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**വിജയഭേരി പ്രോഗ്രാം
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PROFILE

Format

------(name)-----was born on/in date of birth/year at (place)-----
His/her spouse is/was -----. he/she is known as / famous as
-----. His/her style is -----. His/her works
are----- He/she bagged/got -----. He/She
passed away on/in(full date /year).

1. Prepare the profile of **Ruskin Bond**.

Born	:	19 May 1934
Place of birth	:	Britain.
Known as	:	novelist and short story writer
Works	:	The Room on the Roof, The Angry River, Our Trees Still Grow in Dehra
Awards	:	John Llewellyn Rhys Prize(1957), Sahitya Akademy Award, Padma Shri (1999)

Profile **Ruskin Bond**

Ruskin Bond was born on 19 May 1934 in Britain. He is known as novelist and short story writer. His works are The Room on the Roof, The Angry River, Our Trees Still Grow in Dehra. He got John Llewellyn Rhys Prize in 1957, Sahitya Akademy Award and Padma Shri in 1999.

2. Prepare the profile of **Vaikom Muhammed Basheer**.

Born	:	1908
Remembered as	:	Bey pore Sultan.
Known as	:	humanist, freedom fighter, novelist, short story writer.
Style	:	disarmingly down-to-earth style of writing.
Works	:	Balyakalasakhi, Shabdangal, Pathummayude Aadu, Mathilukal
Awards	:	Padma Shri (1982)
Death	:	1994

Profile **Vaikom Muhammed Basheer**

Vaikom Muhammed Basheer was born in 1908. He is remembered as Bey pore Sultan. He is known as humanist, freedom fighter, novelist and short story writer. He had a disarmingly down-to-earth style of writing. His famous works are Balyakalasakhi, Shabdangal, Pathummayude Aadu and Mathilukal. He got Padma Shri in 1982. He passed away in 1994.

3. Prepare a profile on William Wordsworth.

Born	:	1770
Identity	:	English Romantic poet.
Poet Laureate	:	1843
Major works	:	Daffodils, Lucy Gray, The Prelude.
Known as	:	The poet of nature
Death	:	1850

Profile
William Wordsworth

The famous English Romantic poet, William Wordsworth was born in 1770. He became Poet Laureate in 1843. His major works are Daffodils, Lucy Gray and The Prelude. He and Samuel Taylor Coleridge wrote a collection of poems called The Lyrical Ballads. He is known as the poet of nature. He passed away in 1850.

4. Prepare a profile of Satyajith Ray.

Birth	:	1921
Famous as	:	Indian film maker.
Creations	:	36 films, including feature films, documentaries and short films.
Known as	:	fiction writer, publisher, illustrator, calligrapher, music composer, film critic, short stories and novels.
Death	:	1992

Profile
Satyajith Ray

Satyajith Ray was born in 1921. He was an Indian film maker. There are 36 films including feature films, documentaries and short films to his credit. He is known as fiction writer, publisher, illustrator, calligrapher, music composer film critic, short story writer and novelist. He passed away in 1992.

5. Prepare a profile of Archibald Joseph Cronin.

Birth	:	1869
Nativity	:	Scottish.
Career	:	novelist, physician
First novel	:	Hatters Castle.
Other works	:	Citadel.
Death	:	1981.

Profile
Archibald Joseph Cronin

Archibald Joseph Cronin (A J Cronin) was born in 1869. He was Scottish novelist and physician. He started his career as a novelist. His first novel was Hatters Castle. He also wrote Citadel. He passed away in 1981.

6. Prepare a profile on **W B Yeats**.

Born	:	1865
Nationality	:	Irish
Identity	:	One of the foremost figures of 20th century literature.
Works	:	The Tower(1928), The Winding Stair and other Poems(1929).
Awards	:	Nobel Prize in Literature.
Death	:	1939.

Profile
W B Yeats

W B Yeats was born in 1869. He was an Irish poet. He was one of the foremost figures of 20th century literature. His important works are The Tower in 1928, The Winding Stair and other poems in 1929. He bagged Nobel Prize in 1923. He passed away in 1939.

NOTICE

1. Imagine that the Eco club of your school has decided to conduct a seminar on the topic "Conservation of Nature". Being the convenor of the club you are asked to prepare a notice for this programme. Draft the likely notice.

