, etc. that separate man from the modern world.
- Nature is always against walls. It invokes harmony in maintaining friendly ties among all beings.

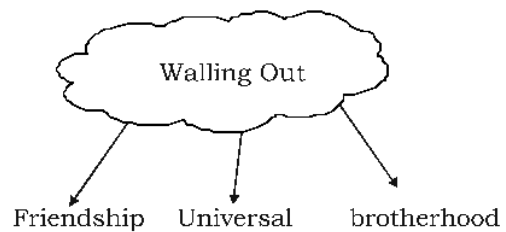
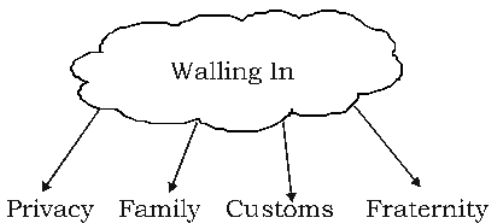
COMPARISON OF POEMS

- Central theme of the poems.
- Relevance of themes.
- Important lines.
- Poetic devices.
- Language.
- Structure/Style.
- What the poet want to tell? What does the poet want to tell?

The poemby is simple. The theme of the poem is It is similar to the poem It is written in free verse and is relevant today. Some of the lines that are appealing are Poets have employed many poetic devices to bring beauty and depth to the poems. The figures of speech in the poem are The rhyme scheme followed is /There is no particular rhyme scheme. The rhyming words are The poem is similar in tone and mood with the poem by Both the poems are filled with musical quality. The language is simple. Both the poets have successfully brought out their ideas in the relevant form.

ACTIVITIES

1. In the light of reading the poem “Mending Wall”, what does the poet mean by ‘Walling in’ and ‘Walling Out?’



Evaluation

Imagine that you are the poet's neighbour in the 'Mending Wall' You want to justify your point of view that 'good fences make good neighbours.' Write your arguments in a paragraph.



At a glance

- The poem discusses the twin virtues – Fraternity and Tolerance.
- Each year they find the wall being pulled down.
- Every year, in Spring, the two neighbours meet to repair the wall.
- When his neighbour carries stones to the wall in each hand, he looks like a savage of the stone age.
- The poet hates the concept of wall while the neighbour supports a wall
- Wall stands for all basic differences that demarcates human beings – caste, creed, race, religion, gender, nationality, etc.
- “My apple trees will never
Cones under his pines” – Personification
“Like a old -stone savage armed – Simile
- ‘Wall’ is used both as a symbol and a metaphor which stands for a barrier.
- There are beautiful images like hunters trespass with their barking dogs, neighbours walk on either side of the wall etc.
- There is no definite rhyme scheme.
- The poem conveys a powerful message of universal brotherhood.

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AMIGO BROTHERS

Concept

- Real friendship goes beyond all the restrictive forces of the society.
- In real friendship, hatred and competition give way to love and affection.

Main points

- Amigo Brothers is a short story written by Piri Thomas.
- It tells the story of two young seventeen year old boxers, Antonio Cruz and Felix Vargas.
- They live in New York and are best friends from childhood.
- Both of them have a dream - to become light weight champions in the world.
- Both try to qualify for The Golden Gloves Championship Tournament.
- They have to fight against each other to compete in the championship.
- Both are skilled, passionate and determined to win and are tough opponents in the boxing ring.
- They fight hard on the seventh August at Tompkins Square Park.
- They fight like real boxers and continue to put up fierce fight even after the final bell.
- They left the ring arm in arm without waiting for the results. They kept their friendship intact and upheld its value.
- Thus it is proved that competitive spirit cannot harm true friendship.
- Friendship is all above championship.

ACTIVITIES

- Using the hints given below, describe Antonio and Felix

Antonio	Felix
Fair
Lean	Husky
.....

Evaluation

- Your class has decided to stage the story ‘Amigo Brothers’ in connection with the school day celebrations. Prepare a script of the announcement to introduce the play.
- Complete the newspaper report on the Divisional Finals of the Golden Gloves Champion ship between Felix and Antonio.

Friendship vs championship

Staff Reporter
 23 Dec,2019
 Tompkins Square Park: The Semi finals of Golder Glover championship held here yesterday.

- lead paragraph – answer WHAT,WHERE,WHEN and WHO

Body of the news report HOW,WHY

“It was an exciting match, However, we are not ready to sacrifice our friendship for the sake of championship.” Felix Vargas said to the Daily News

Character Sketch

Antonio Cruz

- One of the main characters in the story ‘Amigo Brothers’
- Seventeen years old
- Fair, lean and lanky
- Together in friendship with Felix Vargas
- Hair always falls over his eyes.

- Dreams to become the light weight champion of the world.
- Determined, skilled and intensely passionate.
- Values friendships above profession.
- Fights truly and fiercely in the ring.
- Works hard to fulfil his dream.

Felix Vargas

- One of the main characters in 'Amigo Brothers'
- Seventeen years old
- Dark, short and husky
- Wore his black hair in a natural Afro style.
- Dreams to become the light weight champion of the world.
- A close friend of Antonio Cruz.
- Hard working
- Determined, skilled and intensely passionate.
- Fights like a real boxer in the ring.
- Values friendship above profession.

DEBATE

Topic

“Sports and games are essential for promoting friendship”

For

- Sports dissolve walls.
- It makes people better human beings.
- Sports involve diplomacy.
- Sports promote better interaction.

Against

- Competition in sports creates enemies.
- Money and fame bring down the morale of players.
- Use of drugs results in strained relations.

- Over importance to sports will lead to mental strain.
- **Imagine that you are a newspaper reporter who witnessed the contest between Amigo Brothers Draft the report.**

FRIENDSHIP WINS

Tompkins Square Park: The much awaited boxing contest between Antonio Cruz and Felix Vargas took place here this afternoon. The match was held in three rounds. A huge crowd had assembled to witness the contest. Both the contestants fought fiercely till the end. The crowd cheered as they saw a good fight. As the match progressed, it seemed that they were going to fight till death. However after the match, the contestants hugged each other and walked out of the ring hand in hand without waiting for the results. People said that it was a unique match which exhibited true sportsmanship.



At a glance

- Piri Thomas
- Characters – Antonio Cruz and Felix Vargas
- Thick friends with a brotherly affection
- Dedicated and hard working
- Fought each other for 'Golden Gloves Championship'.
- Valued their friendship more than championship.

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THE HOUR OF TRUTH

Lesson

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Concept

- Money has a perverse influence on modern man.
- Truth prevails in the end.
- The one - act play exposes the social evils of society

Main points

- The Hour of Truth by Percival Wilde is a psychological study on the corrupting influence of money on people.
- The central character of the play, Robert Baldwin is honest and virtuous.
- He is working as the Secretary in a bank owned by John Gresham.
- John Gresham is arrested for misappropriating funds. Baldwin is the only witness.
- Gresham offers him a hundred thousand dollars just to say "I don't remember" during his trial.
- His family comes to know of the offer of bribe. They tempt and compel him to accept the bribe.
- But Robert Baldwin stays honest and keeps his integrity. His honesty is rewarded as he gets an offer for a better job at the Third National by Mr. Marshall, the President of the Bank.
- The play conveys a positive message - the good deed begets good.
- People easily forget their moral values before money.
- Despite the pressure from his family, Baldwin holds fast to truth.
- Even Gresham is greatly impressed by Baldwin's honesty and principles.
- The play reminds us of the following maxims.

Virtue gets rewarded

- God sees the truth; but waits
- Honesty is the best policy
- Truth always wins
- Good deed begets good

CHARACTER SKETCH

Robert Baldwin

- Central character in the play 'The Hour of Truth'.
- Married to Martha - two children - John Baldwin and Evie.
- A man of principles, loyalty and integrity.
- Works as the Secretary in a bank owned by John Gresham
- Honest, sincere and dedicated.
- Remains virtuous and respectable till the end.
- Doesn't fall a prey to temptations.
- Wants to go to his grave with clean hands.
- Doesn't support the misdeeds of his childhood friend, John Gresham
- Finally rewarded with a high position in the Third National Bank.

