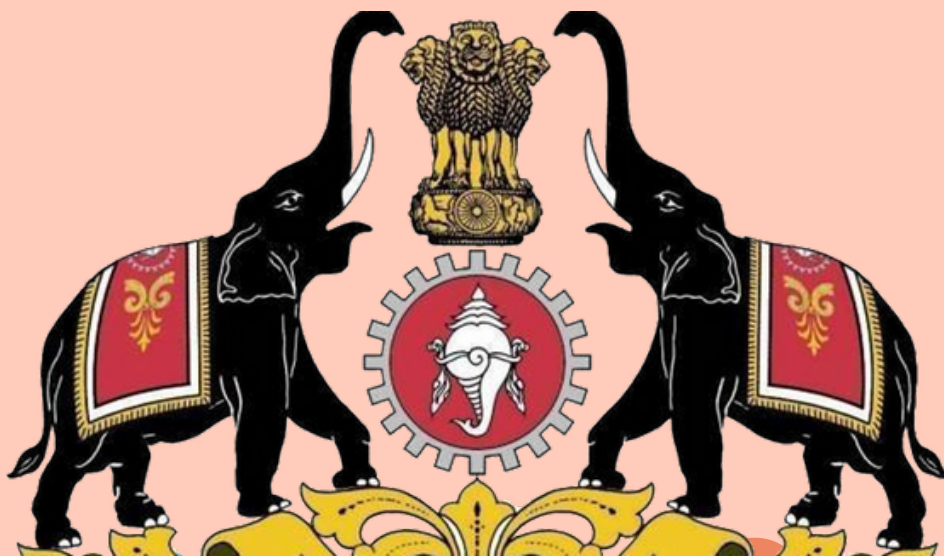


PLUS

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NOTES

Chapter Wise



UNIT-1 FLIGHTS OF FREEDOM

3 Ls OF EMPOWERMENT

Christine Lagarde

Women Empowerment

- Learning
- Labour
- Leadership

Learning(Education)

- It is a foundation upon which any change is built.
- It helps women to break the barriers.
- Gives women confidence.
- Helps them to get a job.

Labour

- Generates income.
- Makes them financially independent.

Leadership

- Women gain greater dignity and respect.
- Helps to realise their potential.

1. Explain the African adage

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

Ans: Educating women is more important than educating men. A man utilises his education for self development whereas a woman uses it for the benefit of her family and the society.

2. Problems faced by women in the work place

Ans: Low-wages, low status and low-security.

3. The literary club of your school is celebrating the International Women’s day. Prepare the script for a speech on ‘Empowering Women’ to be delivered on the occasion.

Ans: Respected dignitaries on and off the dais,

Today I am here to speak on the topic empowering women.

(Hints: Present status of women- contribute far less than men-steps for empowerment)

I conclude my speech in the hope that we will work hard to make our dreams come true.

Thank you very much.

ANY WOMAN

Katharine Tynan

- The poem celebrates the self-effacing love of mothers
- The mother compares herself to many things like pillars, fire, light, heat, walls, doors etc.
- The poem ends with the mother’s prayer to Jesus to keep her alive till the children grow.

1. What does Manger mean?

Ans: A trough from which cattle feed.(Christ was born in a manger)

2. What is the figure of speech used in the line

“I am the house from floor to roof”

Ans: Metaphor

3. Elaborate the idea in the given lines:

The keystone of the arch am I.

Take me away, and roof and wall

Would fall to ruin me utterly.

Ans: The given lines are from the poem 'Any Woman'. This poem is all about a mother's love for her family. Just as the house crumbles and falls down when once the keystone is shaken, the family will shatter if the mother is taken away.

4. Read the poem given here and prepare an appreciation comparing it with 'Any Woman'.
..... is a beautiful poem by the famous poet..... . The poem is simple but thought provoking. The theme of the poem is relevant.

This poem has a close comparison with Any Woman by Katharine Tynan. Both the poems have a similar theme. Many poetic devices are used in the poem.

