

# KITE VICTERS ONLINE CLASS SUPPORT MATERIAL



**Class: 10**

**Subject: English**

**Unit: 4  
Flights of Fancy**

**Work Sheet: 37  
Class : 50**

**Topic: The Never, Never  
Nest (Part -4)**

**Review and Assignments based on VICTERS First Bell Online Class - 50 on 31/12/2020, Wednesday 8.30 pm**

**Previous Assignments based on VICTERS Online Class on 30/12/2020**

Dear students please check your assignments with these possible answers.

### ACTIVITY 1

Read the play 'The Never-Never Nest' and answer the following questions.

1. How did Jack plan to pay the instalments?

**Ans: Jack planned to pay his instalments by borrowing money from Thrift and Providence Trust Corporation.**

2. Why did Aunt Jane hesitated to travel in Jack's car?

**Ans: Aunt Jane hesitated because he had not yet fully owned a car.**

3. How much did Jack earn?

**Ans: Six pounds**

4. How much was the total instalment amount for Jack to pay?

**Ans: Seven pounds eight and eight pence a week.**

5. What did Aunt Jane want them to do with the cheque?

**Ans: Aunt Jane wanted them to pay off at least one of their bills.**

### ACTIVITY 2

Imagine Jack is on a hot seat. You have the liberty to ask him six questions. What would you ask him?

Frame six questions.

**Ans:**

1. What does it feel like to be rich?

2. Are you contented with the luxuries you have?

3. Why do you feel that Aunt Jane is conservative?

4. How do you plan to pay the debt when your income is less than your expenditure?

5. Is Jill supportive of your decisions in financial matters?

6. Do you think your life is going in the right track?

Dear students,

Frame a set of 5 or 6 questions to conduct an interview of any of the characters you have come across in the stories you have learned may be asked for your SSLC Exam. Hence it is useful to familiarise framing questions like this. While framing questions, keep these points in mind?

**Points to Remember in Preparing Questionnaire**

\* Questions should be sharp and clear so that respondents must be able to read / hear the questions and respond to them accordingly.

(ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ കൃത്യവും, വ്യക്തവും അയിരിക്കണം. പ്രതികരിക്കുന്ന ആൾക്ക് വ്യക്തമായി വായിക്കുവാനോ കേൾക്കുവാനോ, അനുസൃതമായി ഉത്തരം നൽകുവാനും കഴിയുന്നതായിരിക്കണം)

\* **Identify the context.**

(ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടാക്കേണ്ട സന്ദർഭം തിരിച്ചറിയുക)

\* **Understand the person and collect his/her details.**

(ചോദ്യം ചോദിക്കേണ്ട വ്യക്തിയെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള വിവരങ്ങൾ/വിശദാംശങ്ങൾ മനസ്സിലാക്കുക)

\* **Identify the situation in which the interview is held.**

(മുഖമുഖം നടക്കുന്ന സാഹചര്യം തിരിച്ചറിയുക/മനസ്സിലാക്കുക)

\* **Bring in personal observations and views.**

(ചോദ്യകർത്താവിന്റെ നിരീക്ഷണങ്ങളും അഭിപ്രായങ്ങളും ഉൾക്കൊള്ളുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തുക)

\* **Look on the appropriateness of the language.**

(ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് അനുയോജ്യമായ ഭാഷ ഉപയോഗിക്കുക)

\* **The questions can be framed with 'Wh' questions or 'Yes/No' questions.**

(ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ 'Wh' അല്ലെങ്കിൽ Yes/No രൂപത്തിലുള്ളതോ ആവാം)

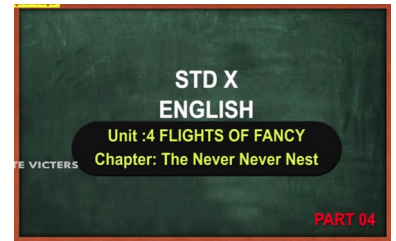
\* **The questions should be inter-linked based on the responses.**

(പ്രതികരണങ്ങളോട് ബന്ധപ്പെടുത്തിവേണം തുടർ ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ തയ്യാറാക്കുവാൻ)

**Review and Assignments based on Vickers Online Class on 31/12/2020.**  
**‘The Never Never Nest’ Part - 4**

Dear students,

Did you watch the English class today? (31/12/2020). If not, **Click on the image** to watch the video. After watching the video try the following assignments. Hope the following explanations will help you to have a feedback of today’s class. The class continued with the discussion of the last part of the play ‘The Never never Nest’ - a play by Cedric mount. Character Sketch of Jack and Review of the play were the assignments given