Evaluation

1. "I have got only few years to live, but I'll live those as I've lived the rest of my life. I'll go to my grave clear! "These are the words of Robert Baldwin in the one act play", 'The Hour of truth'. What quality of his character is revealed through the lines? Attempt the character Sketch of Robert Baldwin
2. Rahul, a trainee journalist has jotted down the following points when he went to cover the fraud in Gresham's bank. Now help him prepare a newsreport on the financial fraud exposed in Gresham's bank using the hints given below:

[Financial fraud in the bank – MD Gresham arrested – employees are clueless as to the real culprit – Baldwin, the close associate of the MD is the only witness – Depositors are concerned.]



At a glance

- One Act Play
- Integrity of character and voice against corruption and bribery

Characters – Robert Baldwin

Wife – Martha

Son – John

Daughter – Evie

Others characters – Gresham Marshall, John Gresham and maiden

QUESTION BANK

1. Prepare three suggestions to ensure equality in the society or to stop social discrimination. (3)
2. 'Honesty is the best policy'. Prepare a speech to be delivered in the school Assembly in the light of the character of Robert Baldwin. (8)
3. You are inspired by the character of Baldwin. Write a letter to your friend highlighting Robert Baldwin's qualities. (6)
4. After Robert Baldwin joins The Third National, you get an opportunity to interview him. Prepare five questions and its possible responses. (5)

UNIT TEST

Max.Mark: 20

Time : 1 hr

1. "Friendship is above all material gains". Do you agree? Comment on this on the basis of the story 'Amigo Brothers'. (6)
2. Robert Frost in his poem 'Mending Wall' argues that walls are irrelevant in the modern civilised world. But his neighbour states that 'Good fences make good neighbours'. What is your opinion? Prepare an essay on the existence of different walls in the society. (8)
(Hints: walls that separate individuals, nations, etc. importance of universal brotherhood)
3. "I've got only a few years to live, but I'll live those as I've lived the rest of my life. I'll go to my grave clean", says Baldwin in "The Hour of Truth". What traits of Baldwin's character are evident here? (2)
4. But it's not elves exactly, and I'd rather.
He said it for himself. I see him here,
Bringing a stone grasped firmly by the top
In each hand, like an old stone savage armed.
(a) Who is mentioned here? What is he doing? (2)
(b) Identify the figure of speech in these lines. (2)





Unit 3 : CHALLENGES OF LIFE

8. A Three Wheeled Revolution
9. Didi
10. Stammer

A THREE WHEELED REVOLUTION

Concept

- different choices and views in life.
- highlights the importance of social entrepreneurship in India.
- Innovative enterprises for social causes
- Dignity of Labour

Main points

- It is an interview with Irfan Alam, the man who organized the rickshaw sector in Bihar.
- He started an organization named Sammaan for the rickshaw pullers.
- Sammaan provided loans and gave ownership of rickshaws to the rickshaw pullers.
- Rickshaws were beautified and better facilities were provided to passengers as well.
- Sammaan gave dignity to the life of rickshaw pullers .It also made Irfan Alam a successful and famous entrepreneur.

Activities

1. Complete the Flow chart of the Growth of Irfan Alam and his Sammaan foundation

During the stock market scam in 1992, Irfan's father and many of his friends lost a lot of money. This incident led Irfan to start.....



Irfan won the Indian TV show 'Business Baazigar, in 2006.However, he turned down the offer of Rs. 150 lakh and started...

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The project 'SammaN' offered
the rickshaw pullers...

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Redesigning conventional
rickshaw added scope for...

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'SammaNGyan' brought the rickshaw
pullers a sense of indentity...

↓
'SammaN' is a perfect example for Social
entrepreneurship. A social entrepreneur is one who...

2. Using the hints given above draft an email to Mr. Irfan Alam suggesting a few ideas to redesign rickshaw.

To: Irfanalam@gmail.com

CC: <leave the space blank>

Sub: Suggestions to.....

Salutation

Dear Irfan,

➤ **Beginning**

- ❖ Hope you are pretty well
- ❖ Hope this email finds you in good health
- ❖ I am really excited to

Evaluation

1. Imagine that you got a chance to meet Irfan Alam, the young entrepreneur, who founded “SammaaN”. Frame four questions you would like to ask him, with its possible responses.

Framing Questions

1. What prompted you to select this field?
My experiences in life prompted me to select this field.
2. Who is your role model?
I consider Mahatma Gandhi/A.P.J Abdul Kalam as my role model.
3. How did you overcome failures and crisis in life?
Courage, determination, hard work and faith helped me to overcome all the problems in life.
4. Would you like to give a piece of advice to the present generation?
The youth should realize that this is the best time in their life .So, aim high, work hard, think positively and grab the future.
5. You may add more questions along with the possible responses.



At a Glance

- Irfan Alam – Founder and Chairman of Sammaan Foundation (2007)
- Social entrepreneur, empowered the rickshaw pulling sector in Bihar
- Innovations to increase the income of rickshaw pullers
- Sammaan Gyaan – Free evening classes to empower the children of rickshaw pullers in Bihar.
- Like Irfan, an entrepreneur is one who identifies an opportunity and puts in conscious efforts to make it an enterprise.

2. Email

Format

To: anan@gmail.com
Cc:
Subject:
Sir/madam/dear friend, Might I take a moment of your time to convey one important matter
.....
.....
I am looking forward to your reply.
with regards
Name

3. Paragraph

A paragraph is a group of sentence about a topic. A typical paragraph begins with a sentence, which introduces the topic. The sentences that follow support the idea in the topic sentences with explanations, reasons, and other details, The concluding sentence bring the paragraph to an end.

Sample - Paragraph

Topic : Importance of entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship is the process of discovering new ways of business. India with its huge population and resources is a fertile ground for entrepreneurship. Entrepreneur is an agent of change. He is a risk taker who can organize and manage a business. He provides employment to many others. He commits his life to changing the direction of his field. If he is ambitious and persistent, he can bring about a great change in the society. Entrepreneurship is the best way to solve the problem of unemployment in the society.

4. NOTE-TAKING

Format

<p>Main heading</p> <p>Sub heading[1]</p> <p>Important points</p> <p>1.....</p> <p>2.....</p> <p>3.....</p> <p>4.....</p> <p>Sub heading [2]</p> <p>1.....</p> <p>2.....</p> <p>3.....</p>

Sample

Read the passage given below and prepare notes.

SammaaN rickshaws are designed in such a way that they have plenty of space to display advertisements. Several local and national brands place their advertisements here. The advertisement revenue is split in half between Sammaan and the rickshaw pullers. Also, rickshaw pullers can choose to sell water, fruit juice, cell phone, prepaid cards, etc. In that case, they come to a central yard in the morning and load up their wares.

Ans: Note-taking

Modifications in rickshaws

1. More space in rickshaws
2. Advertisements of local and national brands displayed.
3. A portion of advertisement revenue is given to rickshaw pullers.
4. Water, fruit juice, cell phone, etc., sold by rickshaw pullers.
5. Central rickshaw yard provides all the products to sell.

DIDI

Concept

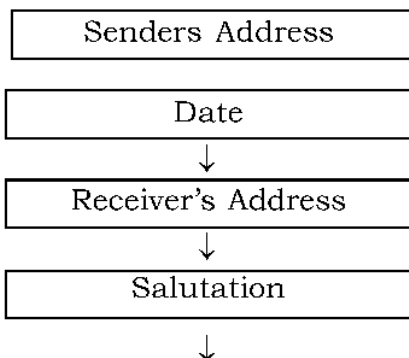
- People respond to social problems in different ways.
- Certain lives are dedicated to the betterment of the society.

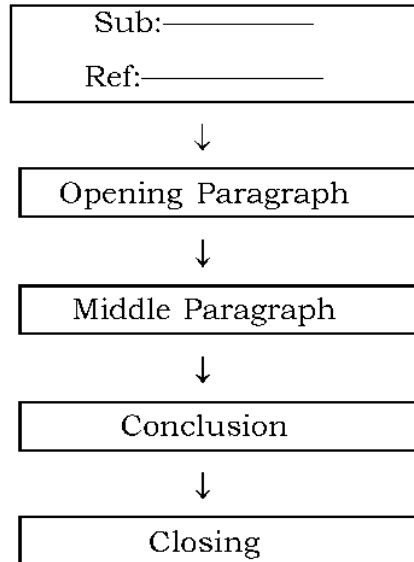
Main points

- Shaheen Mistri, an educator and activist, started the Akanksha foundation for the slum children of Mumbai.
- She used to visit orphanages in her childhood.
- The sight of children begging in the streets motivated her to serve the poor children in India.
- She decided to stay in India and continue her education.
- She started taking evening classes for the slum children .A school in Mumbai provided her with classrooms.
- Later, she started the Akanksha Foundation to impart education to the needy.

