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തിരുവനന്തപുരം നഗരസഭാ പരിധിയിലെ സ്കൂളുകളിൽ പഠിക്കുന്ന വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ പഠന നിലവാരം വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനായി നഗരസഭ നടപ്പിലാക്കുന്ന പദ്ധതിയാണ് 'പരിഹാരബോധനം'. മുൻ വർഷങ്ങളിൽ നടത്തിവന്നിരുന്ന പദ്ധതി ഈ വർഷവും വിപുലമായ നിലയിൽ നടപ്പിലാക്കുകയാണ്. പഠനത്തിൽ പിന്നാക്കം നിൽക്കുന്ന വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളെ കൂടുതൽ കരുതൽ നൽകി മുന്നിലേക്ക് ഉയർത്തുകയെന്നതാണ് നഗരസഭ ഈ പദ്ധതിയിലൂടെ ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നത്. പൊതുവിദ്യാഭ്യാസ രംഗം കൂടുതൽ കരുത്താർജ്ജിച്ച് മുന്നേറുന്ന ഈ കാലഘട്ടത്തിൽ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് ഗുണമേന്മയുള്ള വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം ഉറപ്പാക്കുന്നതിനും വിവിധ തലങ്ങളിൽ മികവ് തെളിയിക്കാനുള്ള അവസരമൊരുക്കുന്നതിനും സർക്കാരും നഗരസഭയും പ്രതിജ്ഞാബദ്ധമാണ്. അക്കാദമികവും ഭൗതികവുമായ സൗകര്യങ്ങൾ കൂടുതൽ മെച്ചപ്പെട്ട് കേരളത്തിലെ പൊതുവിദ്യാഭ്യാസ രംഗം ശ്രദ്ധേയമായ മാതൃകയായി മാറിയിരിക്കുകയാണ്. ഈ സന്ദർഭത്തിൽ നമ്മുടെ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് ഉന്നത പഠനത്തിന് ഉപകരിക്കുന്ന തരത്തിൽ പഠന നിലവാരം മെച്ചപ്പെടുത്തുക എന്നതാണ് നാം ലക്ഷ്യമിടുന്നത്. മികച്ച അധ്യാപകരുടെ സഹായത്തോടെ പഠനം അസ്വാദ്യകരമാക്കി മാറ്റിക്കൊണ്ട് കുട്ടികളെ മികച്ച നിലാരത്തിലേക്ക് ഉയർത്തുകയെന്ന ലക്ഷ്യത്തിന്റെ സാധ്യകരണം കൂടിയാണ് പരിഹാരബോധനം എന്ന ബൃഹത് പദ്ധതി. ഈ പദ്ധതിയുടെ ഭാഗമാകുന്ന എല്ലാ പ്രിയപ്പെട്ട വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കും അഭിനന്ദനങ്ങൾ അറിയിക്കുന്നതോടൊപ്പം മികച്ച വിജയം ആശംസിക്കുന്നു.

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 കാനും ലക്ഷ്യമിട്ടുകൊണ്ട് മുൻവർഷങ്ങളെപ്പോലെ പരിഹാര  
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## UNIT SUMMARY

### Glimpses of Green

Adventures In The Banyan tree :- The story Adventures in a Banyan tree by Ruskin Bond describes the town of Dehra, situated at the foot of the Himalayas and the various interesting activities taking place in and around the banyan tree

### The snake and the mirror

The snake and the mirror is a humorous story by Vaikom Muhammad Basheer, narrating the story of a homeopathic doctor encounter with a snake.

### Lines Written In Early Spring

This beautiful poem by the celebrated romantic poet William Wordsworth discusses nature and its relation with human beings.

## Events of story

### Adventures in a banyan tree

- The magnificent old banyan tree was under the boys domain
- The boy was very happy to climb the banyan tree
- He built a small platform halfway up the tree where he could take rest as well as read books.
- The boy became friends with a grey squirrel.
- The Squirrel became familiar enough to take food from the boys hands
- During the spring season different kinds of birds flock to the branches of the banyan tree.
- One afternoon while sitting in the platform the boy witnessed a fight between a mongoose and a cobra
- The mongoose is an aggressive and clever fighter.
- The cobra is also a skilful and experienced fighter.
- The mongoose moves swiftly and strike with the speed of light.
- The Cobra attacks back

- The mongoose jumps neatly to one side, moves in, bites the cobra and moves away.
- A myna and a crow try to intervene in the fight.
- In between the crow is killed by the cobra.
- Finally the mongoose kills the cobra and drags it into the bushes.
- The boy narrate the fight to his grandfather.
- He feels happy to know that the mongoose had won the fight.
- The white rat and the grey squirrel becomes good friends.
- When the boy searches for the grandmother's knitting, he finds three white baby squirrels.
- Grandfather tells the boy that the rat is the father as the rat and the Squirrel are related to each other.