-----**Notice**

ABC School, PALA

A seminar

on

"Conservation of Nature"

(by Eco club)

Venue: S K Hall

Date: 10 March 2021

Time: 10 am

Invitation

Dear friends,

The Eco club of our school has decided to conduct a seminar on the topic "Conservation of Nature" on 10 March 2021 at SK Hall at 10 am. The famous ecologist V S Vijayan will inaugurate the seminar. All are welcome.

Pala
1 March 2021

Thank you
Sd/-
Convenor
Eco club

Programme

Prayer	:	School prayer team
Welcome speech	:	Surya(Convenor, Ecoclub)
Presidential address	:	Smt.Mini, HM(ABC School, Pala)
Inauguration	:	V S Vijayan(Famous ecologist)
Felicitations	:	1.Sana (Class leader) 2. Sinan (Class leader)
Paper presentation	:	1. Anu (Eco club member) 2. Tom (Eco club member) 3. John (Eco club member) 4.Jasmi (Eco club member)
Discussion	:	
Conclusion by the moderator	:	Arun (School leader)
Vote of thanks	:	Ajay (Secretary, Eco club)
National Anthem	:	

Layout of a Notice.

Fold-1

Heading (Notice)
Name of the institution/organisation
What (Name of the event)
Where (Name of the venue)
When (Date & Time)

Fold-2

Heading (Invitation)
Salutation (Dear friends)
Body of the invitation (What, When, Where)

Place
Date

Thank you
Signature
Designation

Fold-3

Heading (Programme)
Prayer :
Welcome speech :
Presidential address :
Inauguration :
Felicitations :
Vote of thanks :
National anthem :

2.Imagine that the SS club of your school has decided to conduct an Awareness programme on the topic,"Drug addiction and Alcoholism."

Draft a notice including all the details of the programme.

Notice
ABC School, PALA
An Awareness programme
on
“Drug addiction and alcoholism”
(by SS club)
Venue: S K Hall
Date :10 March 2021
Time :10 am

Invitation

Dear friends,

The SS club of our school has decided to conduct an awareness programme on the topic, “Drug addiction and Alcoholism” on 10 March 2021 at SK Hall at 10 am. The famous social activist Malik will inaugurate the function. All are welcome.

Pala
1 March 2021 X

Thank you
Sd/-
Convenor
SS club

Programme

Prayer	:	School prayer team
Welcome speech	:	Surya (Convenor, SS club)
Presidential address	:	Smt. Mini (HM, ABC School, Pala)
Inauguration	:	Malik (famous social activist)
Felicitations	:	1. Sana (class leader) 2. Sinan (class leader)
Keynote address	:	Dr. Roy (famous psychologist)
Vote of thanks	:	Ajay (Secretary, SS club)
National Anthem	:	

3. Imagine that the Film club of your school has decided to conduct a Film Festival. Draft a notice for the programme.

NOTICE
ABC School, PALA
Film Festival
(by Film club)
Venue: S K Hall
Date: 10 March 2021
Time: 10 am

Invitation

Dear friends,

The Film club of our school has decided to conduct a Film Festival on 10 March 2021 at SK Hall at 10 am. The famous actor Vijay will inaugurate the Fest. All are welcome.

Pala
1 March 2021

Thank you

Sd/-
Convenor
Film club

Programme	
Prayer	: School prayer team
Welcome speech	: Surya(Convenor, Film club)
Presidential address	: Smt. Mini (HM, ABC School Pala)
Inauguration	: Vijay (Famous actor)
Felicitations	: 1. Sana (Class leader) 2. Sinan (Class leader)
Vote of thanks	: Ajay (Secretary, Film club)
Screening of films	: The Red Balloon, The Phone Call Eigh, A Dog's Life

4.Imagine that the English club of your school has decided to conduct a function to congratulate Satyajith Ray, the film director. Draft a notice for the programme.

Notice

ABC School, PALA
A function
to congratulate
Satyajith Ray
(by English club)

Venue: S K Hall

Date: 10 March 2021

Time:10 am

Invitation

Dear friends,

The English club of our school has decided to conduct a function to congratulate Satyajith Ray, the film director, on 10 March 2021 at SK Hall at 10 am. The famous director Kamal will inaugurate the function.. All are welcome.