Activities

Job Application Letter





Job Application (covering letter)

From
Name
Address

Date

To
Name
Address
Sir/Madam,

Sub: Application for the post of.....

With reference to the advertisement in 'The Daily' dated, I would like to apply for the post ofin your institution.

I am a graduate inand have an experience of two years in a private firm.I will be extremely pleased to be a part of your company. If selected, I assure upon that I will fulfil my duties with utmost sincerity.

My resume is enclosed. I look forward to a favourable response.

Yours faithfully
Signature
Name

RESUME

Name :
 Permanent Address :
 Email :
 Mob. No. :
 Objective :
 Education :
 Experience :
 Achievements :
 Skills :
 Language :

**At a glance**

- Shaheen Mistri – CEO, Teach for India, Founder –Akanksha
- Social enterprise – commitment and hardwork.
- About Shaheen’s experiences in Mumbai slums and her motivation to educate the kids in the slums.
- Akanksha Foundation (1991) – a non profit organization with a mission to improve the lives of low-income children.
- Enables them to maximize their potential and transform their lives.
- 58 centers and 6 schools with over 3500 children.
- Stock ingredients in Akanksha’s classes basic English and Maths, a dash of values, self esteem and confidence.



STAMMER

Lesson 10

Concept

- Difference in perspectives

Main points

- 'Stammer' by K.Satchidanandan is a poem with a different perspective
- In poet's view, stammer is not a speech defect. It is a different mode of communication.
- Stammer and lameness are connected, as both carry silence with them.
- The study of 'Stammer' is quite difficult. Nobody knows about its origin. Even linguists cannot find its origin.
- Each stammer is a sacrifice to the God of meanings. If majority of people in a society start stammering, stammer gets the status of a mother tongue.
- God's confusion at the time of creating man resulted in stammer. God's stammer resulted in words with multiple meanings.
- Stammer is also like poetry because both have different shades of meanings. Stammer is also our inability to respond courageously.

FIGURES OF SPEECH

- Metaphor (An implied comparison without using 'like' or 'as')**
eg. 'stammer is the silence that falls between the word and its meaning'.
Stammer is no handicap
It is a mode of speech
- Simile (A comparison between two distinctively different things using the words 'like' or 'as')**
eg. That is why everything he utters

from his prayers to his commands
 stammers
 like poetry.

Activities

1. BLOG WRITING

Give a title to the topic

Write date/name under the title

Write one or two paragraphs on the topic concerned

Satire in ‘Stammer’

24 December 2017/Ajay khosh

K. Satchidanandan’s poem ‘Stammer’ makes fun of the society’s fear to respond to social problems. When we are afraid, we stammer. If all the people in a society are afraid to respond, problems no longer exist. Hence, for such a society, stammer is its mother tongue. In the poet’s view, stammer has a lot to say. Stammer may be a reflection of the people’s fear, unwillingness, lack of response and anger .It may also be the result of rigid rules and regulations. So, the poet rightly concludes that stammer is like poetry.

2. PARAGRAPH WRITING

Write a few sentences from the summary of the chapter.

3. COMPARISON OF POEMS

.....is a beautiful poem by.....This poem is about.....The poem is similar in theme with K.Satchidanandan’s poem ‘Stammer ‘.

The most attractive lines in the poem are



.....

.....Both the poems are a verbal treat to the readers .The language is simple. The poems contain a number of poetic devices. The poems throw light on many aspects of our life.

Evaluation

1. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow.

*Each time we stammer
we are offering a sacrifice
to the God of meanings.*

- a. Identify the figure of speech employed in these lines?

Ans: Metaphor

- b. Why does the poet consider stammer as a sacrifice?

Ans: Every offering to God is different from the ordinary. Similarly, stammer is different from an ordinary or familiar utterance.

2. Read the following lines from the poem 'Stammer' and answer the questions that follow

*Stammer is not a handicap
It is a mode of speech
Stammer is the silence that falls
between the words and its meaning,
just as lameness is the
silence that falls between
The word and the deed.*

- a. What does the poet connect of Stammer ?

Ans: Stammer is not _____

- b. How does the poet connect stammer and lameness ?

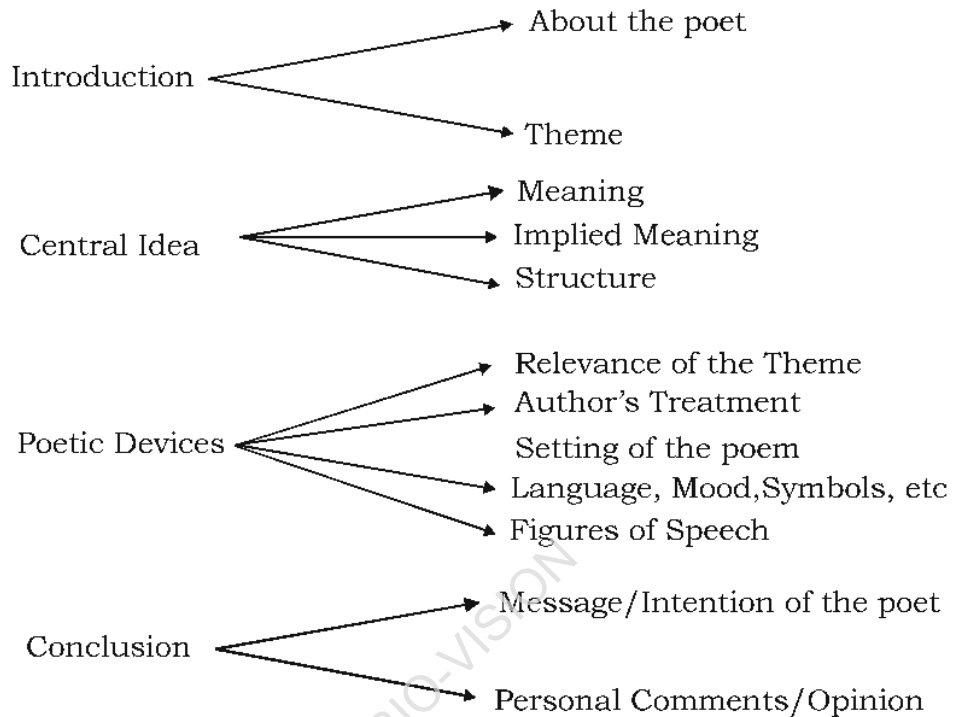
Ans : Stammer is the silence that falls between _____

- c. Identify the figure of speech used in the line 'Stammer is the silence that falls between the words and its meaning'.

Ans : (Simile, Metaphor, hyperbole)

3. Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'Stammer'

Hints



At a glance

- The poem presents a different perspective of stammer, commonly considered a speech defect.
- The poet is against the notion that stammer is a handicap.
- Shows how stammer could be perceived in social and cultural contexts.
- Stammer is not a handicap, but a mode of speech
- Compares lameness to stammer
- Stammer is the silence that falls between the word and its meaning.
- Lameness is the silence between the word and the deeds.

QUESTION BANK

1. Read the excerpt given below and answer the questions that follow.
 ‘When my parents found out that I was dabbling in the rickshaw sector as well, they pulled me aside and asked me to stop doing it and concentrate on my studies’
 - a. Who is the speaker?
 - b. Pick out the expression that means ‘to take someone to one side away from other people for a private conversation’.
 - c. Why did the parents ask him to concentrate on his studies?
2. Write an email to your friend about the inspiring life of Irfan Alam based on your reading of the interview ‘A Three Wheeled Revolution’.
3. How did Sammaan bring dignity and inclusion to rickshaw pullers who were previously considered menial labourers? Write your answer in a paragraph.
4. Mistri forcefully entered St.Xavier’s College Principal’s office to get an admission to B.A Sociology. She had to persuade the Principal to accept her request. If you were Shaheen Mistri ,how would you persuade the Principal to accept your request? Frame three sentences.
5. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow.
The children would shout ‘Didi, Didi ’excitedly when I went there. This was starting to feel like a lifelong commitment.
 - a. Who are the children referred to here?
 - b. Pick out the word that means ‘ deep-rooted’.
 - c. What did Didi do for the children of India?
6. I realized that if I wanted the students to take school seriously, they needed an environment free of the community’s distractions’.
 How did Shaheen Mistri provide an environment free of the community’s distractions? Answer in a paragraph.
7. The element of social criticism is the major highlight of the poem ‘Stammer’. Write a paragraph on the element of social criticism in the poem.