MATCHBOX

Ashapura Debi

- Nomita and Ajit are the main characters in the story.
 - Nomita finds the crumpled letter inside Ajit's pocket.
 - She becomes angry and quarrels with him.
 - They fight and she sets fire to her sari.
 - Ajit is afraid and puts out the fire.
 - Nomita does not reveal the real nature of Ajit.
1. Read the excerpt from Matchbox and answer the questions given below
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.
- a)'Indigent' means.....
Ans: Poor
- b)How could she send her daughter to a wealthy family?
Ans: because of the beauty of her daughter.
- c)Why is it said that she never stopped taking credit?
Ans: She used to often tell others about her achievement.
2. Why are women compared to matchboxes?
Ans: Because like matchboxes , women too contain enough gunpowder to explode. But they sit around meek and innocent in the kitchen, in the bedroom and in fact in any place.
3. What is called an 'ugly habit'? Why?
Ans: The habit of Ajit opening and reading letters addressed to Nomita, without her permission is called ugly habit.
4. Prepare a character sketch of Nomita
Ans: Nomita is the main character of the story Matchbox. She is a typical Indian housewife. She has no intention of utilising her talents and thus become independent. She does not reveal her husband's real nature to others.
5. Prepare a blurb of your favourite book(blurb is a write up on the back cover of a book which tempts the reader to buy and read it)
Ans:

The Kite Runner Khaled Hosseini An international sensation that dominated 'The New York Times' best seller list for more than two years. The Kite Runner has touched millions of readers. The New York Times Book review A marvellous first novel. The story of two young boys who are friends and an incredible story of the culture of Afghanistan. San Fransisco Chronicle Published by Penguin Books \$25
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HOREGALLU

Sudha Murty

- A stone bench that can bear weight
 - It helps tired peasants to rest and thus regain their energy.
 - Grandfather and Ratna are two human Horegallus
 - Grandfather refreshed the travellers by listening to their worries.
 - Ratna listened to the people with sympathy and without any judgement.
1. After reading the anecdote Horegallu, you realise that you were in some way a Horegallu. Narrate the incident in which you had become a Horegallu of another person.
Ans: I got an opportunity to act as a Horegallu. I had a classmate named.....
 2. Imagine that Nomita gets a chance to talk to Ratna. How would she present her worries?
Ans: I am Nomita. Yesterday I had a quarrel with my husband.....
 3. God has given me two ears to listen to others. I hear them out with sympathy and without judgement. These are the words of Ratna. What are the qualities of a good listener?
Ans: Sincere, open minded, does not interrupt the speaker, does not come to conclusions.

UNIT 2 HEIGHTS OF HARMONY

MENDING WALL

Robert Frost

- Beautiful and symbolic poem by Robert Frost
 - Two opposite views of life
 - The poet is against all man made barriers
 - Nature does not want barriers
 - The poet and his neighbour meet to mend the wall
 - Neighbour believes that good fences make good neighbours
 - Man is savage and thinks about protecting his territory as in ancient ages
1. Read the following lines from the poem 'Mending Wall' and answer the questions given below
I see him there,
Bringing a stone grasped firmly by the top
In each hand like an old stone savage armed
a) Who is mentioned here as the old stone savage?
Ans: The neighbour.
b) Identify the figure of speech in the last line
Ans: Simile.
 2. 'Good fences make good neighbours' - Explain
Ans: The presence of a wall between the orchards does ensure good relationship.
 3. Elaborate the idea in the given lines
He is all pine and I am apple orchard.
My apple trees will never get across
And eat the cones under his pines, I tell him.
Ans: The given lines are from the poem Mending Wall. The poem is all about breaking walls that separate human beings. In the lines given here the poet is of the opinion that there is no need of a wall to separate the orchards.

AMIGO BROTHERS

Piri Thomas

- The story is all about friendship
 - Antonio Cruz and Felix Vargas are two seventeen year old boys who are very good friends.
 - Both of them are passionate about boxing.
 - They had to fight each other in a boxing match.
 - They fought hard but left the ring before the result was announced.
1. 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 the exit

Ans: Ladies and Gentlemen, your kind attention please. The blood chilling fight between the two amigo brothers has finally come to an unexpected end. They are leaving the ring arm in arm without waiting for the verdict. The referee seems to be confused. Let us see what the organisers are going to do next.

2. You are a friend of the amigo brothers and you witnessed the contest between them. Prepare a blog entry describing the contest.

Ans:

The contest between The amigo brothers

December 15,2022

Today I witnessed a contest between the amigo brothers. A huge crowd had gathered to watch the match. The first round was dominated by Antonio whereas the second round was dominated by Felix. But finally.....

rajeevkumar@gmail.com

3. You are deputed to cover the boxing match between the two amigo brothers for a local newspaper. Prepare a newspaper report on the event.