Pala
1 March 2021

Thank you

Sd/-
Convenor

Programme	
Prayer	: School prayer team
Welcome speech	: Surya(Convenor, English club)
Presidential address	: Smt. Mini (HM, ABC School Pala)
Inauguration	: Kamal(famous film director)
Felicitations	: 1 Sana (class leader) 2 Sinan (class leader)
Reply to toast	: Satyajith Ray
Vote of thanks	: Ajay (Secretary, English club)
National Anthem	:

DIARY

Format

Time

Date

Day

What a day! An unforgettable day in my life. I don't know what to write and how to write. I can't express my feelings in words.....
.....I will never forget this day in my life. I think sleep won't bless my eyes tonight.

1.Prepare a **diary entry** of the boy after the birth of white baby squirrels.

15 April 2020

Monday

9 pm

Oh! What a day! An unforgettable day in my life. I don't know what to write and how to write. I can't express my feelings in words. Today I was totally wondered seeing the three baby squirrels – white baby squirrels. How beautiful they are! I couldn't believe my eyes. I don't know how it happened. Squirrels are grey in colour. Then how? Hearing this my grandpa was also wondered. It was for the first time he saw white squirrels. The white rat might be their father. Really the nature is wonderful. Next morning I will go to see them. I will never forget this day in my life. I think sleep won't bless my eyes tonight.

2.Prepare a **diary entry** of the homeopath after the snake coiled on his arm.

9 pm

2/1/2020

Saturday

What a day! An unforgettable day in my life. I don't know what to write and how to write. I can't express my feelings in words. I can't believe it. A snake coiled on my arm at night! What a horrible experience! I was in my world of thoughts. It was too hot and I could not sleep. I was sitting in front of a mirror. I heard a voice from above. I thought it was the familiar sound of rats. Suddenly a snake landed on my shoulder and coiled around my left arm. Oh! Can you believe it? I sat like a stone image. If it struck, there were no medicines in my room. I am ashamed to be a doctor. After sometime, it looked into the mirror saw its reflection. Slowly it unwound itself from my arm. Oh God! You saved me. I will never forget this day in my life. I think sleep won't bless my eyes tonight.

3.Prepare a **diary entry** of Sathyajith Ray after the first shooting in Notum Gram.

9 pm

3/1/2020

Sunday

What a day! An unforgettable day in my life. I don't know what to write and how to write. I can't express my feelings in words. I reached a bamboo grove in Notum Gram with my crew to shoot the tiger scene in my film, 'Goopy Gyne Bhaga Byne'. The trainer,

Mr. Thorat brought there two well fed tigers in a lorry. What an interesting sight it was! We arranged the camera and placed it facing the bamboo grove. The audience were asked to stay away. A little anxiety was there in my mind. The door of the cage was opened. I expected the tiger to come out calmly. It jumped out and showed unexpected behaviour. Oh God! What can I do? But after sometime, the tiger calmed down. I got a little relief. We took a few shots. But our camera failed to work and the scenes were too dark. The shooting was unsuccessful. I am very sad. I will never forget this day in my life. I think sleep won't bless my eyes tonight.

4. Prepare a diary entry of Mr. John S- after meeting A J Cronin the second time.

9 pm

6/01/2021
Wednesday

What a day! An unforgettable day in my life. I don't know what to write and how to write. I can't express my feelings in words. After 25 years I met my saviour, Mr. A J Cronin in a ship today. How happy I am! Unfortunately, he didn't recognize me. I watched him closely and he understood that I had something to tell him. On the second day, in the ship my wife forced me to talk to him. Finally he recognized me. He was very happy to know that I have been working in the field of youth welfare. Dr. A J Cronin gave back my life 25 years ago. It was the best investment he ever made in his life. He appreciated me for my work. I can't control my happiness. I will never forget this day in my life. I think sleep won't bless my eyes.

Personal Letter

House No.
Place
Date

Dear friend,

How are you? Hope you are fine. Here I am doing well. I write this letter to inform you an important matter.

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Convey my regards to your friends. Nothing more to pen now. Reply soon.

With love

Sd/--

Name

Tips:

1. Sender's Address (Place)
2. Date
3. Salutation
4. Introductory Sentence
5. Body of the Letter
6. Conclusion
7. Subscription (Sd/-)

1.The boy was very much thrilled at seeing the fight between the cobra and the mongoose. He writes a letter to his friend telling him about the fight scene. Write the likely letter.

Ivy Cottage
Dehradun
28 April 2002

Dear Arun

How are you? Hope you are enjoying your vacation there. Here I am fine. What about your parents and friends?