8. Irfan Alam says, 'The only way to sustain this business was to earn the loyalty of the rickshaw pullers'. What do you think are the essential qualities of a successful entrepreneur? Answer in a paragraph.
9. 'Didi ' is the name by which Shaheen Mistri is known among the children living in the slums of Mumbai. What alternate title can be given to the lesson 'Didi'? Give two alternate titles for the lesson.
10. Your school has decided to start a social club named 'Abhivriti' to enhance the lives of the poor children in your locality. As part of it, you would like to visit Shaheen Mistri's Akanksha Foundation and study its activities in detail. Write a letter of enquiry to the Chairman of Akanksha Foundation seeking information and requesting permission to visit it.
11. Shaheen Mistri and Irfan Alam served the society in their own ways. Prepare a blog entry on their contributions in making the world a better place for the poor.

UNIT TEST

Max.Score: 20

Time : 1 hr

ENGLISH

1. Read the lines from the poem 'Stammer' and answer the questions that follow. (3)

Stammer is no handicap

It is a mode of speech.

- What do you understand by the phrase 'mode of speech'?
 - Why does the poet say that stammer is not a handicap?
 - Identify the figure of speech used in the lines.
2. Given below is an advertisement in The Daily inviting applications from desirable candidates for the post of volunteers in an NGO.

VACANCY

VOLUNTEER CUM SOCIAL WORKER

'SWASRAYA', P.O Box No:138, Kochi

Qualification: Graduation in any discipline.

Age: Between 20 and 30

The ideal candidate should:

- Possess good manners and interpersonal skills.
- Well groomed, friendly and energetic.
- Have good communication skills.

Previous experience will be an added advantage.

Interested candidates please submit your application within 10 days.

Prepare an application letter and a resume. (6)

3. Shaheen Mistri joins St.Xavier's College and pursues her dream of improving the lives of poor children. After one month, she writes an e-mail to her father accounting the progress in her activities. What would she write in the email. Draft the email. (6)

4. Your school is organizing an event to honour Irfan Alam. You are assigned the duty of interviewing him for the school magazine. What would you ask him? Draft 5 questions for the interview. (5)

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BIO-VISION



Unit 4 : LIVE AND LET LIVE

- 11. When A Sapling Is planted**
- 12. Rice**
- 13. Danger of Drug Abuse**

WHEN A SAPLING IS PLANTED

Concept

- Individual responsibility to manage natural hazards and to preserve resources.
- 'Nature', gifted by God is a never ending treasure to cherish. Life itself is a boon and we are all lucky to have that.
- The glory of life exists in the harmonious blend of health both physical and mental.
- Such a world is possible only when we have a sustainable environment.

Main points

- A Nobel Prize acceptance speech by Wangari Maathai, an environmental and political activist in Kenya.
- She is the founder of Green Belt movement. The movement focuses on planting millions of saplings across the world.
- Trees become a symbol of peace in Kenya. She revealed that her inspiration was her childhood experiences.
- While growing up, she noticed that forest was being cleared and were replaced by commercial plantations.
- We should never be a threat to our life supporting system. We have to protect nature for the future generation.

Activities

Formal speech

1. On behalf of World Environmental day celebration, Agriculture Department of Kerala has launched the programme 'Organic Farming in Schools'. Imagine that your school has won the best organic farming school award. You being the coordinator of the programme in the school, to receive the award from the district collector in the

presence of certain other dignitaries. Prepare the award acceptance speech.

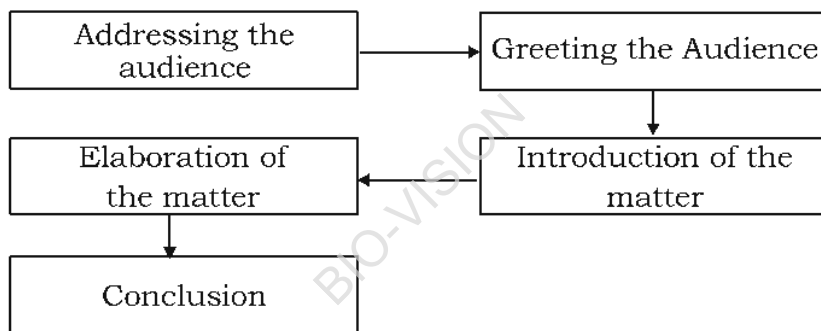
Honorable dignitaries on the dais, respected Principal, teachers and my dear friends,

I am extremely happy to stand before you to share my views on _____. It is a proud moment. The topic has much relevance in today's world. I feel that we are lucky to be the recipient of this award. This award is really an inspiration _____.

I thank all the members of the _____ Club for their active support and encouragement. With these few words, I end my speech.

Thank You

Format of a Speech



Letter of Enquiry

2. Our school has organized a trip to Periyar wild life sanctuary during Wild Life week celebration. Write a letter of enquiry to the secretary to enquire about the accommodation facilities and necessary arrangements in advance.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: Enquiry regarding _____

The students of _____ School are planning to make a trip to _____ on _____.

We would be grateful to know about the accommodation facilities, availability of guide and details of the travel. Expecting your kind concern.

Yours faithfully,

Name

Secretary, Tourism club.

Editing

3. There are a few errors in the passage. Correct them.

In 1977 when we start the green belt movement, I am partly responding to the needs identified about rural women, namely lack on firewood, clean drinking water, balanced diet, shelter and income.

Ans:

In 1977 when we started the green belt movement, I was partly responding to the needs identified by rural women, namely lack of firewood, clean drinking water, balanced diet, shelter and income.

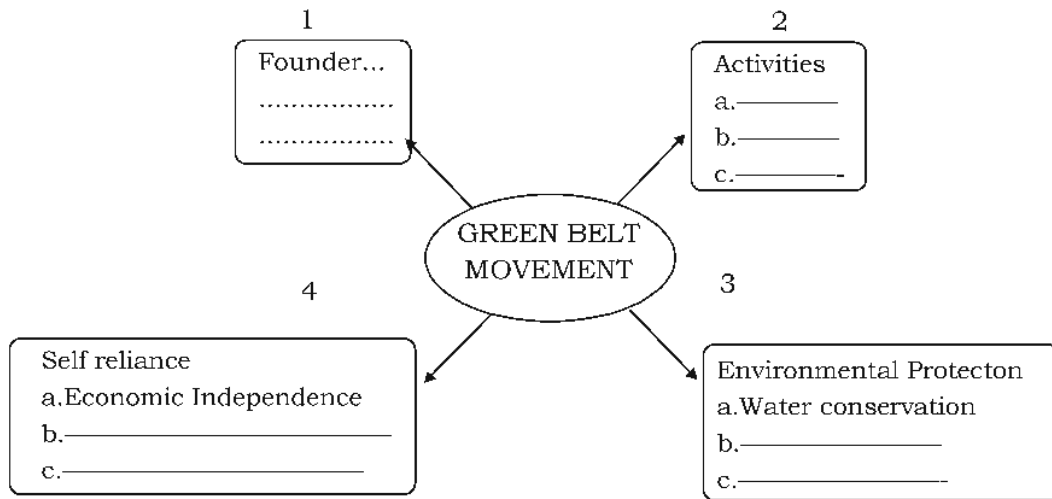
Evaluation

1. Imagine that your school is celebrating 'Environment Day'. You are asked by your teacher to prepare an article on 'Save the Earth' to be published in the school magazine. Write the likely article.
2. The concept of organic farming gains much popularity now. As the secretary of the Environment club of your school. Prepare a speech on the importance of organic farming to be delivered on world Environment Day Programme.

Hints

Kerala, consumer state – commercial farming aims only profit – increased pesticide use – artificial fertilizers – need for organic farming—healthy intake healthy lifestyle

Green Belt Movement



At a glance

- Nobel prize acceptance speech by Wangari Maathai
- Founder of Green Belt Movement
- Biodiversity destroyed by commercial plantations.
- Food crops replaced by cash crops.
- Need for preserving forests and biodiversity
- A reminiscence of her younger days when natural resources were in plenty
- There can be no development without sustainable management of the environment.



RICE

Lesson
12

Concept

- Need for self-reliance in the production of food materials.

