

➤ UNIT 1 – DISCOURSES

• Adventures In a Banyan Tree

1. Prepare a **WRITE UP** about the **boy's attachment with Nature**

The boy in this story stands for the innocent childhood enjoying the company of Nature. He is proud to say that the banyan tree is his own. He spends hours sitting on a platform on the tree, reading his favourite books. Sometimes he would simply sit there and look down through the banyan leaves. He loves the company of little squirrel and succeeds in winning its confidence with his friendly approach. The boy is not afraid of the cobra and the mongoose. Instead he watches their fight and enjoys it. The boy describes things in Nature with love. He never tries to disturb the rhythm of Nature or interferes in it. He is a keen observer of the wonders of Nature.

2. The boy was very much thrilled by his acquaintance with the squirrel. He writes a letter to his friend telling him about his new friend. Help him complete the **LETTER**.

Ivy Cottage
Landour Cantt
Dehradun

28 April 1997

Dear Sravan,

Hope you are enjoying your vacation there. Here I am with my grandparents at the village.

Oh what a wonderful experience! I have got many new friends. A tiny squirrel. He was at first very afraid to come near. But I didn't give up. With little pieces of biscuits and cake offered to him we slowly became friends. It is really amazing that he comes to my pockets and searches. Maybe the other squirrels do not like it. Still he enjoys my company.

I will miss him when I return. Still I won't take him with me and keep him in cage. Let him be free and enjoy life. After all he is also like me. Come to my village to see him next time. Convey my regards to all. See you soon

Yours friendly

Ram

3. Write a **PARAGRAPH** about the **threats Nature** is facing nowadays

Life on earth is always bound up with Nature. Ever since man evolved he is using natural resources. But unknowingly he is digging his own grave by exploiting nature. Trees are cut off and our earth is being polluted for the sake of industrialisation. As a result drought and landslides occur everywhere.

Growth of tourism in hills disturbs the serenity and beauty. Plastic pollution is another severe attack on nature. Burning of plastics not only affects the health of man but also leads to air pollution. Emission of carbon fuels increases global warming. Many species of animals and birds have lost their habitat. Increase of temperature causes the melting of ice in polar regions which in turn floods many countries. If this goes on earth will no longer be a place for existence. A wise decision must be taken to protect Nature

4. The boy is thrilled to see the fight between the mongoose and the cobra. What would be his **THOUGHTS**?

Oh what a thrilling sight. I have never seen such a fight before. Both are intelligent fighters. The two opponents know each other's moves very well. I thought the mongoose shall also die. It was such a fatal attack. How cunningly the mongoose faced the cobra. If it had been struck by the cobra it could never have escaped. Poor crow. Why did he come in between? I like the myna's wise decision to stay back. Pity that the crow died. Anyway grandfather will be happy to see the snake dead. He always says that it is good to keep mongoose in the garden. When I go to school my friends will be surprised to hear the story of the fight. An unforgettable experience.

5. Prepare a **SPEECH** on the **importance of conservation of Nature**.

Respected teachers and my dear friends,

A warm good morning to all. It is my pleasure to stand here in front of you on this special day. I am not an expert in public speaking. Still I try to share my views about our Nature.

Can we imagine a life without Nature? Definitely not. We live, breathe, and die in Nature. It is like our mother who keeps us alive by giving her love and care. But it is a pity that we never return it. How mercilessly we destroy it. It is our home, not a place to visit. If Nature doesn't exist, we will be no more. Unscientific construction, plastic pollution and global warming all are increasing day by day. It is high time that we should unite to find a way to protect it. We should never forget that what we enjoy now is not our own. We have inherited it from our ancestors and it is our duty to protect it for the future generation. Air, water, vegetation, forests all need to be kept and handed over to them. Wise use of natural resources and reducing the use of plastics can help us a lot in achieving our aim. It is a common plea.

Let us take a pledge to keep our life in harmony with Nature. We shall make it our heaven.

Let me conclude my speech

Thank you

6. 'And amongst the wool were the three baby squirrels - all of them white!' The boy couldn't stop wondering about the white squirrels. If he scribbled down this unforgettable sight in his **DIARY**, how would it be?

Date

Oh really amazing! I just can not believe my eyes. That tiny little squirrels are so cute. But how is it possible? The squirrel whom I see every day is not white. I have seen it making a nest with grandmother's clothes in the banyan tree. Oh now I remember. Grandfather has a white rat and I have seen him near the squirrel's nest. Yes it may be the father of these little ones. Grandfather says that rats and squirrels are related to each other and so it is quite possible for them to have offspring - in this case, white squirrels! Nature has many wonders in it. I feel so happy to see them.

7. Watching the nature around us is really interesting. Each and every living being has its own **characteristics**. The boy in the story narrates certain **features** of a few **animals**. **List them out**

(a) The Squirrel

It is a young squirrel who used to visit the banyan tree very often. It is a small grey one who at first kept a distance from the boy, thinking him as an invader. Then it slowly studied him. Later when it realized that the boy did not have catapult or airgun it became friendly. Only then it started to accept bits of cakes and biscuits from him. As he became more familiar it took freedom to search his pockets and found his favourites. It was showing his trust, though the other squirrels might not like it.

(b) The cobra

The cobra was very cunning, skilful, experienced fighter. It could move swiftly and stride with the speed of light. The cobra was very venomous indeed. During the fight with the mongoose it showed great fighting tactics by trying to sway the attention of the opponent. It fights till death courageously even though it understands the power of the mongoose. We see it as a real hero throughout the fight.

8. The boy was thrilled at seeing the fight between the cobra and the mongoose. You may also have the same feeling. **NARRATE the fight scene** in your own words.

The Fight Scene

The boy was sitting on the platform half way up the tree. Suddenly huge black cobra came out of a clump of cactus searching for some cooler part of the garden. At the same time a mongoose emerged from the bushes and went straight for the cobra. As the cobra raised its hood, the mongoose bushed his tail. It was a thrilling sight to see two champions face to face. The cobra was trying to deviate the attention of the opponent, but when the cobra struck the mongoose jumped to one side and bit it. One myna and the crow was watching it, and they hurled themselves at the cobra. But they collided with each other twice and returned to the cactus plant. When they came in between for the third time the crow could not escape from the attack of the cobra. Though the myna flew away the crow died.