Here I am with my grandparents at the village. I would like to share with you one of my wonderful experiences. One afternoon, I was sitting on the platform halfway up the banyan tree. I saw a mongoose and a cobra fighting to death. Both of them were skilful fighters. At first, the cobra struck. But the mongoose avoided it and bit the snake on the back. In its turn, the cobra darted away out of reach. The cobra struck again but missed the aim. When the cobra was weakening, the mongoose vigorously took it by the snout. The cobra writhed and lashed about in a frightening manner. It even coiled itself about the mongoose but all in vain. The mongoose hung grimly on, until the snake had ceased to struggle. It then smelt it and gripped around the hood and dragged it into the bush. My dear, I am very excited now. I have to tell you a lot of experiences. Hope all of you are fine there. Convey my regards to all at home. Hope to see you soon.

Yours lovingly
Sd/-
Rahul

2.The homeopath wanted to share the frightening incident to his friend. He decided to write a letter. Write the likely letter.

House No. 25
Vaikom
10/10/2000

Dear Vijay

How are you? Hope you are fine. Here I am doing well. What about your family.? I write this letter to inform you a shocking incident that I experienced last night. Really, I wished for your presence here. You know, a full-blooded cobra coiled around my arm. It was only four inches away from my face. I wanted to run away but I couldn't move. If it bit me, I had no medicine in my room. But fortunately it noticed the mirror and spared me. I think it was taken with its own beauty. I ran to a friend's house. Today morning I again went to my room with some people to move my things from there. But, we found that everything was stolen. You have to be very careful in and out. There are many snakes and thieves around. Be careful.

Convey my loving regards to all at home. Nothing more to pen now. Hope to see you soon.

With love
Sd/-
Naveen

3. Imagine Satyajith Ray wrote a letter to his friend narrating the effort taken to reshoot the scenes at Boral and the risk involved in shooting the scene. Prepare the likely letter.

Grand Road
Mumbai 24
14th November 2018

Dear Madhav

How are you? Hope you are fine.

I am busy with my new project, a new film 'Guppy Gyne Bagha Byne'. It is progressing well. I had a tough time with the tiger scene in the film last week. Luckily, we got a tiger from Bharath Circus. We found a suitable bamboo grove in Notun Gram, a small village. Though my team worked hard to shoot the film with the tiger, we didn't get clear shots. Camera didn't work properly and the shots were dark. So the scenes had to take again. Then we found another bamboo grove near Culcutta at Boral. The whole arrangements were made again. The lorry arrived with the tiger. The whole village came to witness the shooting. We had a tough time to manage the crowd. Nobody listened our warning. I was worried about the success of the shooting. When the tiger was released from the cage, it emerged with a loud roar and charged at the villagers. The villagers melted away as if by magic when the tiger turned to them. In a short while, the tiger behaved gently and walked like an obedient child. We soon shot all the scenes we needed. After 2 days, when we returned to Culcutta we realised that this time not only the tiger had behaved well but also the camera had worked in a good way.

I request you to see the film and enjoy it. Hope to meet you soon.

With love
Sd/-
Ray

4. On reaching home, the narrator writes a letter to his friend about the touching incident of meeting with Mr John, the young man who was saved by the narrator. Write a likely letter.

Green Dale
New York
10th November 2020

Dear Evan

How are you? Hope you are doing well.

Dear friend, I have to tell you something interesting that happened in my life last week. It was really an unforgettable moment! Last week, on my journey to America, I met a couple. They were staring at me from a distance. It irritated me a bit but later I realised

that they were eager to talk to me. At first, they talked to me with much hesitation. The husband seemed very nervous to talk with me. He asked me whether I could remember him or not. But I had nothing in my mind about him. Then he revealed his story. Twenty five years back, I happened to save the life of a young man who attempted suicide. The young man had stolen money from his office safe for final gambling. Lost in bad companies and luxuries he had wasted all his wealth. Terrified of the prosecution that must follow, he attempted suicide. I rescued him from his pathetic condition and gave him some money to save his life. That happened 25 years back. But Evan, I couldn't believe his transformation as a real human being. Now he is a real hero who is trying to help his fellow beings. I was really excited to witness such a great transformation! Convey my regards to your family. Hope to see you soon.

With love
Sd/-
Cronin

FORMAL LETTER

1. Imagine that the homeopath writes a letter of complaint to the Sub Inspector of Police. Prepare the letter.

Dr. Basheer
Basheer Manzil
Vaikom
20 June 1960

The Sub Inspector of Police
Vaikom

Dear Sir,

Subject: Complaint about the burglary at my room Reg.