Main points

- The poem 'Rice' is a satire by Chemmanam Chacko.
- The poem is nostalgic, as the poet returns to Kerala from North India after earning his doctoral degree.
- The poet mourns the loss of paddy field to rubber plantation. Farmers are forced to move away from food crops to cash crops.
- Even when there is a shortage of rice in the state, people move towards cash crops like rubber.
- People started depending on government rations .
- To his great shock, he found that everything in this world had changed.
- The picture of father wearing a mud-stained dhoti and working in his field is very touching. We can hear the roar of an aeroplane carrying Chief Minister, flying to the centre to demand for more grains.

Activities

1. Paragraph writing

Bring out the satirical element in the poem Rice.

Chemmanam Chacko is a master satirist. He is very keen in observing society. Farmers themselves changed their mind from food crops to cash crops. Even the government encouraged this. It paved way for us to become a consumer state.

2. Analysing textual poem

*Above us, a 'ship of the sky' roars northwards,
Drowning my brother's loud cries*

3. What does the *ship of the sky* mean?

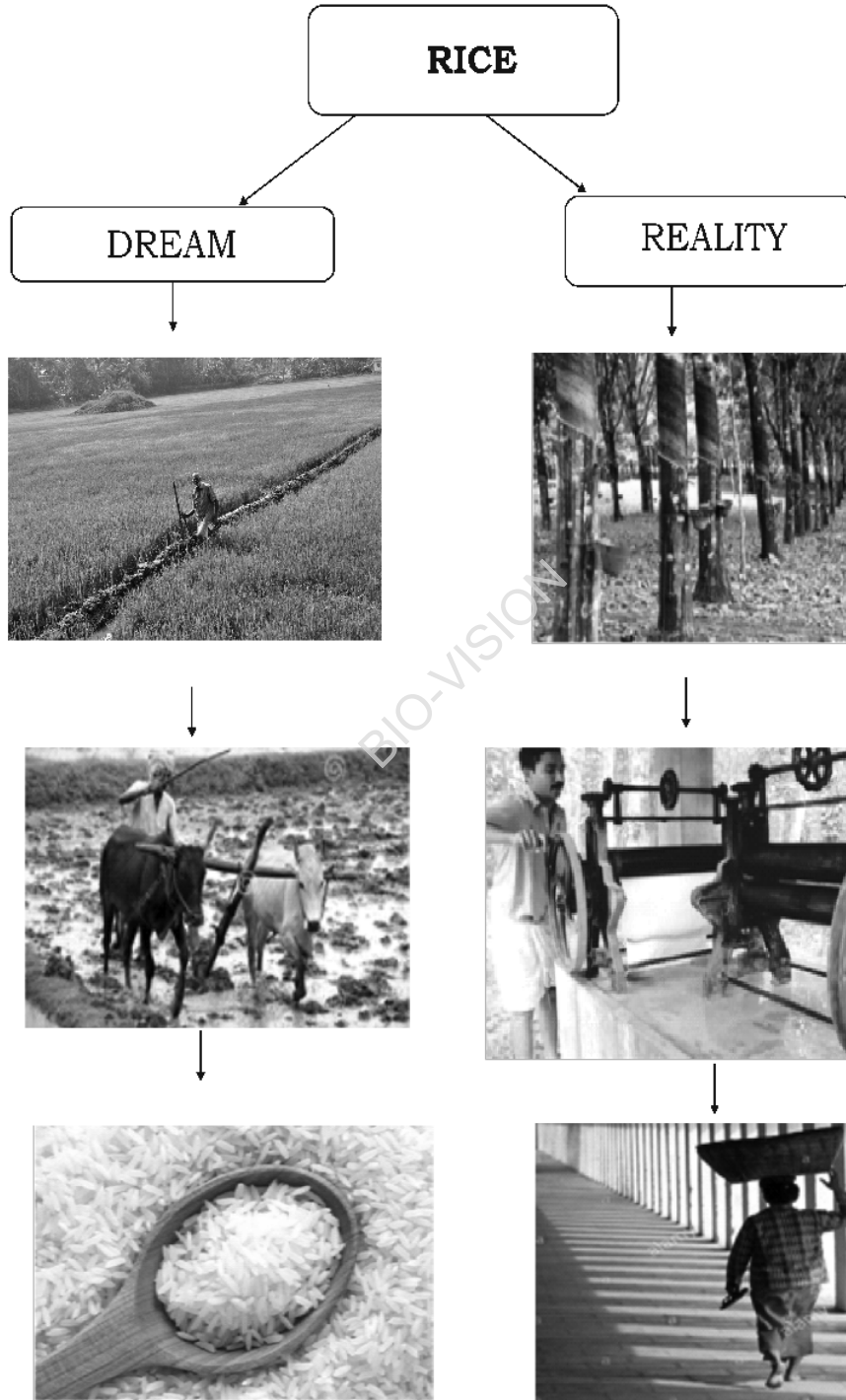
Aeroplane is the ship of the sky.

4. What is the central idea of last stanza of the poem?

Farmers themselves changed their mind from food crops to cash crops. Even the government encouraged this. The poet was awarded doctoral degree for making toys with husk. The irony is in the last stanza of the poem as the poet asks "Can we get some husk from the Centre".

3. Match the following

A	B
Food Crops	1. better money 2. self-reliant 3. healthy food habit 4. steady income
Cash crops	5. less effort 6. environment friendly



Evaluation

- *Can we get some husk from the Centre, too to make toys with it?
I don't know.*

Bring out the sarcasm in the above lines.

- Compare and contrast the expectations of the poet while sitting inside the train and the reality he faced later when reached home.



At a Glance

- Chemmanam Chacko
- Poet returning to homeland from North India after completing research in making toys with husk
- His mind is filled with eagerness and happiness to be back home and eat 'athikira' rice.
- Imagines the hustle and bustle of the planting season with his father and friends working in the paddy field.
- The poet reaches home only to find everything has changed in four years.
- Paddy was replaced by rubber, arecanut, and dealwood trees.
- Lifestyle of traditional farmers changed from rice to wheat.
- From producer to consumer – food given as ration.

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DANGER OF DRUG ABUSE

Lesson
13

Concept

- Healthy life styles for healthy society.
- Problems of health hazards due to the misuse of drugs.

Main Points

- Essay written by Hardin.B.Jones
- Drug abuse has both physical and mental impact.
- It causes personality change.
- the addict feels depressed. He fails to respond to normal environment. He looks upon external objects with suspicion. Physical disorder occurs to him.
- Usage of dirty needles and solutions causes other diseases. Main organs affected by drugs are liver, brain and kidney.
- Sniffing cocaine causes damage to the tissues of the nose. Smoking causes lung disease.
- Babies of women addicted to drugs suffer from various diseases.
- A drug addict is easily affected by pneumonia, tuberculosis, malnutrition and weight loss.
- Use of any sensual drug can cause respiratory or cardiac failure and even death.

Activities

1. Essay

‘Dangers of drug abuse’ gives you a clear idea about the harmful effects of sensational drugs on human body. Elaborate the idea of Dr. Hardin.B.Jones into a paragraph, highlighting the consequences.

2. **Seminar**

On Anti-Narcotics Awareness Week, the Career Guidance and Counselling Cell (CGCC) of your school has arranged a seminar on 'Drug Abuse a Threat to Society'. Prepare the seminar paper on the topic highlighting the ideas of Dr. Hardin.B.Jones.

3. **Seminar report**

A seminar was conducted in your school on the topic 'Drug Abuse a Threat to Society' as per the following programme notice. Read it carefully and prepare a report of the seminar.