As the mongoose saw the cobra weakening it raised himself on his short legs, and with lightning snap had the big snake by the snout. The snake tried to coil around it but in vain. At last the mongoose dragged it to the bushes.

• **THE SNAKE AND THE MIRROR**

1. **Prepare the THOUGHTS of Basheer / Doctor about the snake incident**

What a terrible situation! A snake is going to kill me. It is crushing my arm. So painful. What should I do? If I move the snake will bite me. If it bites what medicine should I take? There is nothing in my room. What a stupid doctor I am. I should have kept something here. But I never expected a snake in my room. In future I shall be more careful. I shall never stay here anymore. Oh I am going to die. God, save me. But the snake is moving towards the mirror! I can't believe. Is it admiring its own beauty? Anyway I am saved.

2. **Suppose the doctor narrated the incident to his friend. Prepare the likely NARRATIVE**

STRANGE INCIDENT

I was living in a rented house with lots of rats. One day I was sitting on a chair in my room. When I saw myself in the mirror I decided to shave daily and look handsome. As I was lost in thoughts I heard a noise from above. Suddenly something like a rubber tube fell on my shoulder. It soon coiled around my left arm. I did not move and sat there holding my breath. There was a great pain on my arm. I felt afraid even to move. I had no medicine in my room. Luckily the snake turned its head and looked into the mirror. It was attracted at its own image and appeared as if appreciating its own beauty. It slowly unwound itself from my arm and moved towards the mirror. At once I went out through the door and ran to my friend's house. When I returned the next day I found that a thief had stolen everything from my house. The snake had already disappeared.

3. **The doctor in Basheer's 'The snake and the mirror' made some earthshaking decisions. Write a PARAGRAPH on the decisions the doctor took.**

The young doctor	Stayed in rented room- wanted to bring changes- shared room with rats- earned little
Changes he wanted to bring about	Shave daily- grow a thin moustache-keep an attractive smile- decides to get married- marry a fat woman- with lot of money

The young doctor who stayed in a small rented room wanted to bring about some changes in his life. He shared the room with rats. The house was not electrified. He earned very little. One night, the doctor looked at himself in the large mirror which was kept on the table. He was a great admirer of beauty. The doctor wanted to look handsome. So he decided to shave daily and grow a thin moustache. Another decision he took was to keep an attractive smile on his face. He also decided to get married. He wanted to marry a woman doctor who had plenty of money and a good medical practice. The doctor also wanted her to be fat so that she would not chase him if he did something wrong and ran.

4. **Write a PARAGRAPH on the element of humor in the Snake and the mirror.**

The story is about a young doctor who has just started his practice. He had meagre earnings. He lived in a small rented room which was not electrified. The room was full of rats. However the doctor had a lot of dreams. He was a great admirer of beauty. He wanted to look handsome. So he decided to shave daily and grow a thin moustache. He made another decision to smile always as it made him look more handsome. This contrast between what he actually was and how he wanted to be makes the story humorous. He wanted to marry a lady doctor who had plenty of money. He wanted her to be fat. The reason behind it is that, if he makes a mistake and runs, she would not be able to run after him. But he ends up marrying a slender woman. This adds to the humour of the story.

5. CONVERSATION between a Friend and the Doctor (After the Snake incident)

Friend : Why are you so worried? What happened to you?

Doctor : First, I want to take a bath.

Friend : Hey no, just tell me what happened to you?

Doctor : Oh my God, a snake coiled around my arm and I was scared.

Friend : My God, then what did you do?

Doctor : I was like a stone image. I remember that I prayed to God. I didn't do anything.

Friend : Really, then how did you reach here.

Doctor : After some time, the snake unwound from my arm and looked into the mirror. It admires its own beauty.

Friend : Hey don't fool me my friend, a snake can't admire its beauty.

Doctor : Please believe me my friend. I was really shocked.

Friend : Did you kill that snake?

Doctor : No, I just escaped and I never looked back.

Friend : Thanks God, go and be fresh.

Doctor : Sure my friend. Thanks.

6. Prepare the CHARACTER SKETCH of The Homeopath

Vaikom Muhammad Basheer's humorous account of a homeopath and his encounter with a snake at the odd hour provides enough for a loud laugh. The bachelor, the homeopath, is a very jovial person and has a sharp sense of humour. He looks so thin but nurtures a dream that he would only marry a rich fat Lady doctor so that he could become rich in a very short span of time. He is great admirer of beauty. He believes that he looks beautiful and would do all the possible tricks to make sure that he remains so. Hence he takes an earth taking decision to remain beautiful that he would shave his face everyday and plant a smile on his face. He is not rich and possesses very less belongings. He shares his very small room with rats. He has a very meagre income. Even when he was frozen with fear, he never forgets to comment humorously about the snake and its act of admiring beauty. The doctor even digs on his poor wardrobe essentials that the thief didn't care to pick up the soiled vest, and has turned a nightmarish experience to a humorous account.

• 'Lines Written in Early Winter' : Appreciation

'Lines Written in Early Winter' is a poem, which celebrates the relation between man and nature, written by the most celebrated poet of nature William Wordsworth. The poet rejoices in the sights and sounds of nature and at the same time laments on what man has made of man.

The poet once sits in a grove in a very calm and relaxed mood. He hears lots of various sounds and songs. He finds solace and becomes much pleased in the songs of birds and music of the woods. At the same time, some woeful thoughts come into his mind, and he becomes pensive. He sees the primrose and periwinkle make wreaths in the bower there. He believes that every flower enjoys the air it breathes. The birds around him express their thrill of pleasure by hopping and playing in the grove. He also notices the budding twigs spread out their tender leaves to catch the breezy air. In short, the poet sees thrilling sights, hears pleasant songs in everything he looks at in the grove, and he experiences the utmost pleasure of the world of nature.

But when he thinks of the human world, he becomes sad. What man has done to mankind as well as to nature makes him uneasy and unpleasant. The coexistence in perfect harmony is the holy plan of nature. The poet realizes that humans do all atrocities among themselves and cruelties to nature by destroying the ecosystem. They create discord and disharmony and fight and kill themselves. All these wrong-doings are against the holy plan of nature.

