

SSLC EQUIVALENCY EXAMINATION

English Notes on All Chapters(Revised Text)

Unit I

Chapter-The Burning of the Rice Fields

Read the following extract from the story “The Burning of the Rice Fields” and answer the questions that follow:-

Once there was an old man who lived with his grandson, far away in Japan. Their house was on the top of a large mountain. All the villagers lived in their small houses below, near the sea. Their paddy fields were all on top of the mountain, close to where the old man lived. Morning and evenings, the Oldman and Tada, his little grandson, would look far down at the people in the village. They would watch the blue sea which lay all around the land. Tada loved the rice fields dearly, for they gave the people their food. He often helped his grandfather to watch over them.

1. Whom did the old man live with?
2. Where were all the paddy fields?
3. What did the Oldman and Tada do every morning and evening?
4. Why did Tada love the rice fields dearly?
5. Choose the Correct one

Their paddy fields were all _____ the top of the mountain(in ,on,at)

Answers:

1. the Oldman lived with his grandson.
2. all on the top of the mountain.
3. both look far down at the people and the blue sea.
4. because they gave people their food.
5. On

Character sketch

A-The Oldman(Grandfather):-

He lived with his grandson Tada on the top of a mountain in Japan.
He is wise and intelligent.
He had vast knowledge about the sea
He recognised Tsunami when the sea acted strange
He set fire to the rice fields and the people ran up to the hill.
His boldness and timely action appreciated by all.

B-The Boy (Tada) :-

He is the grandson of the old man.
He always obeyed his grandpa.
He loved the paddy fields dearly.
He brought the brand to grandfather.
He thought that his grandfather had lost his mind.
He felt very happy when the people were saved by grandfather.
He is loving and caring.

Notice

The villagers in the story ‘The Burning of the Rice fields’ decided to honour the old man who saved the lives of many villagers. Draft a Notice of the programme.

Takayama Village
Canada
15-07-2021

AN APPRECIATION TO THE OLD MAN

Dears,

It has been decided to honour the old man for his wise and timely act of bravery for saving the lives of the villagers of Takayama from the threatened Tsunami.

Date: 30-07-2021
Time: 2 pm
Venue: Panchayath Hall
Chief Guest: Dist. Collector

All are Invited

Convenor
Poura Samithi

Programme Details:

Prayer:.....

Welcome Speech: Karunakaran

Presidential Address: Mahesh (Ward Member)

Inauguration&honoring: Sri. Manohar Kumar (Dist. Collector)

Felicitation:1. Sangeetha

2. Anoop Raj

3. Moideen kunhi

4. Alexander jacob

Vote of Thanks: Rozario ,Convenor,Poura Samithi

Narrate the Story “The Burning of the Rice Fields”

The Wise Act of An Oldman Saved Many Lives

Once an Old man with his grandson Tada watching the villagers below.
He saw the sea below withdrawing from the shore.
He had no time to inform the Villagers lived near the sea.
He ran to the fields and set fire to the paddy fields by the help of Tada.
The villagers got angry towards the old man.
They ran upto the hill to put out the fire and to save their fields.
Suddenly a huge tsunami Cleared their houses and assets.
The wise and bold act of him saved the life of many.
They honoured the Old man for his timely action .

Suppose The Boy Tada in the story wrote a diary entry After the Tsunami attack towards the villagers. What might be the diary entry?

Monday

21-07-2021

9 pm

An Unforgettable Day

Oh my God I cant imagine ? I cant believe in my eyes. How the villagers are escaped from death. Grandpa’s timely action really saved the life of them. If he was not there ,the condition would be unpredictable. He set fire to the paddy fields on the op of the hill which was taken care by them. Villagers ran up hill to put out them and save their fields. I really appreciate bold action. I cant hide my emotions..... Really I cant forget the day.....

Tada

Poem-Encroachment

Read the following stanza from the Poem “Encroachment” and answer the questions given below:-

One evening after work
Groping in the mailbox
For messages, letters from nowhere,
My fingers encountered
sprigs, twigs and eggs.

A bird had nested
Right inside my mailbox
Annoyed,I cleared it all
Except for the eggs.

Later in the evening
A squall had me out
Hastily gathering,clothes left drying.

1. What did the poet find in the mailbox ?
2. How does the poet react to the birds nest in the mailbox?
3. What did the poet do to the nest?
4. What made the author go out in the evening?
5. What was the poet looking for in the mailbox?