**The snake and the mirror**

- The homeopath is engaged in a discussion about snakes with his friends.
- He recalls an incident.
- Years ago he was staying in a rented house, which was not electrified.
- He sits in his room reading.
- He looks at the mirror and admires himself.
- He decides to grow a thin moustache to look more handsome.
- He also decides to marry a fat lady doctor, who has lot of money and a good medical practice.
- He hears some sounds from above.
- Suddenly he hears a dull thud as if a rubber tube had fallen to the ground.
- A fat snake wriggled over the back of the chair and landed on his shoulder.
- The terrified doctor sits like a stone image in flesh.
- The snake sees its reflection in the mirror.
- It starts admiring its beauty and slithers down towards the mirror.
- The homeopath ran for his life.
- The next day he returns to his room and find his belongings robbed.
- The thief leaves only one thing behind — the doctor's dirty vest.



## LESSON SUMMARY

### **Adventures in a Banyan tree**

“Adventures in a Banyan tree” is a beautiful story written by the Indian writer Ruskin Bond. The author conveys the idea that nature gives endless pleasure to human beings. The major characters of the story are a boy who is the lover of nature, a beautiful Banyan tree which gives a lot of happiness to man, a clever mongoose and a skilful cobra.

The Banyan tree was the domain of the boy. There a small grey squirrel became his friend. The Squirrel often took food from his hands. Birds of all kinds visited the tree during the fig season. The boy built a small platform halfway up the tree where he read his favourite books. One day he witnessed a cobra- mongoose fight. The mongoose and the cobra came face to face. A myna and a crow also witnessed the fight and tried to play a part in it. Finally the mongoose won the battle and dragged the cobra into the bushes. The boy reported this event to his grandfather. Grandfather became very happy when he knew that the mongoose had won.

The boy used to take a white rat to the tree. The rat made friendship with the grey squirrel. One day the boy found grandmother’s knitting in the nest of the squirrel. Then he was really surprised to see three white baby squirrels in it. Grandfather told the boy that rats and squirrels were related to each other and it was possible for them to have offspring.

### **The snake and the mirror**

The snake and the mother is a beautiful short story written by Vaikom Muhammad Basheer. Homeopath and his friends are engaged in a discussion about snakes. He recalls an old incident. Years ago the homeopath was living in a small rented house which was not electrified. He was sitting in his room reading. He looked at the mirror and admires himself. He took some important decisions to look more handsome. His thoughts are interrupted by sounds from above. Suddenly a snake falls from above with a thud. It coils around his arm and spreads out its hood. The narrator, terrified sits like a stone image in flesh. The snake is its reflection in the mirror. It starts admiring itself and slithers down towards the mirror. Homeopath runs out for his life. Next day he returns to his room and finds his belongings robbed by some thief. The thief left only one thing behind - the homeopath’s dirty vest.

### **Lines Written In Early Spring**

The poem ‘Lines Written in Early Spring’ is a beautiful poem by the well-known nature poet William Wordsworth. The poem deals with the theme of coexistence, peace and pleasure in nature and the cruelties in the human world. The poet once sits in a grove in a relaxed mood enjoying sights and

sounds. He sees there various kinds of plants and flowers coexist. Birds hop and play around him to express their thrill of pleasure. The sights and sounds in nature bring pleasant thoughts into his mind. Nature links human souls to her fair works; still humans thoughtlessly destroy nature. When the poet thinks of human activities, he becomes very sad.

He believes every flower enjoys the air it breathes and the twigs spread their fans to catch breezy air. He thinks that there is pleasure everywhere in nature. The poet says that coexistence is Nature’s holy plan. But he laments over the cruelties of man against nature and amongst his own kind.

**MODEL QUESTION PAPER 1**

**Total marks:20**

**Read the excerpt from the story ‘Adventures in a banyan tree’ and answer the questions that follow: (1 × 5 = 5)**

Half way up the tree I had built a small platform on which I would often spend the afternoons when it wasn’t too hot. I could read there, propping myself up against the bole of the tree with cushions taken from the drawing room. Treasure Island, Huckleberry Finn, The Mowgli Stories and the novels of Edgar Rice Burroughs and Louisa May Alcott made up my bag of very mixed reading.

When I didnot feel like reading, I could look down through the banyan leaves at tye world below, at Grandmother hanging up or taking down the washing, at the cook quarrelling with tge fruit vendor or at Grandfather grumbling at the hardy Indian marigolds which insisted on springing up all over his very English garden. Usually nothing vwry exciting happened while I was in the banyan tree, bot on one particular after noon I had enough excitement to last me through the summer.

1. Where did the boy build the platform?
2. Name the books the boy read at the platform?
3. What did the boy do when he did not feel like reading?
4. Pick out a word from the passage” complaining in a low voice”
5. What sights did the boy see while looking down through the banyan leaves?

**Questions 6 to 9 read the lines from the poem “Lines written in Early Spring” and answer the questions that follow. (1 × 4 = 4)**

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.  
  
 To her fair works did Nature link  
 The human soul that through me ran;

And much it grieved my heart to think  
What man has made of man.

6. What did the poet hear while sitting in the grove?
7. What brings sad thoughts to the poet's mind?
8. Pick out the lines from the stanza which mean man and nature are strongly associated.
9. What is the rhyme scheme followed in the first stanza?