Unexpected End in Boxing Bout

Staff Reporter

Manhattan, Dec15,2022: The boxing bout between Antonio Cruz and Felix Vargas ended in an unexpected manner. The first round..... The second round..... The final round.....

THE HOUR OF TRUTH

Percival Wilde

- The Hour of Truth is a short play all about the need to be truthful.
- The main character is Robert Baldwin, honest and truthful, he was the assistant of Gresham(CEO)
- Other characters are Martha(Baldwin's wife), John (Baldwin's son), Evie (Baldwin's daughter) and Marshall(Senior official of The Third National bank).
- Gresham misused the funds of the bank and was arrested
- Baldwin was keen on giving evidence against his boss and was not ready to accept the money offered to him
- Finally Gresham confessed and Baldwin was awarded with a job offer in the Third National bank

1. Prepare a character sketch of Robert Baldwin.

Ans: Robert Baldwin is the main character in the play. He is honest and hard working. He was underpaid by his employer but still sincere in his work. He could not be corrupted and is finally rewarded for being truthful.

2. After giving evidence in the court, Baldwin and Gresham meet at the courtyard. Prepare a likely conversation that would take place between them.

Gresham: Hello Baldwin.

Baldwin: Hello Gresham

Gresham: Could you spare a minute for me?

Baldwin: Sure sir.

Gresham: why did you give evidence against me?

Baldwin: I can't say lies in the court.

Gresham: But you are my childhood friend

Baldwin: Sorry, but I value truth more than anything.

3. Corruption has hindered the development of our country. It is time we take measures to put an end to this menace. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper on this issue.
(corruption is rampant- people look for easy ways to achieve – development adversely affected- need to change laws- attitude of people should change)

From

Name

House No

Place

Date

To

The Editor

ABC Times

Place

Sir,

Sub: Corruption a Curse of the society

(Body of the letter)

Yours truly

S/d

Name

4. Report the conversation in the play

John: Offered you money, Dad?

Baldwin: Yes, a hundred thousand dollars.

Ans: John asked his father whether he was offered money.

Baldwin replied that he was offered a hundred thousand dollars.

UNIT 3 CHALLENGES OF LIFE

A THREE WHEELED REVOLUTION

- Irfan Alam is a social entrepreneur.
 - He started Sammaan foundation to uplift the life of rickshaw pullers.
 - Sammaan is a non profitable organisation.
 - It helps the rickshaw puller to become the proud owner.
1. The Research & Development wing of Sammaan is planning to redesign rickshaws with necessary improvements. Imagine that you write an e- mail to Irfan Alam, giving your suggestions. What would you write?

To : Irfanalam@gmail.com

Dear Irfan,

I have come to know that you are planning to make some modifications in the pulling rickshaws. I would like to suggest the following modifications.

1. Install audio system for entertainment.
2. Provide the rickshaws with a phone. The travellers can be charged for the calls they make.
3. Provide a waste bin at a convenient space in the rickshaws.

I hope these suggestions are useful.
Deepak.

DIDI

Shaheen Mistri

- ‘Didi’ is a life writing.
 - It is the story of Shaheen Mistri, the founder of Akanksha schools.
 - Akanksha schools were started to educate children from slum areas of Mumbai.
 - Shaheen struggled a lot to establish Akanksha schools.
 - Akanksha schools grew organically.
1. “Teach for India” by Shaheen Mistri published an advertisement seeking volunteers to teach the children in low income areas. You wish to apply for the vacancy. Prepare an application and resume (CV- Curriculum Vitae)

From

Sajeesh T,
House No. VIII/435,
Jawahar Street,
Mumbai.

23.11.2022

To

Director,
Teach for India foundation,
Mumbai.

Sir,

Sub: Application for the Post of Volunteer Teacher

I have read your advertisement published in newspapers seeking volunteers to work as teachers. I am highly impressed by your initiative in the field of education. I am happy to work as a volunteer in your enterprise. My resume is attached herewith. I am very thankful to you if my application is considered.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

s/d

Sajeesh.