**UNIT IV**  
**FLIGHTS OF FANCY**

This unit is title as ‘Flights of Fancy’ and consists of three literary pieces – a short story, a one act play and a poem. They are set independent, but thematically inter-linked. The first one ‘The Scholarship Jacket’ is a short story by Martha Salinas. This story speaks about the obstacles the narrator had to encounter in her school days. The second one is a poem titled ‘Poetry’ written by Pablo Neruda, a Chilean poet. In this poem, the poet shares his experience of being embraced by creativity. The third one ‘The Never Never Nest is a one-act play, depicting a couple Jck and Jill. Who brought each and every luxury of life on instalments and are living cheerfully without even being aware that they would be struggling under the burden in the near future. Read and the enjoy learning the story, the play and the poem.

**Let’s Recap**

**The Never-Never Nest**

*The one-act play ‘The Never-Never Nest’ is a comedy about a young naive couple Jack and Jill who believe in buying things in instalments. They purchased a new villa in New Hampstead, a car, furniture, a radiogram, a piano and a refrigerator. Aunt Jane a relative of Jack and Jill visited their new house. She was surprised to find that they lived in a beautiful house with all comforts. She found it hard to believe that Jack could afford all these things especially the house.*

**Let’s Listen to the interview with Jack at the Hot Seat**

Welcome Jack.

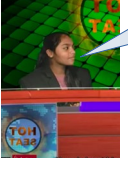
You bought a new villa recently. Is that your dream home?

I can understand. But tell me, are you happy and contented with what you have?

Thank you.

Yes, of course. It’s my dream come true and I have tried to make it as colourful as possible.

I am somewhat happy with what I have right now. But I’m not contented. I have more plans

	<p>What are your further plans?</p>	<p>I expect an increment this year and plan to buy a few more things on instalment. To be precise, I won a good an luxurious life like the rich people around me.</p>	
	<p>You are looking for a luxurious life. Anything you have bought is on instalment. Do you think your decision is right?</p>	<p>Why? Of course. We just have only one life. What is wrong in making it colourful?</p>	
	<p>You spend more than what you earn. Have you any thought about the consequences of drowning in debt?</p>	<p>Why think so much? Look at the birds, they do not sow, reap or store away in the barns. I don't bother much about future.</p>	
	<p>Does your wife Jill support your decision?</p>	<p>Yes. She is a very loving an supportive spouse and we make decisions together and implement them together.</p>	
	<p>What about Aunt Jane? Isn't she concerned about you and Jill?</p>	<p>She loves us. She is a bit conservative too. Actually we owe everything to her.</p>	
	<p>Aunt Jane wants you to be frugal. Isn't that a good thought?</p>	<p>It is indeed a bit good thought. But a bit old fashioned too. We just have one life.</p>	
	<p>I understand the difference of opinion. So, what did you do with the cheque She had gifted before she left?</p>	<p>That's a big story.</p>	

**What is that big story?**

**What did they do with the cheque?**

**Did they pay off at least one of the bills?**

**To know this let's Read the Play**

**Open your text book and turn to Page No. 134**

AUNT JANE (kissing her): Good-bye, my dear. (She and Jack .....

JILL: Why; just one more instalment and the BABY'S REALLY OURS]

**Hope you read the play. Now let's answer a few questions.**

**Glossary** (Refer to the glossary while reading the text. It will help you comprehend the play well)

- addresses - write the name and address of the intended recipient on (an envelope, letter, or parcel) (മേൽവിലാസമെഴുതുക)
- envelop - a cover (കത്തയയ്ക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള കവർ)
- endorse - sign (a cheque or bill of exchange) on the back (കടം വാങ്ങുക)
- tartar - a harsh, fierce, or intractable person (വികടൻ, മുരടൻ, പരുക്കൻ സ്വഭാവമുള്ളയാൾ)
- pathetically - in a way that arouses pity (ദയനീയമായി)

**Let's Recap the play**

The one-act play 'The Never-Never Nest' is a comedy about a young couple who lead a luxurious life. Jack and Jill believe in buying things in instalments, They purchased a car, a radiogram, a piano, a refrigerator, furniture and a villa at New Hampstead.