The poem becomes much appealing because of the sublimity of its theme and beauty of lines and the abundant use of various poetic devices. The poem is comprised on six quatrains with the **rhyme scheme of ABAB**. The poet uses **hyperbole** when he says that he heard a thousand blended notes. He addresses Nature as a person and calls it 'her'. He makes the flowers breathe the air, and makes the tender leaves of budding twigs catch the breezy air. All these are perfect examples of **Personification**. A beautiful instance of the **Alliteration** can be seen in the line 'What **man** has **made** of **man**'

Lines Written in Early Spring Summary in Malayalam

കവിതയുടെ അർത്ഥം

സ്താൻസ 1: കവി ഒരു തോട്ടത്തിൽ ഇരിക്കുകയാണ്, ചുറ്റുപാടും കിളികളുടെ പാട്ടു കേൾക്കാം. കിളികളുടെ പാട്ട് നല്ല ചിന്തകൾ ഉദ്ദിപിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിലും, ദുഃഖകരമായ ചിന്തകളും മനസ്സിൽ പൊങ്ങിവരുന്നു.

സ്താൻസ 2 : പ്രകൃതി മനുഷ്യന്റെ ഹൃദയവുമായി ഒരു ശക്തിയായ ബന്ധം ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നു. പക്ഷേ മനുഷ്യന്മാർ പരസ്പരം വെറുത്തും, തമ്മിലടിച്ചും തങ്ങളുടെ ജീവിതം നശിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

സ്താൻസ 3 : കവി അവിടെയുള്ള പൂക്കളെ ആസ്വദിക്കുന്നു. അവിടെ പ്രിംറോസുകളും നീല നിറത്തിലുള്ള പെരിവികിൾ പൂക്കളും ഉണ്ട്, അവിടെ നിറയെ പച്ചപ്പാണ്. ഓരോ പൂവും അത് ശ്വസിക്കുന്ന വായുവിനെ ആസ്വദിക്കുന്നു എന്നാണ് കവി ചിന്തിക്കുന്നത്. മനുഷ്യനും അതുപോലെ ചെയ്യണം.

സ്താൻസ 4 : കിളികൾ കവിയുടെ ചുറ്റിലും തത്തിക്കളിക്കുന്നു. അവ എന്താണ് ചിന്തിക്കുന്നതെന്ന് കവിക്ക് അറിയില്ല. പക്ഷേ അവയുടെ നീക്കങ്ങൾ കണ്ടിട്ട് അവ വളരെ സന്തോഷമുള്ളവയായി കാണപ്പെട്ടു അവ അവയുടെ സമയം ആസ്വദിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു.

സ്താൻസ 5 : മരത്തിന്റെ ചില്ലുകൾ നല്ല കാറ്റു കൊള്ളാണെന്ന വിധത്തിൽ പരന്നു നിൽക്കുകയാണ്. ആ ചില്ലുകളും വളരെ ആസ്വദിച്ച് ചൂണ്ട് കഴിയുന്നതെന്ന് കവിക്കറിയാം.

സ്താൻസ 6 : ഈ വിശ്വാസം സ്വർഗത്തിൽ നിന്നും വരുന്നതാണ്, ഇതാണ് പ്രകൃതി, പ്രകൃതി ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സൃഷ്ടിയാണ്, പ്രകൃതി എപ്പോഴും സന്തോഷം ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നു. മനുഷ്യനോട് ദയയാണ് കവിക്ക് തോന്നുന്നത്, കാരണം മനുഷ്യൻ ദൈവം സൃഷ്ടിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള പ്രകൃതിഭംഗി ഒന്നും ആസ്വദിക്കാതെ കലഹിച്ചും യുദ്ധം ചെയ്തും നശിക്കുന്നു. ദൈവം തരുന്ന അനുഗ്രഹങ്ങൾ ആസ്വദിക്കാൻ മണ്ടനായ മനുഷ്യന് സാധിക്കുന്നില്ല.

Stanza 1: The poet is sitting in a small woodland grove. He hears the birdsong around him. Although happy thoughts are prompted by the birdsong, sad thoughts also come to his mind.

Stanza 2: Nature has forged a strong connection between itself and the soul of mankind, but man has repaid the favour by making a mess of his relations with his fellow man.

Stanza 3: The poet admires the flowers- the primrose, the blue of the periwinkle, the greenness of the woodland area in which he sits. He is very sure that every flower enjoys the air it breathes. Man must do the same.

Stanza 4: Birds hopped and played around him. The poet is not able to guess what they are thinking. But their movements showed they were very happy and enjoying their time.

Stanza 5: The twigs of the trees spread out as if to catch the breezy air. The poet thinks they too were happy and contented with the enjoyment they had.

Stanza 6: This belief is sent from heaven. This is the way nature is and nature is the work of God. Nature wants us to be happy. The poet laments at the sad state of man who spends his time in quarrelling and fighting instead of enjoying the blissful things God has given him.

➤ UNIT 2 – DISCOURSES

• THE PROJECT TIGER

1. Prepare an advertisement for raven

WANTED

1/06/2016 Famous Director Alfred Hitchcock is in need of various kinds of trained ravens for his new film "Birds"

Place of shoot: Disney studio Hollywood

Date : 01/07/2016 to 31/09/2016 day time only

Remuneration: as per performance \$100 per day

Trainers may contact the production executive with sample birds. selected trainers have to execute a bond.

Frederick wilson
production executive
10/33
Sydney
Hollywood

2. Sathyajith Ray spoke to the **manager** of Bharath circus about his need for a tiger. Prepare the **CONVERSATION** between them

Ray : Good morning sir

Manager : Good morning gentlemen. What can I do for you?

Ray : We are planning to do a film. For that we need a tiger

Manager : a tiger? Why?

Ray : There is a short scene with a tiger.

Manager : That's great. How long do you need it?