RESUME

Current Address	Name, email & Phone Number	Permanent address	
House No. VIII/435, Jawahar Street, Mumbai-14	Sajeesh T sajeesh@gmail.com 9829787655	House No. VIII/ 435, Jawahar Street, Mumbai-14	
<u>Educational Qualifications</u>			
<u>Degree</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Year of passing</u>
1. MA English	II	St. Jones College, Mumbai	2020
2. BA English	I	St. Xaviers College, Mumbai	2018
3. Plus Two	I	Loyola Public School, Pune	2015
4. SSLC	I	Loyola Public School, Pune	2013
<u>Experience</u>			
Two years experience in teaching at Higher Secondary Level.			
<u>Activities</u>			
- Member of Blood Donation forum. - Secretary of Local Public Library.			
<u>Skills</u>			
I play violin, Play cricket, Have computer knowledge.			
<u>Languages known</u>			
English, Hindi, Marati and Malayalam.			
Sajeesh T			

2. Suppose your application for the vacancy of teachers in “Teach for India” is considered positively and you are invited for an interview. Prepare 5 questions and possible answers.

Interviewer : Why do you prefer to teach?

You : Teaching is my passion.

Interviewer : Do you have any teaching experience?

You : Sure sir, I worked as a teacher for 2 years in higher secondary level.

Interviewer : What was your experience there?

You : The children were energetic. They were friendly.

Interviewer : What do you know about Akanksha schools?

You : Akanksha is an educational effort to teach children from low income Areas. It was founded by Shaheen Mistri.

Interviewer : How do you teach them if you are selected?

You : The children have great energy. I wish to channelize them to create innovative ideas.

3. Shaheen refers to Indian education system as ‘bookish’. Comment on this.

Indian education system is bookish. We give importance in learning books. Examinations are memory checks. We don’t give importance to competency.

STAMMER

K .Satchidanandan

- Stammer is a poem by Satchidanandan
- Stammer is not a handicap. It is a mode of speech.
- Stammer is a language.

- Stammer is a mother tongue.
 - Stammer is a social phenomenon.
 - Society stammers when faces burning social issues.
- Do you think that the words “ Just as it is with us now” refer to our response to burning social issues? Why?
- Yes, I think that the words “Just as it is with us now” refer to our response to burning social issues. People cannot find solutions to their problems. They stammer and divert from real issues.
- You have read the poem ‘Stammer’ by Satchidanandan. You are much influenced by the theme of the poem. Prepare a blog entry to express your feelings and thoughts.

STAMMER

(25th December,2022; Sumita Narayan)

I have read the poem ‘Stammer’ by the famous poet Satchidanandan. It is a highly complex poem. It is not easy to understand. The poet says that stammer is not a handicap. It is a mode of speech. It is a language too. When all people stammer, it becomes their mother tongue. God too had stammered when He created man. Stammer is a social phenomenon. People stammer when they face social issues.

UNIT 4 LIVE AND LET LIVE

WHEN A SAPLING IS PLANTED

Wangari Maathai

- It is a Nobel Prize acceptance speech by Wangari Maathai
 - She was the Kenyan environmentalist
 - She is the first African woman to receive Nobel prize
 - She founded Green Belt Movement
 - She talks about deforestation, commercial plantations and destruction of local biodiversity
 - The challenge of our generation is restoring the beauty and wonder of the world.
- With regard to his relationship with nature, man acts as a hero/villain. He takes the roles of both preserver and destroyer. But unfortunately, his selfishness prompts him to be more a destroyer than a preserver. In spite of being aware of the consequences, he continues. Write a letter to Editor of a popular daily, expressing your concern over the issue.

From

Name,
House Name
Place

Date

To

The Editor,
Indian Express
Kochi

Sir,

Sub:Destruction of environment

I write this letter to show my concern over the destruction of the environment.

We destroy the environment in many ways and that is why we have disasters year after year. But we continue with deforestation, sand mining etc. We continue polluting our environment with vehicles and factories.

If we destroy the nature, it will destroy us through floods, drought and pandemics like covid-19, which we are still fighting with.

Let us be preservers of our environment and not its destroyers

Yours faithfully

S/d

Name

2. Prepare a profile of Wangari Maathai from the hints given
[Born-1 April 1940, Kenya, Education-B. Sc, M. Sc, PhD (from the university of Nairobi), Founder-Green Belt Movement, Fame – Kenyan environmentalist, political activist, women's rights activist, Awards and Honours-Right Livelihood Award (1986), Nobel Prize (2004), Indira Gandhi peace prize (2006), World citizenship Award (2007) Died-25 September 2011].