I write this letter to lodge a complaint about the burglary that took place in my rented room last night. Since a cobra entered my room last night, I was forced to go to my friend's house. When I returned in the morning, I discovered that everything from my house had been stolen. I doubt that some snake-charmer is behind it. This may be a new method of burglary.

I request you to take necessary action to find the burglar and to redeem the lost things and money.

Thanking you
Yours faithfully
Sd/-
Dr. Basheer

Hints to remember

1. From address
2. Date

3. To address
4. Salutation
5. Subject
6. Explaining the matter(para1)
7. Asking the favour and conclusion (para 2)
8. Subscription (Sd/-)

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

Satyajit Ray
Ray Studio
Calcutta
20 Dec 1960

The Chairman
Animal Welfare Board of India

Dear Sir,
Subject: Permission to use a tiger in film-regd.

I am Satyajit Ray, a Bengali film maker. I am writing this letter to inform you about an important matter. We need a tiger for the shooting of my latest film 'Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne' at Notun Gram in Birbhoom.

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.

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

Thanking you
Yours faithfully
Sd/-
Satyajit Ray
Film Director

3.Based on the lesson 'The Best Investment I Ever Made', write a letter to the editor on the grave issue of drugs and its use among youth.

Priya K
15 ABC Lane
Kottakkal

10 March 1995

The Editor
The Hindu
Malappuram

Sir,

Sub:-The grave issue of drugs and its use among youth reg.

I write this letter to express my deep concern over the grave issue of drugs and its use among youth. Today thousands of boys and girls fell victim to the drug monster. Once addicted it is very difficult to escape from the clutches of drugs. Like Mr. John S in A J Cronin's story 'The Best Investment I Ever Made', many youngsters taste the forbidden fruit by the influence of their friends. One should keep away from bad company.

Immediate steps must be taken by the government and other non governmental agencies to create awareness among the youth. I am sure that the readers will rise to the occasion and each will consider it their responsibility to save the future of our country .

Yours truly

Sd/-

Name.

CONVERSATION WRITING

1. Suppose the grandfather asked the boy about the details of the terrible fight scene between the mongoose and cobra. Prepare a likely conversation between them.

Grandfather : Hay,, what were you doing on the banyan tree?

Boy : Grandpa, I was watching a terrible fight between a mongoose and a cobra.

Grandfather : Really! Then who won the fight?

Boy : The mongoose won the fight.

Grandfather : Oh, I'm happy to hear that. I like mongoose.

Boy : Mongoose is a clever fighter, isn't it?

Grandfather : No doubt son. Then please continue.

Boy : And there were a jungle crow and a myna to watch the fight. But in the attack of cobra the crow got killed.

Grandfather : Alas! Did the crow pry into the fight unnecessarily?

Boy : Yea, the crow had gone overexcited and by mistake, the cobra struck it.

Grandfather : If it stayed in a safer distance it would not happen.

Boy : Yes Grandpa. After that the myna never came close to the fighters.

Grandfather : Myna got shocked, didn't it?

Boy : Well.. I think so.

Grandfather : Quite interesting. Okay son, come it's time for tea.

Boy : Okay, let's have tea.

2.The grandfather and the boy were very much surprised to see the white squirrel babies. Prepare a conversation between them at their excitement.

Boy : Grandpa, come fast, it is really wonderful!
GF : What are you talking about, son?
Boy : See the white squirrel babies. Have you ever seen a white squirrel?
GF : No. But this is wonderful, isn't this?
Boy : Yes, Can you tell me how it happened?
GF : U mm, the white rat must be the villain.
Boy : What do you mean?
GF : Don't you usually bring the white rat on to the banyan tree?
Boy : Yes, then that could be the reason.
GF : Of course, Call your Grandma. She will be very happy.
Boy : Okay Grandpa, Let it be a surprise for her.
GF : Yes, Go fast.

3.The Homeopath was shocked after the incident of snake coiled around his hand. Suppose he is talking about it to one friend. Prepare a likely conversation between them.

Friend : Good morning, Doctor. What happened to you last night?
Doctor : Oh, Still I'm under it's shock.
I was sitting on a chair after dinner.
Friend : You were alone in the house, weren't you?
Doctor : Yes. Then I heard a loud thudding sound.
I thought it was rat.
Friend : Rats are usual in your room, aren't they?
Doctor : Yea they are. So I didn't mind it at all.
After some time I saw a snake crawling along my shoulders.
Friend : Did you call for help?
Doctor : No, I couldn't do anything. Like a statue I sat there.
Friend : Oh My God! What a terrific situation!
How could you escape from the snake?
Doctor : After sometime the snake saw its image on a mirror on the table when it slowly slithered down on to the table I ran out.
Friend : Thank God. You had better change that house.
Doctor : Yes. I've decided that.
Friend : Okay Doctor, see you then.
Doctor : see you, bye.

