

ASSIGNMENT FOR CLASS 12 ENGLISH CORE

Literature:

- "When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie
Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by
The tigers in the panel that she made
Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid"

 - Why are the hands called terrified?
 - Who mastered Aunt Jennifer? Why?
 - Explain the phrase 'rigid with ordeals'.
 - Will Aunt's death affect the tigers?
- "..... and clear rills
That for themselves a cooling covert make
'gainst the hot season; the mid forest brake
Rich with a sprinkling of fair musk rose blooms"

 - What do 'clear rills' refer to?
 - How are they beneficial to mankind?
 - What gives us happiness in the 'mid forest brake' and how?
 - Explain 'Rich Blooms'.
- 'On their slag-heap, these children
Wear skins peeped through by bones and spectacles of steel
With mended glass, like bottle bits on stones
All of their time and space are foggy slum.
So blot their maps with slum as big as dooms."

 - Explain what the poet mean in the first line.
 - How is the time of the children described?
 - What is the map of the slum children described as?
 - Identify the figure of speech in the third line of the given extract.
- "Perhaps the Earth can teach us
As when everything seems dead
And later proves to be alive.
Now I'll count up to twelve
And you keep quiet and I will go."

 - What can the Earth teach us?
 - What does the poet wish to do finally?
 - Explain the importance of the third line of the given extract.
 - What does the poet mean by 'seems dead'?
- "Those who prepare green wars, wars with gas, wars with fire,
Victory with no survivors, would put on clean clothes
And walk about with their brothers in the shade, doing nothing"

 - Who are 'those' in the first line?
 - What are 'green wars'?
 - Explain 'victory with no survivors'.
 - What figure of speech is used in the above stanza?
- "He does not know what it means. If he knew its meaning-lord of the universe-he would have a hard
time believing it. Unaware of what his name represents, he roams the streets with his friends, an army
of barefoot boys who appear like the morning birds and disappear at noon."

 - Who is 'he' in the line?
 - What does 'Shaheb-e-Alam' mean in the line?
 - Explain the meaning of 'an army of barefoot'.
 - Pick a word from the extract which means 'not knowing that something exists'.

7. "Thus, piece by piece, he built a swimmer. And when he had perfected each piece, he put them together into an integrated whole. In April he says, "Now you can swim. Dive off and swim the length of the pool, crawl stroke."
 - a) Who is 'he' in the lines?
 - b) What does it mean 'piece by piece'?
 - c) What advice did he suggest to the narrator in April?
 - d) Did narrator succeed in leading a wholesome life?
8. It was late in December. Darkness was already descending over the forest. This increased the danger, and increased also his gloom and despair. Finally he saw no way out, and he sank down on the ground, tired to death, thinking that his last moment had come. But just as he laid his head on the ground, he heard a sound—a hard regular thumping.
 - a) What increased the danger in the forest?
 - b) What drew his attention?
 - c) What did peddler think Sinking on the ground?
 - d) in the extract means 'walk falteringly'

Short Answer Questions:

9. What was the contract that existed between the share croppers of Champaran and their British landowners?
10. 'I crossed to oblivion, and the curtain of life fell'. Who speaks this line? In what context does the speaker make this statement?
11. 'Shaheb's life is a tale of endless struggles.' Explain.
12. Why is it difficult for the bangle makers to organize themselves into a co-operative?
13. What made the narrator think "will they make them sing in German, even the pigeons"?
14. What strategy did Douglas apply to save himself from drowning?
15. How did Tiger King's arm become seriously infected?
16. Explain Sophie's description about her first meeting with Danny Casey.
17. How did Evans' accomplice facilitate his escape from prison?
18. How does Mr. Lamb teach Derry to celebrate life in all its forms?
19. Why was the cutting of her hair such a traumatic experience for Zitkala-sa?
20. 'A strict hierarchy was maintained in the make-up department'. Explain the statement.
21. How does Eco define 'interstice'? How did he deal with it?
22. What strange things did the narrator see at the third level at Grand Central Station?
23. "To visit Antarctica now is to be part of the history". What does it mean?
24. What are phytoplanktons? What role do they play in Antarctica's ecosystem?
25. What story did Jo want to hear the next day and why? What was father's reaction to it?
26. On the seventh day after Dr. Sadao had typed the incomplete letter, two things happened. What were they?