Wangari Maathai

Wangari Maathai was born in Kenya on 1 April 1940. She is a well educated lady with a B. Sc, MSc and PhD from the university of Nairobi. She founded the Green Belt Movement. She was a famous environmentalist, political activist, and women's rights activist. She got Right Livelihood Award in 1986, Nobel Prize in 2004, Indira Gandhi Peace Prize in 2006 and World Citizenship Award in 2007. She died on 25 September 2011.

RICE

Chemmanam Chacko

- Rice is a poem written by Chemmanam Chacko.
 - It is a satire on changing attitude of the Kerala farmers
 - They are forced to change from food crops to cash crops.
 - The poem has two parts- his expectation on his home land and the reality.
 - The poet's father is seen happy and contented
 - The poem ends on a note of satire
1. Read the following lines of the poem 'Rice' and answer the questions that follow.
"Son we've stopped working on all the rice
It was quite inconvenient. The farmer gained nothing
Only fools turned to rice-farming for gain
This is better money"
a) Identify the speaker.
Ans: The poet's father
b) What does 'this' in the last line refer to?
Ans: 'This' refers to cash crops
c) Bring out the element of satire in these lines
Ans: Poet satirizes the modern tendency of earning maximum money with minimum effort.

DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE

Dr. Hardin. B. Jones

- This essay is a timely warning to the modern society against drug abuse.
- It focuses on the effects of drugs on the brain.
- Medicine and sensual drugs- Medicine cures illness whereas sensual drugs give the user a strong sense of pleasure
- A drug addict can easily get pneumonia, tuberculosis, liver disease, weight loss and infection of kidney and brain.

1. Prepare an essay on Substance or Drug Abuse

Substance or Drug Abuse

Today the use of drugs has increased. People get relief when they take pills for a disease and its symptoms. This belief in medicines led people to believe in the effect of mood altering pills. Sensual drugs give the user a strong sense of pleasure. These drugs activate the brain's pleasure centres artificially. This affects the functioning of brain and results in addiction.

Drug addicts experience many health disorders such as liver disease, kidney failures, pneumonia, tuberculosis, lung disease, and weight loss. Overdose can lead to death.

Drug abuse affects individuals, their families and the society as a whole. It is a curse and it leads to poverty and unemployment. We should create an awareness against drug abuse. We should bring back the addicts to normal life at the earliest.

UNIT 5 THE LIGHTER SIDE

POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS

R.H Wood

- The play takes place inside a small post office in an English village.
- It centres on a parcel that is mistaken for time-bomb.
- The play begins with the aside of the Postal Assistant.
- The tone of the play is light and humorous.

Characters:

- Postal Assistant
- Mrs. Smith: a lady having rheumatism, comes to buy some stamps and postal order.
- The deaf old gentleman: mishears, gives odd responses.
- The fussy old lady: comes to the post office thinking that it is an animal clinic.
- Farmer: makes a big fuss saying that a time bomb had been found inside a Christmas parcel in London.
- Mrs. Higgins and Bertie: the mother and the son- the son induces fun with his pranks.
- Foreign Tourist: comes to send a parcel to his friend.

1. Bring out the humour in the play

Ans: Many humorous situations in the play__someone comes to the post office and asks for a pint of beer__the deaf old man misunderstands book as cook__old lady thinks it an animal dispensary__tourist comes with a ticking parcel__anxiety over it__parcel thrown into water__people run for cover.

THIS IS GOING TO HURT JUST A LITTLE BIT

Ogden Nash

- It is about the poet's visit to a dentist
- Sitting on a dentist's chair is a torture- both mental and physical.
- The title is suggestive of the humour in the poem.
- The dentist gives us a warning about the little bit of pain which he inflicts.

Poetic Devices:

- a) Exaggeration: "And your mouth is like a section of road
That is being worked on"

"Because the dentist may be a bear"

b) Simile: “Your mouth is like a section of road”

c) Personification: Fate is personified.