Seminar

Drug Abuse a Threat to Society

Venue School Auditorium

Date 15-12-2019

Time 10.00am

Programme

Prayer : School choir

Welcome speech : Sri Prakash Roy, Principal

Presidential Address : Aparna Das, Ward Member

Felicitation : Dr. Anjali Menon

Paper presentation : Arunjith, Aarati

Interactive session

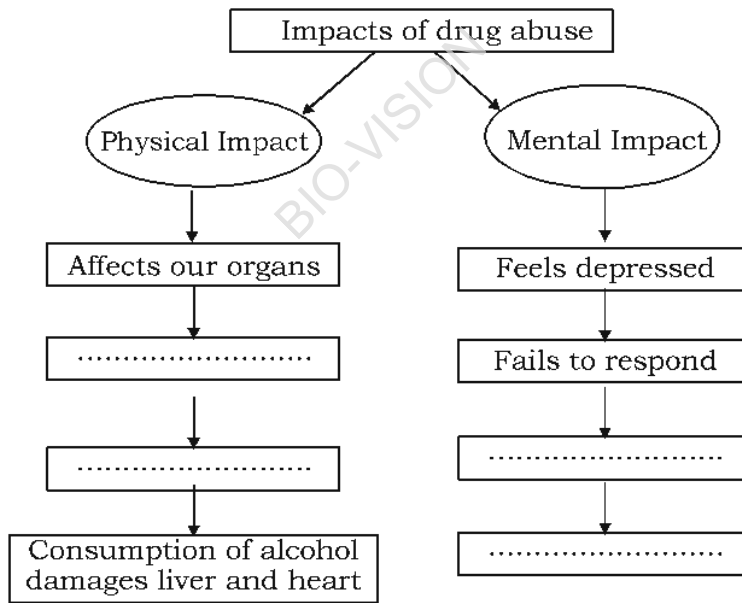
Vote of Thanks : Amit Kumar, School Leader.

National Anthem

Seminar Report

A seminar was conducted in the school auditorium on 15th December 2019. The topic of the seminar was Drug Abuse a Threat to Society. The seminar began at 10 am with a prayer by school choir. It was followed by a welcome speech by Sri Prakash Roy, the Principal of the school. The presidential address was by Aparna Das, the Ward member. Felicitation was by Dr. Anjali Menon. The Paper presentation was by Arunjith and Aarati. There was an active interactive session after the paper presentation. The vote of thanks was presented by Master Amit Kumar, School Leader. The seminar came to an end with national anthem. By all means the seminar was interesting, informative and inspiring.

- Imagine that you are a member of your school NSS Unit. You are visiting village area to make them aware of the dangers of drug abuse. Prepare four pieces of advice



Evaluation

The abuse of drugs has resulted in significant morbidity and mortality. Prepare a write up on the adverse effects of drug among adolescents.



At a glance

- Dr. Hardin B. Jones
- Two types of Drugs — Medicinal Drugs and Sensual Drugs.
- Medicinal Drugs — Cure physical ailments and reverse mental disturbances
- Medicinal Drugs — used for treatment and prevention.
- It is prescribed strictly by a medical practitioner.
- Sensual Drugs — body has no need for, gives strong sense of pleasure.
- Sensual Drugs activate brain's pleasure centres through chemical mimicry.
- Adult craves for more — but less and less satisfaction.
- Adult feels dead inside — damages all organs — depletion of brain cells.
- May even cause accidental deaths.

QUESTION BANK

1. Write a critical appreciation of the poem Rice. (8)
2. Prepare a speech to be presented in the school assembly on Anti-Narcotics Day as you being the school leader, throwing light into the idea of Hardin B Jones' 'Dangers of Drug Abuse.' (6)
3. Write a letter to your friend suggesting measures to rehabilitate a drug addict. (6)
4. You are inspired by the speech of Wangari Maathai. Write an email to your friend highlighting the role of youth in nature conservation. (5)
5. Ancient agriculture method should be re-implemented for ensuring and improving the health of young generation. Elucidate the idea with reference to Chemmanam Chacko's Rice. (4)

UNIT TEST

Time 1hr
Score: 20

1. As you are the school leader of your school, you have to deliver a speech on World Environment day. Prepare the script of the speech highlighting the ideas from the inspiring speech of Wangari Maathai. (6)
2. On the basis of the poem 'RICE', prepare a write up comparing the present agricultural scenario in our state. (5)
3. Prepare an essay on the drastic consequences of Drug abuse. (8)
4. Can you give a suggestion to improve paddy cultivation in our state. (1)



Unit 5 : THE LIGHTER SIDE

- 14. Post early for Christmas**
- 15. This is Going to hurt just a Little Bit**
- 16. Crime and Punishment**

POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS

Concept

- Depiction of humour in one – act plays. A sense of humor is essential to ease the worries and stresses.

Main points

- one-act play written by R H. Wood
- it's about an incident that happens in a post office.
- Christmas brings with it the usual rush of customers in the post office and the assistant is expecting yet another busy day.
- However a visit by a strange tourist brings disorder and panic in the post office in that small English village.
- The foreigner has given her a parcel to despatch that seems to make a ticking noise. Could that be a time-bomb?
- The behaviour and the appearance of the tourist make him a perfect suspect. His strange accent too adds to suspicion.

Activity

1. At the end of the day, the postal Assistant leaves for the animal dispensary with a humorous comment. Write a **diary** entry that might have been written by her, highlighting the experiences of her the same day.

Date

Time

It was an unforgettable day in my life

.....
.....

2. Letter of complaint

The foreign Tourist lodges a complaint to the Postmaster General. Draft a letter for him.

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Receiver's Address <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 5px auto;"/>
Reference:-
Body of the letter <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 5px auto;"/>

Evaluation

Attempt a character study of various characters in the play, *Post Early for Christmas*



At a glance

- R.H Wood
- Main Characters — A young Lady Assistant
Mrs Smith
Mrs Jones
A Deaf Old Gentleman
A Farmer
An Old Lady
Mrs Higgins
Bertie, her son
A Foreign Tourist
- Scene — A small village post office in England
Posters showing 'Post early for Christmas'
— Arrival of customers and their funny conversations

- Farmer arrives with the news that a time -bomb, has been found in a post office
- Foreign tourist brings a parcel to be sent and he seems to be so anxious about it.
- When he leaves – the ‘tick – tick’ sound makes the customers believe that its a time - bomb.
- A policeman is brought and the parcel has been dipped into water to deactivate the bomb.
- The foreign tourist re-enters
- He gets shocked seeing his expensive Swiss clock getting destroyed.
- Hurt and angry, he shouts at the postal assistant and leaves immediately to file a complaint against her to the Postmaster General.
- The play ends with the assistant leaving the post office – commenting ‘it’s better to work in an animal dispensary as the animals are not so silly’.

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THIS IS GOING TO HURT JUST A LITTLE BIT

Concept

- Expression of humour through the medium of poetry

Main points

- a poem written by the Norwegian poet Ogden Nash.
- It is about the poet's fear of visiting a dentist.
- Like every one of us, the poet too hates the idea of visiting a dentist.
- After every appointment with a dentist the poet hopes that this will be the last time he will ever visit a dental clinic. However, it is the only thing in which he keeps on failing.
- His visit to the dentist is never ending and he is doomed to suffer the pain of dental treatment.
- Ogden Nash takes a simple and universal idea and talks about it in a funny way through this poem.

Activities

1. Read another poem by Ogden Nash *The People Upstairs* and make of a comparison with our textual poem *This is Going to hurt just a Little Bit*

The people upstairs

Ogden Nash

*The people upstairs all practice ballet
Their living room is a bowling alley
Their bedroom is full of conducted tours.
Their radio is louder than yours,
They celebrate week-ends all the week.
When they take a shower, your ceilings leak.*

*They try to get their parties to mix
 By supplying their guests with Pogo sticks,
 And when their fun at last abates,
 They go to the bathroom on roller skates.
 I might love the people upstairs more
 If only they lived on another floor.*

Hints

- Focus on similarities and differences between the themes, tone, imagery and language.
- How the poet uses diverse methods to convey the idea?
- Poetic devices - Exaggeration (Hyperbole, Pun, Simile, etc.)
- Musical quality



A picture of a dental clinic in the early 20th century.

1. Comment on the appropriateness of the title.

The title 'This Is Going to Hurt Just A Little Bit' is in every way the right one for this poem. We have heard this usage when people want to say or do bad things, they usually begin by saying that what they are about to say or do is going to hurt us a little bit. But we know

that it is going to hurt us extremely and it is not 'just a little bit'. By saying that 'it is going to hurt a little bit' the speaker's intention is to give the listener a kind of calmness. Ogden Nash has titled his poem this way because before treatment all dentists say to their patients that this will hurt just a little bit. But while leaning in his chair, every patient knows that the pain is going to be intense. So the title suits this poem.