Ray : For a couple of hours, in addition to two days for traveling .We are planning to shoot at Nortun Gram

Manager : OK but be careful .I shall call Mr. Thorat, the ring master. He shall arrange everything

Ray : That's so kind of you

Manager : If you would like to see the tiger let's go to the cage after having a cup of coffee

Ray : sure. Thank you

3. The English club of your school has decided to conduct a five day Sathyajith Ray film festival from 8 August - 12 August .Prepare a NOTICE

4. Imagine Sathyajith Ray put up notices about his intention to get a tiger. Prepare the NOTICE

NOTICE WANTED

18/6/2016

Sathyajith Ray, the famous Bengali film director needs a healthy tiger for his new film "GOOPY GYNE BAGHA BYNE"

Place of shoot : Nortun gram west Bengal

Date : January 2 1969

Remuneration: Rs 1500 per day

Trainers may contact the the production manager

Bhanu Ghosh

Production Manager

26 A North street.

Kolkatta , West Bengal

5. Prepare a NEWS PAPER REPORT about the tiger's curious behavior at the first attempt

A JOYFUL LEAP TO FREEDOM

Staff Reporter

NortunGram:The villagers here was offered a free spectacular show by a tiger from Bararh circus yesterday. It was brought for the shooting of the film ""GOOPY GYNE BAGHA BYNE",by the famous director Sri Sathyajith Ray. The tiger kept in a cage was supposed to come out and walk very calmly before the camera .But when the shooting started and Mr.Thorat,the trainer opened the cage,it sprang out. Exited at the sudden release,it began leaping ,jumping,and rolling about. The crowd assembled there got a rare chance to watch this circus. As the tiger had been tied with a thin wire to an iron rod,it couldn't attack anybody. The shooting was resumed only after the tiger had calm down.

6. Ray felt relieved after shooting the scenes with the tiger. What would be his THOUGHTS?

Oh At last it is finished .I feel happy now. The search for a tiger, the sleepless hours of hooting..all have ended. At some point I even felt I had to abandon the scene with the tiger,When Mr. Thorat said he would be accompanying the tiger in the scene. We were shocked at the sudden and unexpected play of the tiger at Nortun Gram. Luckily it didn't attack anybody. Thank God,We could face all the difficulties. The whole crew have taken so much pain to make my dream a reality. The tiger also obeyed its trainer and co-operated with us. How sedately he walked before the camera, just like a king! Will people appreciate my efforts? I hope for the best. Anyway it was a wonderful experience

7. Imagine that you were one of the villagers who gathered round the camera to see the shooting with the tiger. You were frightened when the tiger jumped down from the cage and advanced at the crowd. Later the day, you made a DIARY about the incident

Date :

Oh. what an experience I had today. It was with great interest that I went to watch the shooting. A shooting of Satyajith Ray's film in our village. How thrilling. And when I heard there would be a real tiger in the film, I was all the more thrilled when I went there, a crowd had already gathered there. We were all waiting anxiously to see the tiger. When the cage was opened, My God. The tiger jumped towards us I got the fright my life. I ran so hard that I was far away from the life within moments. Don't know what happened later lucky that I escaped.

8. Ray writes a letter to the Chairman, Animal Welfare Board of India informing him the details of the shoot and ensuring him that the rules will be strictly followed. Write the likely LETTER.

Satyajith Ray
Ray Studio
Calcutta
22.1.xxxx

The Chairman
Animal Welfare Board of India
Sir

Subject: Use of circus tiger in film-regd.

I am writing this letter to inform you about the details of the shooting of my latest film Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne in Notun Gram in Birbhoom.

We need to shoot a scene with a tiger in it. For this purpose we have approached the Bharat Circus and they have agreed to give us a trained tiger. The tiger requires to be transported to the shooting location. I assure you that all the rules according to the prevention of cruelty to animals act will be strictly followed. We will take all safety measures to ensure that the tiger is treated and tended well during the shooting period.

Hence, I humbly request you to grant us permission to use the tiger for shooting purposes.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Sd/-

Name

9. Imagine that **while shooting in Notun Gram, an actor** was also present. While the shooting of the tiger was in progress, you got a chance to **interview** him. Write **SIX QUESTIONS** you would ask him.

What kind of roles do you prefer?

What was the biggest audience you have performed in front of?

What was your first role as an actor?

Who is your favourite actor?

What was the character and why was it challenging?

What sort of acting roles will you be seeking in the future?

us of the enduring struggle for harmony and equality. The mountain strong and fortified is the symbol of the rigidity of human nature. Sea represents change and true freedom that slowly erodes the rigidity of the mountains. Through a simple melody Dylan presents us with the problems of our society and forces us to think how these problems go unnoticed. The soul stirring and powerful lines lend poignance to the poem.

➤ UNIT 3 - DISCOURSES

• THE BEST INVESTMENT I EVER MADE

1. Check how far THE TITLE is appropriate to the story?

The best investment I ever made is penned by the much celebrated Scottish writer A.J.Cronin. Cronin shares one of his personal experiences with the readers through this story. The title of the story is „The Best Investment I Ever Made“. Usually we associate material gain with the word investment, obviously an underlying hope of profit lingers with the term investment and it may mean different things to different people. But the story by Cronin has a differently conceived meaning because it wasn't anything related with money or profit. The author's personal integrity and the values he had imbibed right from the beginning of his life made him what he was.

A doctor by profession, he rescued a suicide survivor and took pity on him. He helped the victim with the money he needed to repay his debts. The doctor after sowing the seeds of virtue in the mind of the man leaves the scene and resumes his life's journey little knowing about the transformation he had made in the mind of the young man. The once wayward young man had undergone a drastic change in his attitude and lifestyle that he had really become a contributing member of the society. The money Cronin had put in was to repay the debts the young man had. But it had really opened his otherwise blind eyes. The man had become an active social worker specializing on maladjusted and delinquent youth. The author was happy beyond words because this was an investment that he could never have won even if he had put lakhs of money into share markets. So the title is too apt.

2. A short function to congratulate Mr. John is going to be held on board the liner. You are one of the shipmates who are asked to deliver a SPEECH. Attempt a similar speech.

The most respected writer A.J.Cronin, the hero of the day Mr.John, his wife, ladies and gentlemen, This is a very special moment for all of us because as we know we are gathered here for a special reason.