1. Explain the following lines:

“But all the same how can you be sure when he takes his crowbar
In one hand and mirror in the other he won’t get mixed up”

Ans: These lines are taken from the poem ‘This is going to hurt just a little bit’ by Ogden Nash. According to the poet, the use of mirrors is the most terrifying thing. He fears that the lateral inversion in the mirror may cause the doctor to confuse the right for the left.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

R.K Narayan

- A Satire on the over parenting attitude in today’s society.
- An impatient teacher slaps a boy on impulse, and the boy blackmails his teacher.
- Title- The whole narrative is centred on the crime of the child and the Punishment given by the teacher.
- Humour: The naughty behaviour of the boy and the master being blackmailed by the student provokes laughter. The situation of the student controlling the teacher becomes funny for the readers.

1. Prepare an Essay: Should Parents and Teachers use Corporal Punishment to discipline children?

Ans: The old proverb ‘Spare the rod and spoil the child’ suggests that if children are not caned, they will be spoilt. -----disciplinary technique-----realise the mistake-----fear of punishment-----sometimes adverse effects-----reformation of behaviour-----reward good behaviour.

Do your best and don’t worry about the rest

CHARACTER ANALYSIS- PLUS TWO ENGLISH

SL NO	NAME OF CHARACTER	STORY/PLAY	PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES	TRAITS/ DETAILS
1	Nomita	Matchbox	Beautiful	Belongs to a poor family.
				Married Ajit, a rich man
				Financially dependent to Ajit
				Helpless but confident to question Ajit
				Adaptable to any situations
				Loves her mother
2	Ajit	Matchbox		Belongs to a rich joint family
				Married Nomita, a poor beautiful girl
				Makes fun of Nomita's family
				Dominates Nomita
				Insensitive to Nomita's feelings and emotions
3	Nomita's Mother	Matchbox		A widow
				Frequently writes letter to Nomita describing her hardships
				Unaware of Nomita's dislike of such letters
				Wanting to be self reliant
				Always takes credit of the marriage of Nomita to a rich man
4	Grandfather	Horegallu		A retired school teacher
				A good listener
				Used to sit on the horegallu talking to farmers
				Knew that a horegallu is essential in any journey
5	Ratna	Horegallu	Middle aged	A senior clerk and colleague of Sudha Murty
				She was seen smiling always
				Has great patience
				knew that listening would relieve the worries

SL NO	NAME OF CHARACTER	STORY/PLAY	PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES	TRAITS/ DETAILS
6	Antonio Cruz	Amigo Brothers	17 years old	Has a dream to become the world champion in boxing
			Fair, lean and lanky	Liked and respected by people in their neighbourhood
			Has long hairs	Values his friendship with Felix more than anything
7	Felix Vargas	Amigo Brothers	17 years old	Has a dream to become the world champion in boxing
			Dark, short and husky	Liked and respected by people in their neighbourhood
			Afro style hair	Values his friendship with Antonio more than anything
8	Robert Baldwin	The Hour of Truth		Very honest
				Values his principles of life more than anything
				Experiences mental pain by the words of his family members
				Rejects the bribe of hundred thousand dollars
9	Martha	The Hour of Truth		Wife of Robert Baldwin
				Proud of Baldwin's truthfulness
				She was influenced by the huge amount of money and forces Baldwin to bring the money Gresham had offered
10	Teacher	Crime and Punishment		Symbol of traditional teachers in India
				His poverty forced him to take tuition for a mischevious boy
				He commits a crime of slapping the boy
				Suffered the boy's blackmailing
11	Boy	Crime and Punishment		Mischevious in nature
				A spoiled child due to over parenting
				Blackmails his teacher

PLUS TWO ENGLISH - AT A GLANCE

SL NO	NAME OF LESSON	CATEGORY	AUTHOR	THEME	TOPICS	CHARACTERS
1	THE 3LS OF EMPOWERMENT	Speech	Christine Lagarde	Women Empowerment	Steps of Women Empowerment 1.Learning(Education) 2.Labour(Job) and 3.Leadership	
2	ANY WOMAN	Poem	Katharine Tynan	Mother role of woman	1.Woman is the focal point of the family 2.The power of woman to hold the family together	
3	MATCHBOX	Story	Ashapura Debi	Unhealthy relationship between husband and wife	Comparison of woman with Matchbox.Male dominance. Identity of woman as an individual	Ajit Nomita
4	HOREGALLU	Anecdote	Sudha Murty	Listening to others as a social service	Life is a long journey. People need to take rest and refresh. Human horegallus are essential	Grandfather Ratna
5	MENDING WALL	Poem	Robert Frost	Harmonious relationship between neighbours	Wall acts as a divider in separating the properties. Wall acts as a barrier to friendship	Poet Neighbour
6	AMIGO BROTHERS	Story	Piri Thomas	Healthy relationship between friends	Real friendship cannot be broken	Antonio Cruz Felix Vargas
7	THE HOUR OF TRUTH	One Act Play	Percival Wilde	Truth wins last	Corruptive influence of money on human relationships	Robert Baldwin Martha John Evie Marshall