2. "And your mouth is like a section of road that is being worked on"
Explain

Here the poet is comparing the mouth of the patient to a badly managed road. When a road is filled with potholes it becomes useless and it needs proper tarring. Likewise when the teeth decay they need proper treatment. Ogden Nash brings a beautiful comparison between repairing the road and repairing the decayed tooth. While filling potholes only a section of road needs tarring. Similarly it is only a section of your mouth that needs treatment. If you observe closely there are some similarities between the two. While the road worker uses tar, which is a mixture of stone, coal and wood for filling the bumpy areas, the dentist uses a paste like material for dental fillings. The sounds of the two processes are also somewhat similar. So the comparison between the two can be considered apt.

3. The use of '**Exaggeration**' in the poem

An exaggeration is a statement that represents something to be bigger than its usual form. In the poem, Ogden Nash uses this form of expression to good effect to bring about humour. We can see that the poet uses it to get the right effect from the reader. In the first portion, he says that "It is hard to be self-possessed, with your jaw digging into your chest". Here, the expression jaw digging into your chest is an exaggeration to imply that the patient has to open his mouth to the maximum for the dentist to treat his or her teeth. In another section of the poem the poet says that the dentist's work on his tooth is like a construction worker tarring the roads, and finally, the dentist himself is referred to as a bear that likes to maul other animals with its paws.

Evaluation

1. The poet had a frightful experience with the dentist. Have you ever undergone such a similar experience in your life? Narrate the experience in not more than 80 words

2. Poetic Device	Example
Exaggeration/hyperbole	When your fingernails are making important line in your plan
Pun And your mouth is like a section of road.

3. Comment on the aptness of the title of the poem, “This is going to Hurt Just a Little Bit”.



At a Glance

- Ogden Nash
- It is a humorous poem on the poet’s personal experience at the dentist.
- Pain of sitting in a dentist’s chair is horrible for the poet.
- Worst experience to sit in a dentist’s chair with mouth wide open. Hopes not to have such a situation again
- But regular visits to dentist will happen.
- Physical and mental torture
- Very difficult to remain calm, when it hurts.
- An occasion which deprives one’s dignity



CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Lesson
16

Concept

- Influence of the surrounding, parent's mentality and the teachers' attitude on the development of children.

Main points

- A short story written by R K Narayan
- It tells us the tumultuous relationship between a tuition teacher and his student.
- Here, the teacher has the unfortunate job of teaching a very mischievous student, who is the only child of very rich parents
- The student provokes the teacher by making fun of him and even threatening him.
- Through the story R K Narayan takes a critical look at the teacher-student relationship.
- Kids who are spoiled by parents often disobey their teachers and most of them find difficulty in learning. Crime and Punishment looks at this problem in a humorous way.

Activities

- I. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions
- His parents said once that the boy was a little angel, all dimples, smiles and sweetness-only wings lacking. He was their only child, they had abundant affection and ample money. They built a nursery, bought him expensive toys fitted up miniature furniture sets, gave him a small pedal motor car to go about in all over the garden. They filled up his cupboard with all kinds of sweets and biscuits and left it to his good sense to devour them moderately. They believed a great deal in learning things that way.*
1. How does the parents consider the boy?
 2. What facilities do the parents provide to the boy?
 3. Give an appropriate title for the passage ?
 4. Find the word from the passage which means a 'lot of '
 5. A teacher is a friend, philosopher, guide and a mentor to the student. Analyze the character of the teacher in the story 'Crime and Punishment' in the light of this statement.

Evaluation

1. Why does the teacher support the boy at the end of the story?

In the end of the story, there is an understanding between the teacher and the student. This is because the teacher learns that the student will never be a problem to him because he has saved him from his parents' punishment. It may be also because the teacher finally understands that the problem is not with the child but with his parents. His parents spoon fed him too much and as a result the kid doesn't have the ability to understand the feeling of others around him.

2. Do you think the story is a satire on over-parenting?

R K Narayan's story is a satire on over-parenting. The kid's parents bought him toys to play when he is in the house but they forgot to take him outside and help him mingle with the society in which he grows. This is the main reason with which he makes fun of the teacher and asks him to do all kinds of stupid things. When the teacher refuses he cries out loud saying that he will report the matter to his parents because they are the only one he knows. If they had

given him the freedom to join and play with kids of his own age instead of locking up in their home he would have been a good kid.

3. Bring out the humour in the story

The element of humour lies mainly in the relationship between the teacher and the child. The teacher is shown as a pathetic figure who stoops in front of this kid who has nothing but contempt for him. He doesn't like to bend low in front of him but when he thinks about the kid's parents he is forced to be submissive. He doesn't want the parents to know that he has beaten their dear child. The child understands this and makes him do all kind of crazy things. These instances are shown in a humorous way. R K Narayan also uses satire as a tool to good effect to improve the element of humour. The kid's father has written a thesis on infant psychology and his mother too has some kind of degree in proper parenting. Ironically it is their kid who has no manners at all.



At a glance

- R.K. Narayan
- Describes teacher student relationship
- Teacher, preparing the student for an examination
- Student taking advantage of teachers vulnerable situation and patience
- Teacher loses control and slaps the boy
- Regains normal vision and consoles the child
- Child's parents are against punishing children
- Boy blackmails the teacher, who was forced to join his play.
- When teacher hesitates to continue boy runs to inform his parents.
- Teacher comes to the help of the boy and protects him from the fury of parents
- Picturises the sacred bond between teacher and student.

GRAMMAR ACTIVITIES

I. Edit the following paragraph:

Emanicipation and empowerment of women is on prime importance on every society. In our country, we had achieved partial success, but we still has a long way to go. What we should do to achieve this goal?

Ans:

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II. Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate adjectives/adjectival clauses/similes etc;

a. 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.

Ans:

(a) Cheerful (b) bee (c) Sweet

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

- a. I think you should _____
- b. If I were you, I _____
- c. Would you like _____?
- d. I'd like to suggest _____

Ans.

- a. I think you should consult a doctor immediately
- b. If I were you, I should have gone earlier.

- c. Would you like administering some medicine.
- d. I'd like to suggest a better alternative
- IV. Complete the following paragraph with the correct tense of the verbs given in brackets.

In the same wild place where Macbeth had first (a) (see) them, the three witches (b) (sing) strange songs and putting mysterious things into the pot over a fire. They were making black magic. They (c) (stop) suddenly. "He is coming", said one of them. Macbeth (d) (stand) there looking at them.

Ans.

(a) Seen (b) were singing (c) stopped (d) stood

- V. Report the following Conversation

Baby : Kumbalangi is an Island village in the outskirts of Kochi city

Foreigner : What is it famous for?

Baby : It is famous for fishing, nets, coir making, etc

Foreigner : Oh! Such a beautiful place

Ans.

Baby said that Kumbalangi is an Island village in the outskirts of Kochi City. The foreigner enquired what it was famous for and Baby replied that it was famous for fishing nets and coir making. The foreigner exclaimed that it was a beautiful place.

Edit the passage

1. If learning is the first step labour was (a) the second Labour facilitate women to flourish and achieve there (b) true potential. But, at present, when woman (c) participate in the work force, they often tends (d) to get stuck in low- paying, low - status and low- security jobs.

Ans.

(a) is (b) their (c) women (d) tend

2. Hot summer days reminds (a) me of my childhood in little village. There was a large banyan tree right on (b) the middle of the

village, and I would spent (c) many hours playing it during my holiday (d)

Ans:

(a) remind (b) in (c) Spend (d) holidays

3. The distinction between medicines and sensual drugs are (a) simple. Sensual drugs are those that the body had (b) no need for, but that give the user a strong sense of pleasure. Sensual drugs activate the brain's pleasure centre (c) He do not know precisely how they do this – whether (d) they stimulate the pleasure centers directly or activate them through chemical mimicry.

Ans:

(a) is (b) has (c) centres (d) whether

Prepositions

A preposition is a word which shows the relationship between two or more nouns or pronouns.

For example; in the sentence 'the man is standing *on* the bridge', the word 'on' shows us that the person is standing *on* the bridge and not *under* it. Prepositions can be easily understood if you read English books or watch English movies or listen to read English radio. There are several prepositions in English. Some of them are given in the table below.

Prepositions	Usage	Example
On	days of the week	on Monday
In	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ months / seasons ➤ time of day ➤ year ➤ after a certain period of time 	in August / in winter in the morning in 2006 in an hour
at	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ for night ➤ for weekend ➤ a certain point of time 	at night at the weekend at half past nine
Since	from a certain point of time (past till now)	since 1980

Evaluation

- The Literary Club of your school decides to enact the play Post Early for Christmas in connection with the school anniversary. Prepare a script for announcing the programme.