4.Sathyajit Ray, the film maker, approached the manager of Bharat Circus Company for a tiger in his film 'Goopy Gyne Baga Byne'. Prepare a likely conversation between them.

Ray : Good morning sir, I'm Sathyajit Ray, a film maker.
 Manager : Good morning . It's nice to meet you sir.
 Please tell me what can I do for you.
 Ray : Well, I want a trained tiger from your company.
 Do you have any?
 Manager : But what for?
 Ray : It is for my next film. There is a scene with a tiger.
 Manager : Okay, I understand. Howmany days do you need it for?
 Ray : Just for a couple of days.
 Manager : U mm. You had better talk to Mr. Thorat.
 Ray : Mr. Thorat? Who is he?
 Manager : Yes, he is our ringmaster. Only he can say anything.
 Ray : We can meet him right now, can't we?
 Manager : Sure. If you wait just ten mimutes I will call for him.
 Tay : Oh, it is nice of you sir. Thank you.
 Manager : you're welcome.

5.The sergeant of police awoke A.J. Cronin from sleep at midnight to save the life of a dying man. Prepare a conversation between them.

Sergeant : Hello.. Doctor, I'm sergeant of police.
 Cronin : Why are you here at this time of night?
 Sergeant : There is a suicide case at the end of the town.
 Cronin : Oh my god. Is he dead?
 Sergeant : Not yet. If you come at once we can save him.
 Cronin : Where is he staying?
 Sergeant : He is staying in the house of a land lady.
 Cronin : Did you check his pulse?
 Sergeant : Oh yes. But it is weak. You had better see him.
 Cronin : It is only a walkable distance, isn't it?
 Sergeant : Yes sir. Please be hurry.
 Cronin : Okay, Let me change the dress and go.

6.John returned to life after many hours strenuous effort by the doctor and the sergeant. Finally he found himself sitting on the bed. At that time the doctor asked him about what really happened. Prepare a likely conversation between A.J.Cronin and John-S.

Cronin : Hello .. Are you alright? Can you hear me?
 John : Yes, I' m a bit okay.
 Cronin : Nothing to worry. You'll be very fine soon.
 John : Thank you . I think you are a doctor, aren't you?
 Cronin : Yes, Why did you do this?
 John : Ah, I spoiled all my little saving on gambling and horse bet.
 Cronin : Oh, really sad about it!
 John : Stealing some money from the office I tried for a final gambling.
 Cronin : You lost again, didn't you?

- John : Yes, that is true. I was afraid of trial and decided to commit suicide.
- Cronin : Suicide is not a solution.
You had better think twice before jump.
- John : I understand my mistake sir.
- Cronin : Well, don't worry about what happened.
We are here to help you.
- John : Thank you all.
- Cronin : Thank your landlady first.
If she didn't call us on time we couldn't help about it.
- Jonh : It is so kind of you.
- Cronin : Okay, now take some rest and I can suggest you some medicine.
- John : Okay doctor.

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS OR QUESTIONNAIRE

- Tell us about yourself
- Which is your native place?
- What was your dream?
- Who is your role model?
- What is your philosophy of life?
- What was the most difficult period in your life?
- What are your biggest strengths?
- How was your journey to the present position?
- Are you satisfied with your present position?
- What is your next project?
- What message would you like to give to students?
- What do you think about the present generation?

CHARACTER SKETCH

1. THE GRANDFATHER

The grandfather of 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' is a good character. He used to climb the trees during his young age. But now he can no longer do that. He loves nature. He also loves the creatures. He buys a white rat from the bazaar. He and his grandson treat the white rat and the grey squirrel very lovingly. He actually acts as a mediator between the nature and the human kind.

THE HOMEOPATH

The character homeopath is taken from the story, The Snake and The Mirror written by the famous novelist, Vaikom Muhammed Basheer. Though a doctor, he lives in a small rented room which is not electrified. Only sixty rupees was there in his suitcase. All these indicate he is only a beginner. The only other occupants were the rats. He has only some shirts and dhotis and a black coat. He is so poor. He takes strong oaths regarding the marriage. When the snake falls on his hand he is terrified. But he does not move from his position. So he is saved from its bite. Thus the homeopath is a strong character.