SL NO	NAME OF LESSON	CATEGORY	AUTHOR	THEME	TOPICS	CHARACTERS
8	A THREE WHEELED REVOLUTION	Interview	Irfan Alam	Social Entrepreneurship SammaaN foundation	Uplifting the life of rickshaw pullers	
9	DIDI	Life Writing	Shaheen Mistri	Formation of Akanksha Schools	Education for slum children in Mumbai. Shaheen Mistri's struggle to start Akanksha schools	Sandhya, a teenage girl
10	STAMMER	Poem	Satchidanandan	Inability to respond to burning social issues	Stammer is not a handicap. Everyone stammers. Even God stammered when He created man	
11	WHEN A SAPLING IS PLANTED	Speech	Wangari Maathai	Destruction of nature affects the quality of life	Planting of trees to protect nature. Protection of nature is a democratic movement	
12	RICE	Poem	Chemmanam Chacko	Attitudinal Change of farmers in Kerala	Replacement of Food crops with Cash crops. Expectations of the poet and realities	Father Brother Mother
13	DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE	Essay	Dr. Hardin B Jones	Abuse of Drugs and its effects on human body	Difference between medicines and sensual drugs. Effects of Sensual drugs on brain activities	

SL NO	NAME OF LESSON	CATEGOTY	AUTHOR	THEME	TOPICS	CHARACTERS
14	POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS	One Act Play	R H Wood	Pain creates laughter	Humorous events at a post office	A Young Lady Assistant, Mrs Smith, Mrs Jones, A Deaf Old Gentleman, A Farmer, A fussy Old Lady Mrs Higgins Bertie A foreign Tourist A Policeman
15	THIS IS GOING TO HURT JUST A LITTLE BIT	Poem	Ogden Nash	Exaggeration is the source of humour	Terrific experience of sitting in a Dentist chair	
16	CRIME AND PUNISHMENT	Story	R K Narayan	Over parenting spoils the child	A teacher's experience with a spoiled child	Teacher Boy

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER
HIGHER SECONDARY SECOND YEAR

Time : 2½ Hours

Cool off time-15 minutes

ENGLISH

Maximum : 80 Scores

PART – I

A. Answer any 4 questions from 1 to 6. Each carries 1 score.

(4 × 1 = 4)

Read the passages and answer the following questions:

If learning is just the first step, labour is the second. Labour facilitates women to flourish and achieve their true potential.

1. Identify the speaker of the passage.

2. How does labour facilitate women?

“I am not a trained counsellor or an intellectual. No one can solve your problem. You have to do it yourself”.

3. Whose words are these?

4. a) Identify the qualities of a good listener

b) Who is the narrator?

I am the pillars of the house;

The keystone of the arch am I.

Take me away, and roof and wall

Would fall to ruin me utterly.

5. Identify the figure of speech used in these lines.

6. How is a mother compared to the keystone of the arch?

B. Answer all the questions from 7 to 10. Each carries 1 score

(4x1=4)

Fill in the blanks using the correct tense form of the words given in brackets

Later on in life, I ___7___ (get) to see something that ___8___ (remind) me of that stone bench once again. I ___9___ (work) in Mumbai. One of my colleagues, Ratna, ___10___ (be) a senior, middle aged and always smiling.

PART II

A. Answer any 3 questions from 11 to 15. Each carries 2 scores.

(3x2=6)

11. Bring out the satire in the lines ‘ Can we get some husk from the centre too, to make toys with it?’

12. Comment on the significance of the title of Robert Frost’s poem ‘Mending Wall’

13. Your class is going to present the play ‘The Hour of Truth’ on stage. Prepare an announcement before the play.

14. The poet and his neighbour are found to be repairing a wall in the poem ‘Mending Wall’. What is your opinion about walls? Prepare a write up on the symbolic significance of wall.