Aunt Jane is a relative of Jack and Jill. She visited their new house and found it hard to believe that Jack could afford all the luxuries. Aunt Jane understood that Jack and Jill had everything but they did not own anything because everything was bought on instalment basis. The instalments were more than the earnings and so Aunt Jane was shocked. She couldn't digest the fact when Jack shared his plan of borrowing money again from the Thrift and Providence Trust Corporation. She believed that one should not owe money to anyone in life. Before she left, she gave the couple a cheque for ten pounds and told them to use it to make at least one thing completely their own. Jack went to the bus stop to see off Aunt Jane. By this time Jill endorsed the check and sent it to Dr. Martin to pay off the last instalment of her hospital bill at the time of her delivery. So that they can claim their Baby's ownership.

'JILL: Why; just one more instalment and the BABY'S REALLY OURS'



**ACTIVITY 1**

Read the play ‘The Never-Never Nest’ and answer the following questions.

[AUNT JANE (kissing her): Good-bye, my dear. (She and Jack .....]

JILL: Why; just one more instalment and the BABY’S REALLY OURS]

1. What did Jill do with the cheque?

**Ans: Jill endorsed the cheque and put it into an envelope along with a bill, sealed the envelope and addressed it to Dr. Martin**

2. What did Jill ask the nurse to do?

**Ans: Jill asked her to post the envelope at once.**

3. What did Jack want to do with the 10 pounds?

**Ans: Jack wanted to pay off the next two months instalments of the car.**

4. Why did Jill sent the cheque to Dr. Martin?

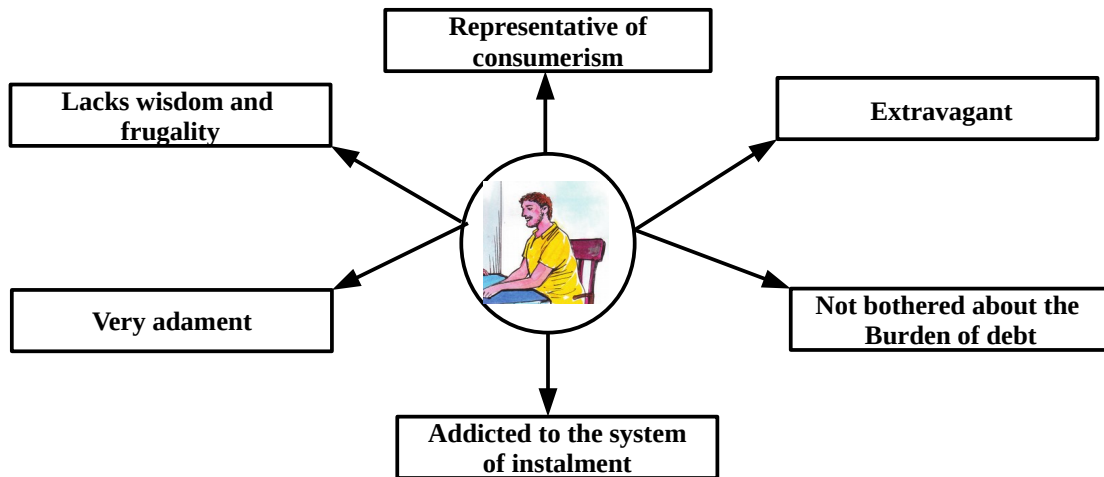
**Ans: Jill sent the cheque to Dr. Martin to pay off the last instalment of the baby.**

5. Justify the title, Never-Never nest.

**Ans: The title points to the new trend of young middle-class couple buying so many household items and houses in easy instalments. In the case of Jack and Jill, the matter is extremely serious. They have run greater risk in owning their villa that was beyond their access. With six pounds earned every week, Jack’s weekly instalments were higher than his income. The playwright feels that such couples would make a nest but they will never settle happily.**

**ACTIVITY 2**

Write the character sketch of Jack. Study the word web.



**Points to Remember**

**How do we attempt a character sketch?**  
 Identify the role and significance of the character in the story.  
 Add the character’s physique/appearance.  
 Describe the personality traits, manners, behaviour, values etc.  
 Write about the character’s relationship with the other characters.

- എങ്ങനെ കഥാപാത്ര വിവരണം എഴുതാം?
- \* കഥയിൽ, കഥാപാത്രത്തിന്റെ പ്രാധാന്യവും, പങ്കും തിരിച്ചറിയുക.
  - \* കഥാപാത്രത്തിന്റെ ശാരീരിക സവിശേഷതകൾ വിവരിക്കുക.
  - \* കഥാപാത്രത്തിന്റെ സ്വഭാവ സവിശേഷതകൾ, പെരുമാറ്റം, ഗുണഗണങ്ങൾ എന്നിവ പരാമർശിക്കുക.
  - \* കഥാപാത്രത്തിന് കഥയിലെ മറ്റു കഥാപാത്രങ്ങളോടുള്ള സമീപനം, ബന്ധം എന്നിവയെഴുതുക.
  - \* കഥാപാത്രത്തെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള നിങ്ങളുടെ വ്യക്തിപരമായ അഭിപ്രായം രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുക.