MR. JOHN S-

Mr. John S- is a character taken from 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' written by A J Cronin. Cronin travels in a ship and meets Mr. John S-. Mr. John wants to speak with Cronin but he is shy. Finally he speaks his mind to Cronin. Cronin realizes the person in front of him. Mr. John S lost his parents during his childhood days. He became a victim to the loose society of the streets. He began to bet on horses and lost all the money he had. He stole some cash from the office safe for a final gamble. That game was also a failure. He decided to commit suicide to escape from the legal procedures. It was Cronin with the help of a police sergeant and the landlady he was saved. After that he slowly rose in his life. Now he is a solicitor. At the same time he is also a director of a charitable organization devoted to the care of the boys and girls. This is a nice narration of a person saved from doom.

THE BOY IN 'ADVENTURES IN A BANYAN TREE

The boy is an interesting character in the story 'Adventures in A Banyan Tree' written by Ruskin Bond. This is a first person narrative. He has built a small platform on the branches of the banyan tree. He sits and reads very many books there. He makes friends with a squirrel and he lovingly treats it. Then he describes how he witnessed a fight between a mongoose and a cobra interestingly. All these show the observation power of the boy. He also loves nature and the creatures in nature. He lovingly describes the squirrel and the white rat.

NEWS REPORT

1. Imagine that the news about the robbery in the homeopath's house came in the next day's daily. Prepare the news report.

Robbery in a Homeopath's House

Staff Reporter

Vaikom, 20 June 1960: The people of Vaikom witnessed a new kind of robbery in a homeopath's house here last night. A cobra entered his room last night at about 10 p.m. and the doctor was forced to run to his friend's house for life. When he returned in the morning, he discovered that everything from his house had been stolen. He has lodged a complaint about the burglary to the Vaikom Police. "We doubt that some snake-charmer is behind it. This may be a new method of robbery. We will find the burglar and redeem the lost things and money as soon as possible", said the police.

Hints to remember

- Head Line-(Short and catchy) Eg:-Robbery in a Homeopaths House
- Byline-Eg:-Staff reporter
- Dateline-Eg:-20 june 1960
- Lead-Simple explanation of head line
- Body-What, Who, Where, When, Why
- Quotes-Opinion of witness, others etc.
- Eg:-"We doubt that some snake charmer is behind it"

2. Prepare a news paper report about the tiger's curious behaviour at the first attempt.

A JOYFUL LEAP TO FREEDOM

Staff reporter

NotunGram, 7 Jan 1961: The villagers here was offered a free spectacular show by a tiger from Bharat Circus yesterday. It was brought for the shooting of the film "GOOPY GYNE BAGHA BYNE", by the famous director Sri Satyajit 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. Excited 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 calmed down.

3. Prepare a news paper report about Mr and Mrs John and the work they are doing.

A REBIRTH TO REGAIN LIVES

Staff Reporter

New York 10 March 2020: 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 a charitable institution, his life is devoted to the welfare of boys and girls from the slums. They not only rescue them but also give training in a 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 suicidal attempt. Hearing about this noble work many eminent persons have offered their support to the mission.

APPRECIATION

LINES WRITTEN IN EARLY SPRING

The poem "Lines written in Early Spring" is written by the famous English Romantic poet William Wordsworth. The theme of the poem is nature, spirituality, and peace. In this poem the poet is speaking to us.

This poem tells us about the cruelties of mankind towards the nature and also to his fellow beings. One day when the poet was sitting in a grove and looking around he felt happy. But suddenly he became sad when he thought about man's cruelties. He tells us that nature gives us only happiness. The co-existing of primrose and periwinkle, the happiness of birds around him the budding twigs etc. make him happy. He concludes the poem saying that nature's holy plan is to give us happiness. But the repetition of the line "What man has made of man" points out the reason for his sadness.

A lot of poetic devices like personification, rhyming words, rhyme scheme, alliteration, assonance etc. are used by the poet to enhance the beauty of the poem. For example link- think, ran- man, sent - lament are rhyming words used in this poem. He followed the rhyme scheme ab ab in this poem. Nature, budding twigs, flowers etc. are personified. What man has made of man is the best example of alliteration.