The couple sitting just in front of us is really on a mission. Their purpose of this voyage is way different from ours. Now let me tell you that we are going to witness a rare moment in the life of these wonderful people. We are always proud of doing this and doing that but let me confess, that this achievement is beyond everyone's cup. Being humane and sympathetic may sometimes sound easier, but changing someone's life is way tough. Mr. A. J. Cronin has proved that our values are still alive. Twenty five years back he has helped this young man and now he is an accomplished social worker who whole heartedly embarked on a mission of taking care of maladjusted and delinquent youth. At this blessed moment I take full liberty to congratulate these outstanding people for their endeavors. I extend my heartfelt wishes to Mr. A.J Cronin as well.

Once again I wish Mr.John, the real hero for becoming a model to be emulated for the generation to come. Thanks every one for a memorable day.

3. The transformation of Mr.John appears on the next day's daily. Prepare a NEWSPAPER REPORT on the same.

A PRICELESS INVESTMENT

Staff Reporter

Cardross : The crew and the shipmates on board a ship here narrated a soul stirring story of a young man named Mr.John and his unbelievable transformation. He was a suicide survivor 25years before and was miraculously saved by A.J Cronin. He was also given the money to repay his debts by the kind doctor. Overwhelmed by the kindness bestowed on him by a stranger, the young man had undergone a quick attitude change. He gave up his past lifestyles and has become a real contributor to the society. He now works as a social worker specializing on maladjusted and delinquent youth. He was given a warm reception on board the ship along with A.J Cronin.

4. Prepare a NEWS PAPER REPORT about Mr and Mrs John and the work they they are doing.

A REBIRTH TO REGAIN LIVES

Staff Reporter

New York: The world of selfishness is bowing before Mr and Mrs John, a couple who have chosen to live for others. We can frequently see them in the summer recreational camps for young people. They visit settlement houses to study the methods to deal with backward maladjusted youth. They have been offering selfless service for 15 years in the field of youth welfare. Professionally Mr John is a solicitor but as the director of charitable Institutions his life is devoted to the welfare of boys and girls from the slums. They not only rescue them but also give training in handicraft, rehabilitate them and bring them back to life. It is reported that Mr John got inspiration from a doctor who once saved his life after a suicidal attempt .Hearing about this noble work many eminent persons have offered their support to the mission.

5. A.J CRONIN pens down his thoughts in his DIARY about the unexpected incidents on the liner. Prepare his diary.

10 P.M. Monday

How awesome the day was! I just could not believe myself. I was very much excited. It was all messed up in the beginning. The couple staring at me made my nerves wreck. But a couple of days later I understood that they were eager to talk with me. What began as a very usual conversation took a very sharp turn. I was taken down the memory lane. With much hesitation he revealed that I was the doctor who had given him a new life. I could not believe my eyes. Twenty five years back I had rescued him from a tragedy and now he is before me, a vibrant young man ready to head societal missions. My eyes welled up. I never knew that I would live up to witness such a great transformation. I really want to thank the Great Providence. May God bless him to live long and continue changing the other's lives.

6. The young man MR.JOHN was too excited to see Mr.Cronin who gave him a rebirth. He writes his thoughts in a DIARY. Prepare a similar one.

Monday 10.P.M

Today was the most unexpected day in my life. After a long gap of 25 years I was blessed to meet my savior. It was so overwhelming. I was too shy to approach him. I hesitated several times. But my wife insisted me.Rather she took the initiative to break the ice. I spoke everything with much intensity. He was listening to us.I could never believe that was happening. I saw Mr.Cronin's face blooming up. Yes. It was a rewarding moment for me. I really wanted to thank him for giving me this most beautiful life. We sat still because I felt I have no words left in me to express my gratitude. Oh God ! Give this wonderful man a long and peaceful life

7. THOUGHTS OF A J CRONIN/ THE SERGEANT OF POLICE/ LANDLADY(After saving the Young man Mr. John from Suicide attempt)

Oh an unforgettable day. Today I feel my life has got a new meaning. So happy that I could save the young man. Poor fellow..He tried to end himself for seven pounds ten shillings. He should never have forgotten that life on earth is the most valuable gift. How pitiful is his condition! Without work or money. Can I help him ? Yes I shall try my level best .Why are these young men doing all these ?Addicted to drugs and lost in bad company they live without any commitments to the society .we have to do something to save these people .Anyway thank god for bringing me here on time.

8. The YOUNG MAN felt so happy after regaining his life (After Suicide attempt) .Prepare his THOUGHTS.

Thank god. I got my life back .How silly I was trying to end myself only for Seven pounds 10 shillings. Now I realize the value of god gifted life .I am sure the doctor, the surgeon and the landlady are the agents of God. What If they hadn't come on time ?I just cannot think . It is all because of my uncontrolled and lavish life. I wasted everything in vain. I should thank the landlady for allowing me to stay here .The sergeant is also great for not reporting my case .But the doctor has given me a rebirth. I have learnt a lesson. Here after my life is for people like me who need to be healed in mind and body.

9. A.J CRONIN was overwhelmed by the incident he had in the liner. He writes a letter TO HIS FRIEND. Prepare a similar **LETTER**.

Scotland
10.10.16

Dear James,

I'm too happy to write this letter to you. I know you would be wondering about the reason. Last week on my journey to America, I came across a very special couple on board. I was a little irritated at their staring initially, but later I came to know that they were very eager to talk with me. Finally I gave in and you won't believe, they took me down the memory lane. They told me with much hesitation about the projects they are into. I was slowly getting attracted to them. Repeatedly they asked me if I remember them. The few moments that followed were very dramatic. I was reminded of an incident that took place a few years back. I had then saved the life of a suicide survivor, a young man, who stole money to pay his debts. The young man was much of a spoilt brat and was leading a wayward life. I gave him the money to repay his debts so that he could begin his life afresh. It took some minutes for me to realize that the same young man stood before me as a transformed guy. My eyes welled up. He has rewarded me with such an amazing life. I felt my life fulfilled. Hope you would feel the same reading this letter. Convey my love and regards to everyone.

Yours lovingly
Cronin

10. A.J Cronin was very much delighted to hear the story of the young man. He decided to conduct a short programme to **CONGRATULATE THE YOUNG MAN**. Draft a **NOTICE** for the same.