Respected Teachers and my dear friends,

The members of the Literary Club are proud to announce our next programme. This time we are going to stage a 'One-Act Play'. The play which will be presented before you is 'Post Early For Christmas' written by R H. Wood. It is a comedy play about a funny incident that happens in a post office. The direction of this play is by Varun who is a Plus 2 student. We plan to stage the play during the school reopening function at the school auditorium. Be there and enjoy our small play.

Chairman (Literary Club)

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER**SECOND YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION****Score : 80****Time: 2½ hours****INSTRUCTIONS**

- There is a cool off time of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time of 2 and a half hours.
- Use the cool off time to get familiarized with the questions and to plan your answers.
- Read the questions carefully before answering. Certain sections of the questions have choice. Follow the choice regulations.
- When you select a question, all its sub questions must be answered from the same question itself.

(Questions 1-3) Read the excerpt from 'Matchbox' and answer the questions that follow.

"An indigent Widow, without husband or son, she was successful in consigning her daughter to a wealthy family's house on the strength of looks alone. But the good lady has never stopped taking credit, at the slightest opportunity, for her skill in the matter."

1. Indigent in the excerpt means _____ (Score : 1)
2. How could she manage to send her daughter to a wealthy family? (Score : 1)
3. Why is it said that she never stopped taking credit? (Score : 1)
4. Your class is conducting a debate on the topic ' Nature conservation is more important than development'. Write four arguments either in favour of or opposing the topic. (Score : 4)
5. A student made mistakes when he copied the vision of "Teach for India" from his text book. Help him edit the errors. (Score : 2)

At Teach For India, each one of us feel lucky. We understand that it is just a matter of chance that we are today. We didn't chose the family that we were born into, or choose the fact that our parents could afford to give as quality education. Every time we make a choice,

we feel lucky. However, we cannot help but think what if this choices weren't available to us?

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.
(6 to 8)

The child ran towards his parents gaily and walked abreast of them for a while; being, however, soon left behind, attracted by the little insects and worms along the footpath that were teeming out from their hiding places to enjoy the sunshine.

6. Why did the insects and worms come out of the hiding place?
(Score :1)
7. What is the meaning of 'abreast' ?
(far ahead/side by side/in front of/opposite) (Score :1)
8. Pick out a word or expression that convey the pleasant atmosphere
(Score :1)

(Questions 9 to 14) : Each question carries 4 scores. Answer any 5 questions.

9. The following is a conversation, the policeman and the postal assistant, the policeman and the farmer in the post office of ' Post Early for Christmas', when the parcel was suspected to be a time bomb.

Assistant : It's a time-bomb, constable

Policeman : Bert Higgins, have you been up to some more of your mischief?

Farmer : Look here, Constable, there's a time bomb in that parcel.

Policeman : Don't talk nonsense, sir,

Farmer : Very well, then listen for yourself.

Later Bert Higgins reported the scene to his friends. This is how he began his report:

The assistant told the constable that it was a time-bomb..... Complete Bert's report.

10. Fill in the blanks choosing the correct form of the verb given in the brackets.

Yesterday afternoon Sharon _____ (go) to the station to meet Paul. When she _____ (get) there, Paul _____ (already wait) for her. His train _____ (arrive) early.

11. In 'Horegallu', Sudha Murthy shows how a burden of troubles can be relieved by talking to a good listener. Comment on the title 'Horegallu'.
12. Elaborate the idea in the lines given below:

This is better money – what good times
The government gives rice to those who don't have paddy fields

13. The Amigo brothers left the ring arm in arm, without waiting for the verdict. Prepare the script for an announcement to be made soon after their exit.
14. Do you think that Nomita, the character in Ashapura Devi's story "Matchbox" acted impulsively without thinking about the consequences? Or is she a brave woman who questions her husband's selfish ways? Prepare a character sketch of Nomita.

(Question 15-19) Answer any your questions. Each questions carries 5 scores.

15. A teacher is a mentor and has great role in moulding the personality of child. Analyse the character of the teacher in the story "Crime and Punishment" by R.K Narayan.
16. In the essay 'The 3Ls of Empowerment' Christine Lagarde suggests various means of empowering women. Write a paragraph on the 3 Ls of empowerment suggested by her.
17. The career guidance and adolescent counselling cell conducted career guidance classes in schools as part of the school level activities. Given below is a notice of the programme conducted in your school. Draft a report in not more than 80 words.

ABC School, Vadodra

Career Guidance and Adloescent Counselling Session

Date	: 18 th Nov 2019, Time 10am
Venue	: School Auditorium
Prayer	: School Choir
Welcome Speech	: Mr Amith Kumar, Principal
Keynote Address	: Sri Mukul Sinha, CG& AC, Delhi University Open Forum
Vote of Thanks	: School Co- Ordinater, CG& Ac

18. The authorities of your Panchayat and school are impressed by your services as student councillor and leader of Anti Drug Campaign and they decide to honour you for that. Prepare the speech that you would deliver after receiving the award.
19. Your school has decided to provide free education to a group of poor children. You would like to inform Shaheen, Mistri about this new venture and invite her to visit your school. Prepare an email to be sent (60 words).

(Questions 20-22) Answer any two questions. Each carries 6 scores.

20. The following is an advertisement that came in a leading newspaper. You are qualified to apply for the same. Prepare a job application letter and a resume to apply for the post.

WANTED

For

ETHIHAD AIRWAYS

NEW AIRPORT ROAD, KHALIFA CITY
P.O. Box. 35566, ABUDHABI. UAE

‘On board Food and Beverage Manager’.

Qualifications

- Bachelor Degree in Hotel Management
from a recognised University
- 2-3 years of experience in a similar capacity

Apply before : 31 March 2018.

21. Robert Baldurin becomes a popular person after the bank closure episode. A journalist approaches him for an interview. What would the journalist ask him? Frame five questions for the interview.
22. Imagine that the parcel given in the post office by the foreign tourist in the play 'Post Early for Christmas' contained a real time-bomb, as everybody forced. On a complaint filed by the Assistant, the police arrested the tourist when he returned to the post office to take his hat. A newspaper reported the incident in detail the next day. What would be the report? Write the newspaper report assuming you are the reporter.

(Questions 23-25) Answer any two questions. Each Question carries 8 scores.

23. An essay writing competition is being conducted in your school in connection with the Environment Day Celebrations. Write an essay on the environment crisis, suggesting possible measures to overcome it.
24. Just traffic jam slows down the traffic, corruption slows down a country's development. Prepare a write up on the topic "Corruption : Ways to counter it".
25. Read the following Poem:

A FENCE

Now the stone house on the lake front is finished and the
workmen are beginning the fence.

The palings are made of iron bars with steel points that
can stab the life out of any man who falls on them.

As a fence, it is a masterpiece, and will shut off the rabble
and all vagabonds and hungry men and all wandering
children looking for a place to play.

Passing through the bars and over the steel points will go
nothing except Death and the Rain and To- morrow.

(Carl Sandburg)

Now Compare the poem with 'Mending Wall' by Robert Frost.

ENGLISH – PROBABLE QUESTIONS



1. Short write up – Express your views /opinion
2. Giving advice /making suggestions/making requests
3. Script of a Speech
4. Questions based on extracts from prescribed lesson-prose poem.
5. Character Sketch – Nomita, Ratna, Robert Baldwin,
Teacher in Crime and Punishment,
Grand Father in Horegallu.

OR

Comparison of Characters

Antonio and Felix, Robert Baldwin and his son John, Speaks and neighbour in Mending Wall.

6. Answer in a paragraph of 60 words.
7. Letter to the editor
8. Job application letter, Resume
9. Email
10. Interview/Conversation
11. Essay–Women Empowerment/ Honesty in Public Life, Conservation of Nature/Dangers of Drug Abuse.
12. Script for- introduction of a play/panel discussion
13. Newspaper report/Report writing/Report of programme or tournament
14. Debate
15. Aptness of the title/alternative title – of a prescribed poem/short story
16. Blog
17. Comparison of a prescribed poem with another poem of a similar theme.

Language Elements

18. Tense
19. Preposition
20. Report Speech
21. Passive voice
22. Phrasal verbs
23. Adjectives/ Adjective phrase/Clause
24. Idioms/Idiomatic expressions
25. Editing Passage/ Error Correction.

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