Answers:

- 1. Birds eggs.**
- 2. The poet gets angry.**
- 3. Cleared the nest from the mailbox.**
- 4. A squall.**
- 5. Letters and messages.**

[In the garden ,hopping.....leave no room to rest]

- 1.Which bird made the nest?
2. The bird starts rebuilding the nest. Why?
3. The writer uses the phrase ‘ denuding of its habitat’ Whose habitat has been denuded?
4. Find out a word from the stanza that mean “to punish or treat cruelly” ?
5. Who is the wrecker in the poem?

Answers:

- 1. A mynah**
- 2. They have no habitat**
- 3. The birds habitat**
- 4. Persecution**
- 5. The poet**

Severn Suzuki’s Speech

Prepare a letter congratulating Severn Suzuki for her inspiring speech delivered at the World Earth Summit in 1992 at Rio de Janeiro?

**Bogan Villa
XV-123
Canada
19-07-2021**

Dear Severn,

I am Natasha from Canada and I am very proud of your mind blowing speech delivered at World Earth Summit under the leadership of UNO. It was really inspiring the people and the nation. Your passion and devotion to the future generation is really remarkable. You are one of the luckiest girls to get an opportunity to speak in such a great platform and before the world leaders.

While you should not give up until you reach your aim. We are all behind you to achieve your mission. I take this opportunity to congratulate your tremendous speech at the summit. May your wonderful speech reflect the people and the nation around the world.

My sincerest wishes to you. Hearty Congratulations to you. Thank you very much.

Yours Lovingly,

**Signature
Name**

**To,
Name:.....
Address:.....**

Prepare Some **Slogans** highlighting the need for protecting environment:-

- ***Save Earth, Save Humanity***
 - ***Ban Plastics***
 - ***When you save water, it saves you***
 - ***Re use, Reduce, Recycle***
 - ***Save the earth ,we have no where to go***
 - ***Love the earth, Go Green***
 - ***Better habits, better habitat***
 - ***Good earth , Green Earth***
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Write-up

Severn Suzuki's speech at the Earth Summit highlights the importance of the Conservation of environment. Prepare a write up on the need of the protection of the environment?

Severn silenced the world for five minutes by her inspiring speech. She pleads the world for healthy future. She warns world facing collapse of eco system, disappearing cultures, climatic change and raising sea levels. The starvation, ozone layer holes, salmon back up, back of extinct animals and forests are serious issues to fix and stop breaking it. Severn challenge the grown ups make their action reflect their words.

Describe how the famous environmentalists Ayyappa Massagi, John c Jacob and Paul Calvert have taken efforts to solve the environmental issues?

The Three Warriors

Ayyappa Massagi, the water warrior of India, helped to create solutions to India's water scarcity problem. Being an engineer he showed people how to re charge bore wells, ponds and lakes. He also known as India's water doctor too.

John c Jacob, known as johnsi, the pioneer motivated everybody to conserve bio-diversity said all animals to live together. He protected bio diversity in Western ghats.

Paul Calvert is an English man spends six months every year near the sea. He asked for the women friendly toilets in Kerala. He spends half of his life in England and half in Kerala. Thus these three people helped to solve the environmental issues of Kerala.

Addl.Question for practice:-

Imagine You are celebrating world Environmental Day on June 5 th. You are planting tree saplings in the school premises. Prepare a **Notice** to be invited to all?

Unit 2-Ways of Ensuring

Poem-An Introduction (Kamala Das)

Read the following lines from the poem '*An Introduction*' and answer the questions given below:-

[Then.....I wore a shirt and my

.....

.....

belong ,cried the categorisers]

- 1.What un-usual things did the lady in the poem do?
- 2.What did she ignore?
3. Who is the speaker in the poem?
4. Who are the categorisers as the poet mentioned?
- 5.What do the categorisers ask the lady to do?
- 6.How do they want her to behave with the servants?

Answers:

- 1.she dressed like men and ignored womanliness.**
- 2. she ignored womanliness.**
- 3. The poet herself**
- 4. the people with traditional thinking both male and female have distinct roles**
- 5.the poet dress in sarees,be a girl and be a wife**
- 6.be a quarreller**

Poem-Still I Rise(Maya Angelou)

Write an **Appreciation** of the poem "Still I Rise" by Maya Angelou

Maya Angelou's "Still I Rise" is an inspiring and moving poem that celebrates self love and self acceptance. Here the speaker makes about herself. She praises her self strength, body and her ability to rise up and away from her personal and historical past. The oppressor addressed through out as 'you' is full of bitter ,twisted lies and hat redness. The poet directly talk to the racists as she writes you. Here the poet maintained a positive attitude. The poet used different techniques such as repetition, personification and metaphor. The lines follow abcb rhyme pattern. The poet also used images and symbolism too.