Ans:

*Jack in the play 'The Never-Never Nest' as a representative of the modern consumerism. Jack wants to live a luxurious life. He has bought a new villa in New Hampstead on hire purchase, repaying the loan in monthly instalments. He has also purchased a car, a radio, a refrigerator, a piano, furniture etc. which all add to the luxury of life. He is a man who wishes to live in the present. His monthly instalment repayment is beyond his earnings. Still then he thinks of borrowing money from The Thrift and Providence Trust Corporation to make both ends meet. Jack's salary is 6 pounds a week. But his expense is 7 pounds a week. Income is less. But the expense is more. Jack buys luxury products in instalments because he falls into the trap called buy now pay later scheme. He is not bothered about the burden of debt. He lacks the wisdom of practical life and frugality. The play mocks at the modern consumer society through the character of Jack.*

**ACTIVITY 3 (Refer Activity 1 on Page No. 135)**

Let's reflect on the one act play and complete the table given.

<b>Title</b>	<i>The Never-Never Nest</i>
<b>Significance of Title</b>	<i>A dream of a home is never going to be materialised</i>
<b>Characters Characteristics of each</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jack – a representative of consumer society.</li> <li>2. Jill – an obedient wife and loving mother.</li> <li>3. Aunt Jane – very practical and frugal.</li> <li>4. Nurse – an obedient house maid.</li> </ol>
<b>Setting</b>	<i>Lounge of Jack and Jill's villa in New Hampstead.</i>
<b>Plot</b>	<i>Jack and Jill lead a luxurious life and are addicted to consumerism without being bothered about the burden of debt.</i>
<b>Message of the play</b>	<i>Extravagance is to be avoided.</i>

Prepare a **Review** of the play based on the table

**Points to Remember**

- \* A Review should have a title  
(അവലോകനത്തിന് അനുയോജ്യമായ ഒരു തലക്കെട്ട് നൽകണം)
- \* Present the theme of the play.  
(അവലോകനത്തിൽ കഥയുടെ /നാടകത്തിന്റെ ഇതിവൃത്തം വിശദീകരിക്കണം)
- \* Interpret the plot with its shades of meaning.  
(കഥാവസ്തു പ്രതിഫലിക്കുന്ന അർത്ഥ തലങ്ങൾ വിവരിക്കുക)
- \* Analyse the characters well.  
(കഥാപാത്ര അവലോകനം ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തുക)
- \* Organise the ideas well.  
(ആശയങ്ങൾ ക്രമമായും വസ്തു നിഷ്ഠമായും അവതരിപ്പിക്കുക)
- \* Use well formed sentences and appropriate language.  
(അനുയോജ്യമായ ഭാഷ ഉപയോഗിക്കണം)

Ans:

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Aunt Jane understood that though Jack and Jill had everything, they did not own anything. Only a steering wheel of the car, a wheel and two cylinders had been paid for. And only one leg of the sofa that Aunt Jane sat on, belonged to them. Jack's salary was six pounds a week but the total amount of instalments he had to pay was seven pounds and eighty eight pence. When Aunt Jane asked how he could pay the extra money, Jack said that they could always take a loan from Thrift and Providence Trust Corporation. Again, the loan had to be paid back in instalments. Aunt Jane was glad that Jack and Jill had everything but she didn't like the idea of borrowing money to pay the instalments.

Aunt Jane was shocked at the way Jack and Jill lived in debt. Aunt Jane believes that one should not owe money to anyone in life. She believed that one should spend less than what he earned. Before she left, she gave them a cheque for ten pounds and told them to use it to make at least one thing completely their own. Jill sent the money to Dr.Martin. Jack came back and said that they should use the money given by Aunt Jane to pay the instalments on the car. But Jill said that she had already used it to pay the last instalment to the doctor. According to them, they had purchased their own baby from Dr. Martin in instalment. Finally, Jack and Jill become complete owners of their own baby. The end of the play is ironical. The play is really a satire on the materialistic bent of modern man.

This one act play is very humorous. Jack buys luxury products in instalments because he falls into the trap called buy now pay later scheme. This one act play emphasises the importance of efficient finance management for a happy life.

Do these assignments and send it to the class Whats app group