NOTICE
HARK!!!! YOU HAVE A SURPRISE

16.10.16

It is hereby notified that a congratulating programme would be conducted to acknowledge Mr. John and his soul mate Mrs. John for their outstanding work in the field of rehabilitating delinquent youth. The function would be presided over by A.J. Cronin the reputed doctor at 4 p.m. in the evening on the deck on 17.10.16 All of you are cordially invited to attend this programme.

Programme Committee

10. AJ Cronin felt puzzled when he saw a man watching him closely. what would be his **THOUGHTS?**

What a man ! He has been staring at me for long .Looks strange. He is not known to me. I think he may be one of my patients .But he does not come to me or talk. Should I ask him? No. I don't want to talk to strangers .Moreover I need to take a rest and I am not interested in casual ship board contacts. He looks serious and reserved. He is a little shy and diffident .Anyway let me not bother about it. If he has anything to tell he shall come.

11. Imagine the doctor is reporting the suicide incident to his friends. Prepare the **NARRATIVE**.

UNFORGETTABLE INCIDENT

Today is an unforgettable day in my life .While I was sleeping at night a Sergeant came to me and informed me about a suicide case in a nearby lodging. we hurried to the spot. When I reached there the room was filled with the smell of a gas .I found a young man lying on a narrow bed .At first I thought he was dead. Any way with the sergeant's help I tried to revive him to consciousness. But I found it was useless. When we were about to return I heard a quick breath from him. After half an hour of redoubled efforts we succeeded in rescuing him .He told us that he was a clerk in an office. Lost in bad company and luxuries he had wasted all his wealth .Then once he took from the office some money for gambling which he couldn't replace .Being desperate he tried to commit suicide .Later I learnt from him that he had taken only

seven pounds and ten shillings. So I gave him that money ,the Sergeant promised not to report the case and the landlady offered one month's free lodging till he got a new job. Thus the young man regained his life.

13. The best investment in life is not money but values. SUBSTANTIATE THIS VIEW with the help of the story” The best investment I ever made “by AJ Cronin.

THE VALUABLE INVESTMENT

AJ Cronin , a well-known writer of novels , inspires us with a touching story “ The best investment I ever made”. Once while he was traveling in a ship he found a man watching him anxiously many times. At first he felt annoyed .Later the couple came to him and introduced themselves as Mr and Mrs John .They have been working among derelict youth for 15 years, rehabilitating them and bringing them back to life. He became interested in the story .Then they reminded him that he was the inspiration for them .Now he remembered an incident which happened years ago. While he was sleeping at night a Sergeant came to him and informed him about a suicide case in a nearby lodging. He hurried to the spot. When he reached there the room was filled with the smell of a gas .He found a young man lying on a narrow bed .At first He thought

he was dead. Any way with the sergeant’s help he tried to revive him to consciousness. But he found it was useless. When they were about to return he heard a quick breath from him. After half an hour of redoubled efforts they succeeded in rescuing him .He told them that he was a clerk in an office. Lost in bad company and luxuries he had wasted all his wealth .Then once he took from the office some money for gambling which he couldn't replace .Being desperate he tried to commit suicide .

Later A J Cronin learnt from him that he had taken only seven pounds and ten shillings. So he gave him that money ,the Sergeant promised not to report the case and the landlady offered one month's free lodging till he got a new job. Thus the young man regained his life. He had given him only a small amount but the investment was more than that. He had given him a rebirth which the young man utilized for giving rebirth to many young men .Mr John has realized from his own experience that life on earth is the most valuable of god's gifts. This he imparts to thousands of youth. Here investment is also the values we imbibe in our lives, that would remain the best for ever. So A J Cronin's statement is so meaningful and valid.

14. AJ CRONIN felt interested to watch A MAN staring at him for long. Prepare a CONVERSATION between him and the couple.

Mr John: Excuse me doctor ,may I introduce myself? Can you spare a few minutes with me?

A J Cronin: I think we are meeting for the first time .

MrJohn : Yes ,Please have a look at my visiting card .

A J Cronin : Sorry I can't recollect you.

MrsJohn : This is our first visit .We are here to work in the camp for young people.

A J Cronin: Oh really, that's great. How long have you been working in the field of youth welfare?

MrJohn : 15 years .I am a solicitor but more interested in the charitable organization for boys and girls from the slums .

AJ Cronin : What kind of work are you doing here?

MrJohn : We try to heal the maladjusted youth and rehabilitate them.

A J Cronin : Your work is really praise worthy .What brought you to this field ?

MrJohn : It is you sir who brought me back to life .My life is your gift.

A J Cronin : Me ? But how?MrJohn : I am the same person whom you saved years ago.

A J Cronin : Oh it's you? I am happy to see you again

15. One night A J CRONIN was suddenly awakened by a sergeant..Prepare a CONVERSATION between A J Cronin and the SERGEANT OF POLICE.

Cronin : Who is knocking there?

Sergeant of police :Mr Cronin , I am the sergeant of police .Sorry to disturb you .

Cronin : Its O k .But what brought you here?

Sergeant of police : There is a suicide case in one of the lodging around the corner.

Cronin : Who is it ?

Sergeant of police : A young man .

Cronin : Has he been hospitalized ?

Sergeant of police: No sir. He is still there.

Cronin : What is his condition now?

Sergeant of police : I think he is sinking.

Cronin : Then we shall hurry up

16. Prepare CONVERSATION BETWEEN A J CRONIN AND THE YOUNG MAN after his coming back to life.

Young man : I am so thankful to you sir for rescuing me

A J Cronin : Thank God. But why did you do this ?

Young man : I had no other way. I had lost everything .

A J Cronin : What happened to you?

Young man : After my parent's death I was working as a clerk .Then I started to be in bad company, betting on horses, living lavishly

A J Cronin : So you lost your wealth, didn't you ?

Young man : Yes so I took a sum of money from the office safe for gambling.

A J Cronin : You shouldn't have done it .Then did you win?

Young man : No .I lost it and was afraid of the punishment. So I decided to commit suicide.

A J Cronin : Poor fellow. Don't worry .We can find a solution, but promise you shall not repeat it .

Young man : Sure sir .I have learned the value of life.

17. Mr. John is indebted to the doctor for saving his life. He decides to write a letter to the doctor for saving his life.

Write the likely **LETTER**.