Qn:Narrate the story of three women who faced many challenges of life to achieve their goals and inspired the life of others?

Laxmi Aggarwal is an acid attack Survivor and a campaigner too. She was attacked by a man because she refused to marry him.She started an NGO for acid victims.She is a hope of all acid attack victims.

Kalki Subrahmaniam is an indian transgender activist,artist,author and motivational speaker. She found a foundation for the growth of trans genders. She believes that women should be powerful and strong both mentally and physically.

Shila Ghosh of kolkatta aged 89 works hard to take care of her grandson and herself. She started selling papads in kolkatta. In spite of her old age ,she is a strong women. She advices not to escape from life but face and deal with it. She worked hard in her old age to make money to lead a good life.

Qn:Write a short description on the role of men and women for ensuring Gender equality and make it a habitat?

Gender Equality-make it a habitat

Many women are unaware of their rights.

Kerala women faces many issues even at home.

Most educated women are un employed.

Make gender equality a habitat.

Men should realise the value of women.

Children see their parents respecting each other.

Children should grow up by seeing their parents share their responsibilities and works at home.

Qn:You are happened to see Shila Gosh aged 89 selling pappads in the kolkatta streets. You are heartfelt and sympathetic towards her. You made a note in your diary that night. What is your Dairy entry might be?

Kolkatta

25-7-2021

A Heartfelt Day in my Life

Today an unforgettable day in my life. When I was walking in the streets of kolkatta,I could see an old women selling papads under the hot sun. I felt sad and heartfelt. She worked hard to take care of her grandson and herself. It's sad no body even the govt. to help her .I am really in grief for her pathetic condition. But I really appreciate her will power and determination. She is a model for all other women in the country. Today an unforgettable day to me

Kiran Raj

Unit -3 Ways of Sharing

Chapter-A Hundred Likes

Summary

Suma travelled by an evening train. The seat opposite to her was empty. She was looking seriously replying the messages on the phone. She opened whatsapp and face book posts. Her cousin Manju posted a hugging picture of her son and she replied with a 'Like'. An unknown Lakshmi Manoj sent a picture of APJ with a quote and gave a 'like'. Her friend Mubeena had put a funny post on friendship touched a 'like'. Her husbands brother posted an image of helping a poor man and 'like' is a reply. When she reached varkala ,an old women boarded the train struggled with a heavy luggage and lost her balance. Suma did not notice it .When the old women coughed ,Suma did not help her. She is involved in liking and commenting the posts in social medias. Actually Suma is a representative of new generation and she did not know what happens in and around the world. New generation did not have even time to speak with family and friends.

Chapter -Kerala Floods:Stories of Courage and Kindness

Prepare a Newspaper Report on how the Fishermen Community play a major role of rescuers in the terrifying flood of kerala in 2018?

Stories of Valour and Kindness

Kerala: Courage and kindness of fishermen really helped saving the lives of the many keralites during the heavy flood in the state .The timely act of these fishermen were appreciated by all .They rescued the worst victims of pathanamthitta during the flood. It was not an easy task as the people were not co-operated and refused to leave their homes. The biggest challenge they faced were the snakes. The fishermen rescued over three thousand people in three days without hoping any reward. Their boats were also badly damaged during the operation work. Their selfless action at the time of disaster were praised by all community calling Kerala Own Army.

Poem- A Generation who sees but is blind

Read the following lines of the poem and answer the questions that follow:-

[You don't limit your life to social media

.....

.....

You are now judged based on your social media profiles]

1. Who is the speaker in the poem?
2. Why do you take selfies?
3. How can the new generation be judged in social medias?
4. Name a few games that youth play on Social medias?
5. Your life is a race for

Answers:

1. **The Poet Javaria Waseem.**
2. **Selfies for happiness and entertainment.**
3. **through social media profiles.**
4. **Free fire, Pubgi, Candy crush ,Ludo king etc**
5. **Comments and likes.**

Chapter-Why Kerala Loves its Newspapers!

Prepare a write up on why kerala loves newspapers so much?