Long Answer Questions:

27. The Champaran episode was a turning point in Gandhi's life. Justify.
28. Education has the power to remove all barriers of caste and religion. How did Bama prove this saying? Who inspired her to think in this manner?
29. What conflicting ideas arise in Dr. Sadao's mind after he had brought the wounded American soldier home? How was the conflict resolved?
30. Comment on the irony of the story 'The Tiger King'.
31. How did the negligence of the prison officers prove to be a boon for Evans?
32. Firm determination and resolution, aimed at the positive track of life, become a turning point. Discuss with reference to 'Indigo'.

Writing Section

33. You are a student of Laxmi Public School, Model Town, New Delhi. The school is holding its Annual Function at 5.30 p.m. on 24 December, 2019. The Education Minister has consented to be Chief Guest. Design an invitation card to be sent to the parents and other invitees.
34. Draft a poster on behalf of Delhi Police against terrorism.
35. You are Ranveer of 254 Greater Kailash, New Delhi. You want to sell the first floor of your newly constructed house. Draft an advertisement in the Indian Express under its classified column in not more than 50 words. Include all relevant details.
36. The International Book Fair is being held at Pragati Maidan between 7 January to 14 January, 2020. As a librarian; write a notice informing the students about it.
37. Write an article in 150-200 words on how we can make India a carefree and enjoyable place for women when they can go wherever they like to without any fear of being stared at.
38. Recently you have attended a seminar on 'Disaster Management', which is matters related to floods, earthquakes, fire, etc. Write a report to be published in the school magazines. You are Priti, Head Girl.
39. 'Our large population is not a cause of poverty but an asset, a resource.' Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion.
40. 'Rising prices can be controlled only by the government.' Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion.
41. Recently your town experienced a cloudburst during heavy rains. Write a newspaper report covering the incident in 150-200 words.
42. Beggars and begging scams are increasing at an alarming rate. As a concerned citizen, write an article on the problem of begging in India in 150-200 words.
43. Write a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly of your school on 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan'. Mention the salient points of the scheme and how students can help make it a success.
44. Write a speech in 150-200 words on the topic 'Each One Teach One' in the morning assembly as you plan to volunteer for the National Literacy Mission.
45. Write a speech on the topic, 'Discipline shapes the future of a student.' It is to be delivered in the morning assembly.
46. It gives you a good feeling when you read in newspaper how patients from abroad come to hospitals in India and get themselves treated at a fraction of expenses they will have incurred elsewhere. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily newspaper describing the importance of medical tourism for India. You are Karan/Karuna M115, Mall Road, New Delhi.
47. Draft an application for the post of accountant in Pioneers Ltd. Co., Delhi in response to its advertisement published in Times of India. Prepare a bio data to be enclosed with. You are Anjani/Ajeet Bansal.
48. Two months ago you bought a desert cooler from MIS Home Cooling pvt. Ltd. Jangpura, Delhi. Now you discover that it is not working properly. Write a letter to the manager, customers care complaining about the malfunctioning of the unit and asking them to repair and if needed to replace it against warranty.
49. You are Ashish/Nimmi, B-44 Fort Road, Jammu. You have read the advertisement given below. You are qualified for the job. Write an application along with the resume in 150 words.
50. You are Nimisa, Librarian, Sun Public School, Nagpur. Write a letter to Blossom Books Ltd, 9 Bund Marg, Hyderabad, placing an order for the books you require for your school library. Also ask about the special discount allowed and the mode of payment.