It is really a beautiful poem on nature. I like the line "What man has made of man" as it makes us rethink about our cruelties. The poem highlights the importance of the need of co-existing and to live in harmony with nature. The wars like the first Opium war between China and Britain and French Revolution might lead the poet to write this poem. Anyhow I like the poem very much as it has contemporary relevance.

Read the stanza given below and answer the following questions.

Set-1

I heard a thousand blended notes,
While in a grove I sate reclined,
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

1. What does the poet mean by the expression "a thousand blended notes"?

Ans: He heard a mixed variety of sounds and songs.

2. Why did the pleasant thoughts bring sad thoughts to the poet's mind?

Ans: Because he thinks about what man has made of man.

3. Pick out an example of auditory image from the given lines.

Ans: A thousand blended notes.

4. Identify the lines that tell us Nature is linked to the soul of human beings.

Ans: To her fair works did nature link, the human soul that ran through me

Set-2

The birds around me hopped and played,
Their thoughts I cannot measure:-
But the least motion which they made
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

1. "The birds around me hopped and played", According to this line, where is the poet sitting?

Ans: The poet is sitting in a small grove.

2. What seemed a thrill of pleasure to the poet?

Ans: The least motion which the birds made seemed a thrill of pleasure to the poet.

3. Pick out the word that means "move by jumping on one foot"

Ans: hop

4. How does the poet conclude that the birds were happy?

Ans: By using the following line, "the least motion they made it seemed a thrill of pleasure".

THE BALLAD OF FATHER GILLIGAN

As the title suggests, this poem is in the form of a ballad. It is written by the famous Irish poet, W B Yeats. In this poem, Father Gilligan is a very pious, gentle, honest, dedicated and kind person. He is always in the midst of his sick parishioners. Many of them are in the sick bed or under the green sod. He is working day and night for them. So he is very tired.

While he is sitting in his chair another sick man called him. He utters some harsh words which he repents then and there. He seeks for forgiveness from God by saying that it is his body that spake not his soul. But he sleeps at once at the moth hour. He wakes up the next dawn only to find that it is too late and says that the sick man must be dead without the last communion.

He rides on his horse with break-neck speed and reaches the sick man's house. The sick man's wife opens the door and she is surprised to the father. She exclaims, "Father! You come again!" She says. Her husband died as soon as the Father was gone. Hearing this Father Gilligan realises that one of the Angels of the God came in the form of Father Gilligan and gave last communion to the dying man. He kneels and prays to God. The merciful God sent one of His angels to save him. He Who has made the night of stars and everything in the universe sent Him. The whole planet is under His care and He showered Kindness 'on the least of things' that is Father himself. This shows his humility.

The poem is full of imagery. Beautiful visual images make the poem unforgettable. The rhyme scheme is abcb.

Important points

- The poem is written by W. B Yeats.
- It talks about the presence of God everywhere and his love for all.
- It illustrates God's everlasting benevolence and
- 'He' extends his helping hand to the humble priest in his hour of need.

Read the stanza given below and answer the following questions.

Set -1

The old priest Peter Gilligan
Was weary night and day
For half his flock were in their beds
Or under green sods lay

(a) Why was Father Gilligan weary throughout?

Answer: The old Father Gilligan was overburdened by his religious duties and was extremely weary and exhausted. His poor folks were dying in large numbers so, he had to not only give the last communion to them but also conduct funeral services for them.

(b) Explain the meaning of 'under green sods'.

Answer: Here, 'under green sods' refers to the graves of the Parishioners who had died due to the calamitous epidemic.

(c) Explain the significance of the word 'flock'.

Answer: 'Flock' here refers to the parishioners.

(d) Why were his flocks either in bed or lying under green sod?

Answer: In Father Gilligan's parish, the parishioners were either afflicted with the fatal epidemic or they have already become the victims of the deadly disease.

Set-2

Once, while he nodded in a chair

At the moth-hour of the eve

Another poor man sent for him,

and he began to grieve

(a) Why did the poor man send for Father Gilligan?

Answer: The poor man had sent for the priest so that he could receive the last sacrament before dying so that his soul would be graced and he could go to heaven.

(b) Why do you think he was nodding on the chair in the evening hour?

Answer: Father Gilligan was nodding on the chair because by evening he was tired and was dozing off to sleep.

(c) Find a word from the extract which means the same as 'mourn'.

Answer: Grieve

(d) What made Father Gilligan kneel down?

Answer: He quickly realised his mistake and knelt down before God to ask for forgiveness.