In the earlier days in Kerala ,people had the habit of reading newspapers and having a hot discussion on it sitting in the teashops .Kerala homes remained loyal to their local newspapers. Still Why does Kerala love newspapers because of high percentage of literacy and Malayali's curiosity to know the news around him. News papers paved many movements in Kerala. An historic person and journalist of Kerala Swadeshabhimani Ramakrishna pillai reported about the corruption of the state in his newspapers. In 1905 Vakkom Moulavi started swadeshabhimani and Ramakrishna pillai as the editor frequently criticised corruption of the rulers of Travancore. So the king banished him and his newspaper. Now a days the newspaper reading habit is less in younger generation by the arrival of internet.

Chapter- Mollywood :The beginnings.....

Write a **paragraph** on the beginning of Malayalam film industry?

Mollywood is the fourth largest industry in India. The first Malayalam film was *Vigathakumaran* in 1930 directed by J C Daniel, the father of Malayalam cinema. The second Malayalam film *Marthanda Varma* based on the novel of C V Ramanpillai in 1933. The first Malayalam sound film *Balan* in 1938 directed by S Nottani. The first Malayali film producer was artist P J Cherian, the film *Nirmala*. *Jeevitha Katha* in 1951 an emotional film considered the first super hit film by the super star Thikkurishi Sukumaran Nair. *Neelakkuyil* in 1954 writer Uroob directed by P Bhaskaran and Ramu Karyat with the story of untouchables. The film *Chemmeen* by Ramu Karyat bagged President's Golden Lotus Award. Literature, drama, history and politics also a subject of Malayalam film industry.

Profile Writing

Prepare a **Profile** of Kamala Surayya using the hints given below:-

Date of Birth : March 31, 1934

Pen Name : Madhavikkutty

Place of Birth : Punnayurkulam, Thrissur

Career : Poet, Author (Malayalam, English)

Nationality : Indian

Spouse : K. Madhav Das

Major Works : *Summer in Culcutta*, *The Descendents*, *My story* etc

Notable Awards: Ezhuthachan Award, Vayalar award, Sahitya Academy Award, Kent Award, Asian poetry prize.

Death : May 31, 2009 aged 74, Pune

KAMALA SURAYYA(1934-2009)

Kamala Surayya was born on March 31, 1934 at Punnayukulam in Thrissur. Her pen name was Madhavikkutty. She was an Indian poet in English and Malayalam author. Her Spouse was K. Madhav Das. Her Major works were *Summer in Culcutta*, *The Descendents* and *My story*. She bagged notable awards like Ezhuthachan Award, Vayalar Award, Sahitya Academy Award, Kent Award and Asian Poetry Prize. She Died on May 31 2009 at the age of 75 in Pune.

Language Elements

Match the Column A with those in B and make meaningful Sentences:-

Question-1

	A	B
A)	Though a burglar broke into the house	nor the office opened their mouth
B)	They were too tired	isn't it?
C)	Neither the lady	he didn't take away anything
D)	It is raining	to work

Question -2

	A	B
A)	If you attend the interview	moving a bit from here?
B)	Would you mind	as a fox
C)	He is clever	nor his friends has gone to Mumbai
D)	Neither he	you will get the job

Question-3

	A	B
A	If you work hard	as a devil
B	Would you mind	consult a doctor
C	He is cruel	nor his brother knew English
D	Neither he	lending me your pen?
E	You had better	you will earn more

Answers: Q1

- A) he didn't take away anything
- B) to work
- C) nor the officer opened their mouth
- D) isn't it?

Qn 2

- A) you will get the job.
- B) moving a bit from here?
- C) as a fox
- D) nor his friends has gone to mumbai

Qn 3

- A) you will earn more.
- B) lending me your pen?
- C) as a devil.
- D) nor his brother new English.
- E) consult a doctor.

Phrasal Verbs

Call at	:visit a place	ഒരു സ്ഥലം സന്ദർശിക്കുക
Call on	:visit a person	ഒരു വ്യക്തിയെ സന്ദർശിക്കുക
Call off	:cancel	റദ്ദാക്കുക
Come across	:meet/find by chance	യാദൃശ്ചികമായി കാണുക
give away	:present / distribute	സമ്മാനിക്കുക
give in	:surrender/yield	കീഴടങ്ങുക
give up	:abandon	ഉപേക്ഷിക്കുക
go for	:attack	ആക്രമിക്കുക
go on	:continue	തുടരുക
go through	:examine	പരിശോധിക്കുക
look after	:take care of	പരിപാലിക്കുക