Mark - 2 Lane

London

21 July 20xx

Dear doctor,

I thank you for saving my life. I considered myself a failure. I made a lot of mistakes. London was a strange world for me. I fell into bad company and did not realise that I was ruining my life. I had no other way but to kill myself. I stole money. I knew that if I got caught, people would forever call me a thief.

Thank you for paying the money. I know its a small amount, but it saved my life. I will be indebted to you all my life for giving me a second chance in life. You have opened my eyes and helped me discover myself. I promise you that I will live my life with a purpose and will be grateful to you.

Yours sincerely

John

18. Based on the lesson 'The best investment I ever made' .Write a SPEECH on the grave issue of drugs and its use among youth.

Respected teachers and my dear friends, Today I am before you to express my deep concern over the grave issue of drugs and its use specially among youth. I know pretty well that our school campus has never been a hub for drug dealers and users. But at the same time I am too concerned about the deplorable plights of thousands of boys and girls who fell victim to this drug monster .

Drugs and addiction continue to plague the conscience of our society even at this era where people boast of novel inventions and newer gadgets that make life more comfortable. My dear friends, let me take you to the grim world of those people who have lost everything they value due to drug addiction. Drugs are those stimulants when used at a milder level increases up your energies ,and yet a little more of it makes one dull and passive and withdrawn. A greater amount may lead eventually to one's death. drugs, when mixed with blood controls the whole body. brain seems to disfunction and the person may not be able to fulfill even his daily chores. Right and wrong ,day and night are alike to them. Once a person becomes addictive ,his demand for drugs increases and ends up in searching for more. He reaches a state where he feels he couldn't survive without drugs Drugs are introduced mostly by friends and relatives. It's an invitation that tests ones integrity ,faith, bravery and sometimes it would come as a temporary solution to ease out a troubled mental state. So selecting friends is far more important. Many of the addicts when interviewed recollected that it was their friends who urged them to taste the forbidden fruit. Some did it merely for the sake of adventure. In either case a victim ends up in loosing his family, relationship, and his future altogether.

The de- addiction centres help them to overcome from the clutches of drugs. But it is also a very difficult task. It takes months and in some cases years to get cured from drug addiction. The societal attitude towards the drug addicts remain

unchanged even after they come back to normalcy. People are not ready to forgive them for the mistakes they did while under drugs. They are denied decent jobs and aren't welcome at a joyous function. As a result they tend to become withdrawn and show signs of psychic preoccupations. Some commit suicide and others turn anti-socials. Very few, with the love and assurance showered on them by their friends and family survive. We have learned the story of a young man who fell into bad company which led him to commit suicide but was fortunately saved by Cronin. It was the timely advice and interference of the doctor that changed his mind. He became a contributing member of the society in a short span of time. Hence my dear friends, I would like to warn you never to take this fatal mistake of playing with your life. There may be thousands of friends but finally it's your body that you are going to assault. If you enjoyed, you also have to endure the pains. There is only one life, remember no drugs have ever solved any of men's problems. Prevention is always better than cure.

Thank you for your patient listening.

- **THE BALLAD OF FATHER GILLIGAN- APPRECIATION**

The Ballad of Father Gilligan is a touching narrative that illustrates God's everlasting benevolence and how He intervenes in the life of an earnest priest at a time of immense need. Father Peter Gilligan was extremely concurred in the redemption of the souls of his destitute parishioners.

Father Gilligan was fagged out in carrying out his priestly obligations day and night during an epidemic in the Irish countryside. He had to not only give the last communion to his poor folks who were dying in large numbers but also conduct funeral services for them.

One evening, completely exhausted by the strain of extensive duties, Father Gilligan had dozed. Suddenly he was jolted from his sleep by the urging call of another dying parishioner. In despair, Father Gilligan started to grumble and complain that his life was without rest, joyless and always troubled. For a man of religious vocation, the outburst was tantamount to a grievous sin and a questioning of God. Realising his mistake, Father Gilligan sought God's forgiveness for his irresponsible utterance and knelt down by the side of his chair and began to pray: He tries to justify his words by saying that it was his exhausted body not his spirit that complained of the state of his life.

While he was praying, the wearied priest fell asleep by the side of his chair. Next morning, at dawn he woke up and realised his mistake. Shocked at his failure to perform his duty, he rode recklessly to the house of the dying man. He was received by the dead man's widow. The widow was surprised to see the priest again and asked him why he had come again. When the priest asked her whether the sick man was dead, she told him that the sick man died happily after the priest's departure.

The priest was humbled at this and knelt and prayed. He realised that God the Divine had compassionately sent an angel to minister the last ritual to the dying man so that both the sick man as well as the priest were saved from damnation. The priest wondered at the benevolence of The omniscient omnipotent omnipresent God who had the whole universe as His Parish yet extended His Helping Hand to the humble priest in his hour of need.

The Ballad Of Father Gilligan

Summary in English

Stanza 1 & 2 :

Peter Gilligan was an old priest. He was tired day and night because half of his parishioners were either sick or dead. One evening he was sitting in a chair quite sleepy and tired when he was called to go and administer the sacrament of anointing the sick to a poor sick man. Father Gilligan was unhappy to be called at this time.

Stanza 3 & 4:

He murmured, "I have no rest, nor joy nor peace. People are going on dying." After saying this he felt he should not have said it. He asks for forgiveness from God and said that it was his body, and not he, that made him say so. He knelt. Leaning on the chair he started praying. He soon fell asleep. Night came. Stars appeared in the sky.

Stanza 5 & 6 :

There were millions of stars. The wind shook the leaves. God covered the land with darkness and whispered to mankind. Early morning, when the sparrows began to chirp and moths came once again, Father Gilligan stood up on the floor.

Stanzas 7 & 8: "Alas, alas! The man may have died as I was sleeping," he thought. He immediately took his horse and rushed to the place of the sick man. He rode very fast over the rocky paths and wetlands. The sick man's wife opened the door. She was surprised and said, "Father, you have come again!"

Stanzas 9 & 10 :

Father asked the woman about the sick man. She said he died an hour ago. Father was sad and he walked restlessly to and fro. The woman said that after the Father had left, the man died happily like a bird. On hearing these words, the Father knelt down. He knew that God had sent another priest in his place.