15. Change the voice of the given sentences

a) The students enjoyed the movie.

b) Wonderful poems were written by Wordsworth.

B. Answer any 2 questions from 16 to 18. Each carries 2 scores

(2x2=4)

16. Stammer is the silence that falls

between the word and its meaning. Explain.

17. Report the conversation

Mrs Higgins: I want a book of stamps and a money order for two pounds eleven shillings and five pence.

Assistant: Here is the book of stamps, madam, and would you please fill in this form for the money order.

18. Your friend has a problem of stammering .Write two pieces of advice that you would give him. Use expressions like It's better....., You could....., Why don't you.....? etc

PART III

Answer any 3 questions from 19 to 23. Each carries 4 scores

19. In the anecdote Horegallu, Sudha Murty talks about her Grandfather who used to act as a Horegallu for the poor villagers. Prepare a character sketch of Grandfather based on the ideas from the anecdote

20.Elaborate the idea in the African Adage, "If you educate a boy you train a man. If you educate a girl you train a village."

21. After reading the poem 'Stammer', you wish to express your views about the poem through a blog. Prepare the blog entry.

22. Imagine that Shaheen Mistri visits your school as part of programme organised by the NSS unit. As the student leader how will you introduce her to the audience? Prepare the introductory speech.

23. Imagine that a debate is being organised in your school on the topic ' No development at the cost of the environment'. Write four points for or against the topic.

B. Answer any 1 question from 24 to 25. Question carries 4 scores (1x4=4)

24. The Entrepreneurship Club of your school has decided to invite Irfan Alam to inaugurate a seminar on the need to promote Entrepreneurship among students. As the secretary of the club prepare an email to invite him.
25. Prepare a blurb on the problems faced by women in Indian household based on the ideas you get from the story 'Matchbox'.

PART-IV

A. Answer any 3 questions from 26 to 29. Each carries 6 scores (3x6=18)

26. Robert Baldwin met Gresham after he joined the Third National Bank. Write the possible conversation between Baldwin and Gresham in at least 6 exchanges.
27. The anti drug club of your school is conducting a seminar on the topic 'The spread of substance abuse among youth'. Prepare a seminar report.
28. Nomita is tensed up about the way in which she is treated by her husband. She met Ratna at a function and spoke to her about her worries. Prepare the likely narrative by Nomita.
29. The teacher in the story 'Crime and Punishment' writes a letter to his friend about the pranks played by the little boy on him. Write the letter by the teacher to his friend.

B. Answer any 2 questions from 30 to 32. Each carries 6 scores (2x6=12)

30. You are a participant in a panel discussion on the topic 'How to promote traditional methods of Farming'. Draft a script of your presentation.

31. Shaheen Mistri delivered a speech on the challenges that she faced in starting Akanksha foundation during the inauguration of one of the Akanksha Centres. Prepare the speech that she would deliver.

32. You have been assigned to interview Wangari Maathai after she won the Nobel prize. Write 6 questions that you would ask her and her responses to your questions

PART -V

Answer any 2 questions from 33 to 35. Each carries 8 scores

33. Sammaan foundation is looking for teachers to give training in various subjects. You wish to apply for the post of a teacher in Sammaan. Prepare a letter of application and a resume that you would send to them.

34. In her speech Christine Lagarde speaks about the three Ls to empower women. Do you think that Indian women can also be empowered using her ideas? Prepare an article on the measures to be taken to empower Indian Women.

35. Read the poem by Joanna Fuhas and prepare an appreciation comparing it with 'Any Woman' by Katharine Tynan

My Miracle Mother

Mom, I look at you
and see a walking miracle.
Your unfailing love without limit,
your ability to soothe my every hurt,
the way you are on duty, unselfishly,
every hour, every day,
makes me so grateful
that I am yours, and you are mine.

With open arms and open heart,
with enduring patience and inner strength,
you gave so much for me,
sometimes at your expense.

You are my teacher,
my comforter, my encourager,
appreciating all, forgiving all.

Sometimes I took you for granted, Mom,
but I don't now, and I never will again.

I know that everything I am today
relates to you and your loving care.

I gaze in wonder
as I watch you being you—
my miracle, my mother.