Make out	:understand മനസ്സിലാക്കുക
put across	:communicate ആശയ വിനിമയം നടത്തുക
put an end to	:stop അവസാനിപ്പിക്കുക
put aside	:keep away മാറ്റി വെക്കുക
put in	:invest നിക്ഷേപിക്കുക
put forward	:suggest നിർദ്ദേശിക്കുക
put on	:wear ധരിക്കുക
put off	:postpone മാറ്റി വെക്കുക
put out	:extinguish അണക്കുക
put up	:built നിർമ്മിക്കുക
put up with	:tolerate സഹിക്കുക
run into	:meet കാണുക
set off/set out	:start a journey യാത്ര തിരിക്കുക
set up	:establish സ്ഥാപിക്കുക
turn down:	:reject/refuse നിരസിക്കുക
turn up:	:arrive എത്തുക

1-Replace the underlined words in the following passage choosing suitable phrasal verbs from the brackets:

Alexandra rose(a) early that day. She started the journey(b) in the morning to borrow some vegetables from the market. She wore(c) the best clothes which impressed others. She happened to meet(d) an old friend on the way.

[set out, came across, got up, put on, give up]

Answers: a) got up b) set out c) put on d) came across

2.Athul start the journey(a) from his home with his parents to buy some school stationary. He wore(b) his favourite clothes and sat down in the car with his father. On the way to the town they met by chance(c) their family friend waiting for a vehicle. They stopped and he entered(d) the car.

[come across, got into , put on , turn up, set out]

Answers: a) set out b) put on c) came across d) got into

Editing(correct the errors)

I-There are a few errors in the passage given below .They are underlined. Edit the passage :-

One day the Grandfather were standing(a) alone before his house. He saw something very strange. The sea was withdraw from the shore. Hundred(b) of shiny shells and starfish could now seen be (c) on the sea bed. He saw the villagers run on to the sea bed to pick up the shells, as the see(d) kept going back.

Answers:

a) was standing b) hundreds c) be seen d) sea

II- They all turned and looked. And there ,where the blue sea had lain so calm,a huge wave were(a) rolling in. It was an(b) tsunami,a really big one!No one could screamed(c),so terrible was the site(d).

a) was b) a c) scream d) sight

III- I used to going fishing in vancouver with my dad until just a few years ago when we find the fish full of cancers. And now we here about animals and plants going extinct everyday.

a) to go b) Vancouver c) found d) hear

Cloze Type Questions

on	-ൽ ,മുകളിൽ	under	-ചുവടെ
in	-ഇൽ,അകത്ത്	through	-ൽ കൂടി
at	-ത് (സ്ഥലത്ത്, സമയത്ത്)	among	-കൂട്ടത്തിൽ
to	-യിലേക്ക്, വരെ	out	-പുറത്ത്
up	-മുകളിൽ	along	-കൂടെ
down	-താഴെ	by	-നാൽ, കൊണ്ട്
above	-മുകളിൽ	for	-വേണ്ടി
below	-അടിയിൽ	of	-ഉടെ
since	-മുതൽ	who	-ആര്
which	-ഏത്		

A few words are missing in the passage given below. Choose appropriate words from the brackets:-

1-I used(a)...go fishing(b).... Vancouver(c)..... my dad until just a few years ago when we found the fish full(d)..... cancers. And now we hear about animals(e)...plants going extinct everyday.

[and, in, to, with, for]

Answers:

a) to b) in c) with d) of e) and

2- Gender Equality is something we have all been talking about(a)..... a while now! it's strange that even today many women are not aware(b).....their rights. Or they have (c)..... fight to get(d)..... is rightfully theirs!

[what, of, for, to, in]

Answers:

a) for b) of c) to d) what

Use of Pronouns

Who	-ആര്? person/people
What	-എന്ത്? thing/object
How	-എങ്ങനെ? എത്ര? Manner
Which/that	-ഏത്? possession
Whose	-ആരുടേത്? choice
When	-എപ്പോൾ? time/occasion
Why	-എന്ത് കൊണ്ട്? reason
Where	-എവിടെ? location/place

1- Fill in the blanks choosing suitable pronouns from those given in the bracket:-

[which , who , that , where , when]

- a) The ballI gave you borrowed from Arun.
- b) The SPC cadetperformed well in the parade got the award.
- c) The hotel.....we stayed was good.
- d) The moviewe saw last week bagged many awards.

Answers:

a) that b) who c) where d) which

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