Stanzas 11 & 12 :

He prayed: "The One that has made the night of stars to comfort the souls that are tired and suffering sent one of his angels to help me in my need. God, who is dressed in purple robes, taking care of the planets, had pity on me, a small creature, and sent a priest to do my work as I was asleep on a chair."

The Ballad Of Father Gilligan Summary in Malayalam

സംഗ്രഹം

പീറ്റർ ഗിലിഗൻ ഒരു പ്രായമുള്ള വൈദികനാണ്, രാവു പകലും അദ്ദേഹം ക്ഷീണിതനാണ് കാരണം അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ഇടവകക്കാരിൽ പകുതിപേരും അസുഖം പിടിച്ചു കിടക്കുന്നവരോ മരിച്ചു പോയവരോ ആണ്. ഒരു ദിവസം വൈകുന്നേരം അദ്ദേഹം കസേരയിൽ ഇരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു. ക്ഷീണിതനാണ്. ഉറക്കവും വരുന്നുണ്ട്. അപ്പോഴാണ് ഒരു മരണാസന്നനായി കിടക്കുന്ന രോഗിക്ക് അന്ത്യകുദാശ കൊടുക്കുവാൻ അച്ചൻ വിളി വരുന്നത്. ഈ നേരത്ത് വിളിച്ചതിൽ അച്ചൻ പ്രയാസം തോന്നി,

അദ്ദേഹം അസ്വസ്ഥനായിട്ട് പിറുപിറുത്തു:
"എനിക്ക് വിശ്രമമില്ല, സന്തോഷമില്ല,
സമാധാനമില്ല, ആശ്ചര്യം

മരിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുകയാണ്." ഇതു പറഞ്ഞു
കഴിഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു തോന്നി അങ്ങനെ
പറയരുതായിരുന്നു എന്ന്, ദൈവത്തോട് അച്ഛൻ
മാപ്പി രക്ഷുന്നു. തന്റെ ശരീരമാണ് താനല്ല അത്
പറഞ്ഞത്, ഉടനേ അദ്ദേഹം മുട്ടുകുത്തി,
കസേരയിൽ ചാരി നിന്ന്, പ്രാർഥിക്കാൻ തുടങ്ങി,
ക്ഷീണംകൊണ്ട് ഉറങ്ങിപ്പോയി. രാത്രി വന്നു.
ആകാശത്ത് താരങ്ങൾ മിന്നിത്തിളങ്ങി.

ലക്ഷക്കണക്കിന് നക്ഷത്രങ്ങളുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. കാറ്റ്
ഇലകളെ അനക്കി. ദൈവം ലോകത്തെ
രാത്രിയുടെ കറുത്ത പുതപ്പു കൊണ്ട് പുതപ്പിച്ച്
മനുഷ്യരുടെ കാതിൽ ചിലതൊക്കെ മന്ത്രിച്ചു.
നേരം വെളുത്തപ്പോൾ പക്ഷികാൻ ചിലക്കാൻ
തുടങ്ങി. ശലഭങ്ങൾ പ്രത്യക്ഷപ്പെട്ടു തുടങ്ങി,
ഫാദർ സിലിഗൻ എഴുന്നേറ്റു.

"കഷ്ടം, കഷ്ടം! ആ മനുഷ്യൻ ചിലപ്പോൾ
മരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടാകും", അച്ഛൻ വിചാരിച്ചു. ഉടനേതന്നെ
അദ്ദേഹം തന്റെ കുതിരയെ റെഡി യാക്കി,
രോഗിയുടെ വീട്ടിലേക്കു കുതിച്ചു. കല്ലുള്ള
വഴികളും ചതുപ്പുനിലങ്ങളും താണ്ടിയായിരുന്നു
യാത്ര, രോഗിയുടെ വീട്ടിലെത്തി. രോഗിയുടെ
ഭാര്യ വാതിൽ തുറന്നു. അവർ അത തോടെ
ചോദിച്ചു, "അച്ഛൻ വീണ്ടും വന്നോ?"

അച്ചൻ രോഗിയുടെ വിവരം ആരാഞ്ഞു. അവർ പറഞ്ഞു അയാൾ ഒരു മണിക്കൂർ മുൻപ് മരിച്ചു. അച്ചന് സങ്കടമായി. അച്ചൻ അസ്വസ്ഥത യോടെ അങ്ങോട്ടും ഇങ്ങോട്ടും നടക്കാൻ തുടങ്ങി, ആ സ്ത്രീ പറഞ്ഞു: "അച്ചൻ പോയതിനുശേഷം അദ്ദേഹം വളരെ സന്തോഷത്തോടെ ഒരു പക്ഷിയെപ്പോലെ മരണത്തെ സ്വീകരിച്ചു." ഇതുകേട്ടയുടനെ അച്ചൻ മുട്ടുകുത്തി, അച്ചനു മനസ്സിലായി അച്ചനു പകരം ദൈവം വേറൊരു വൈദീ കനെ രോഗിയുടെ അടുത്തേക്ക് വിട്ടു.

അച്ചൻ പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചു: "ദൈവമേ താരങ്ങൾ തിളങ്ങുന്ന രാത്രി നീ സൃഷ്ടിച്ചത് ക്ഷീണിച്ചവരെയും വേദനിക്കുന്നവരെയും സമാശ്വസിപ്പിക്കാനാണല്ലോ. എന്റെ ആവശ്യ നേരത്ത് നീ എന്നിക്കു പകരം ഒരു മാലാവയെ രോഗിക്കടുത്തേക്ക് അയച്ചതായി എന്നിക്കു മനസ്സിലായി. ഈ ബ്രഹ്മാണ്ഡം മുഴുവൻ സംരക്ഷിക്കുന്ന ദൈവം എന്നെ ദയാപൂർവ്വം ക്ഷമാക്ഷിച്ചു. ഞാനൊരു ചെറിയ ജീവിയാ

ഉണക്കിലും, എന്നിക്കുപകരം വേറൊരു മാലാവയെ അയച്ച് എന്റെ ജോലി എന്നിക്കുവേണ്ടി ചെയ്തു. ആ നേരം ഞാൻ കസേരയിൽ കിടന്ന് ഉറങ്ങുകയായിരുന്നു.