**10. Read the following lines from the poem "Lines written in Early Spring" and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on the theme, poetic devices etc. (1 × 4 = 4)**

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.

The budding twigs spread out their fan,  
To catch the breezy air;  
And I must think, do all I can,  
That there was pleasure there.

**11. Answer in about 120 words using the hints given below : 5**

Prepare a write up on the fight between the snake and the mongoose as in the story "Adventures in a banyan tree".

Hints [ Mongoose \_clever, aggressive fighter\_ cobra\_ sharp fangs \_ deadly venom\_ defensive \_ mesmerize the mongoose\_ mongoose aims\_ cobra's neck\_ bites behind neck \_\_ blood\_ cobra strikes \_ mongoose jumped to other Side \_ catches snake by its snout\_killsit\_drags to the bushes]

**12. Read the following dialogue and answer the questions that follow(1×2=2)**

Friend: Is your wife a fat lady?

Doctor: My wife is a thin reedy person with the gift of a sprinter.

- (a) What did the friend ask the doctor?
- (b) What did the doctor reply?

## MODEL QUESTION PAPER 2

Total marks:20

**Read the excerpt from the story “The Snake and the Mirror” and answer the questions that follow. (1 × 5 = 5)**

It was a hot summer night about 10 o'clock. I had my meal at the restaurant and returned to my room. I heard a noise from above as I opened the door. The sound was a familiar one. One could say that rats and I shared the room. I took out my box of matches and lighted the kerosene lamp on the table.

The house was not electrified; it was a small rented room. I had just set up medical practice and my earnings were meagre. I had about 60 rupees in my suitcase. Along with some shirts and dhoties, I also possessed one solitary black coat which I was then wearing.

1. What is the familiar sound mention here?
2. How do you know that the homeopath's earnings were meagre?
3. Make a list of the homeopath's belongings.
4. Pick out a word from the passage that means 'lacking in quantity and quality'.
5. "I had about 60 rupees in my suitcase". Pick out the prepositional phrase from the above sentence.

**Questions 6 & 7.**

**(2 × 4 = 8 marks)**

6. The homeopath's belongings were stolen by a thief. He noted his emotions in his diary. How will the diary entry be?
7. The boy in the story “Adventures In The Banyan tree” was excited to see the white baby squirrels. He sales his excitement with his grandfather. What will be the likely conversation between them.

**8. Fill in the blanks using suitable phrasal verbs from brackets (1× 4 = 4)**

[Put across,cameback,madeout,put out, put on]

The boy\_\_(a)\_\_\_ to the house and\_\_(b)\_\_\_ his new dress. He\_\_(c)\_\_\_ everything about the cobra mongoose fight to his grandfather. Grandfather\_\_(d)\_\_\_ that the mongoose had won the fight.

**9. Read the following sentence(1×3=3)**

- (A) John reached home and drank tea.
- (B) Shyma is intelligent but lazy.
- (C) The students and the teachers went on a trip.

In the first sentence,two verb phrases are combined using 'and'.

In the second sentence, two adjectives are combined using 'but'.

In the third sentence two noun phrases are combined using 'and'.

Frame 3 sentences of the similar pattern.

## MODEL QUESTION PAPER 3

Total Marks:20

**Read the following lines from the poem “ Lines Written in Early Spring “and answer the questions that follow. (1×4=4)**

Through primrose tufts in that green bower,  
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;  
And 'tis my faith that every flower  
Enjoys the air it breathes.

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. Which are the flower mentioned in the stanza?
2. What did the birds do?
3. Pick out a visual image from the stanza.
4. What gives the poet “a thrill of pleasure “
5. Prepare the character sketch of the homeopath in the story The Snake and the mirror. **(1 × 4 = 4 marks)**
6. Prepare the review of the story The Adventures in a banyan tree using the hints given below. **(1 × 5 = 5 marks)**

[Magnificent old banyan tree\_\_ boy’s domain\_\_ small grey squirrel \_\_ friendship\_\_ 3 white baby squirrels\_\_ relationship between man and nature]

**7. Fill in the blanks using the words from brackets(1×5=5)**

[in, for, at, and, to, but]

Grandfather had never seen white squirrels before \_\_ (a) \_\_ we gazed \_\_ (b) \_\_ them \_\_ (c) \_\_ wonder. We were puzzled \_\_ (d) \_\_ sometime \_\_ (e) \_\_ when I mentioned the white rat’s frequent visits to the tree, grandfather told me that the right must be the father.

**8. Read the conversation below and answer the questions that follow: (1 × 2 = 2)**

Grandfather: where do you find these white squirrels?

Boy: I found them in the nest on top of the banyan tree.

- (a) What did grandfather ask the boy?
- (b) What was the boy’s reply?

## MODEL QUESTION PAPER 4

## English

Total marks-20

**Read the excerpt from the story “the snake and the mirror” and answer the questions that follow. (1 × 4 = 4 marks)**

I got up, lit a beedi and paced up and down the room. Then another lovely thought struck me. I would marry. I would get married to a woman doctor who had plenty of money and a good medical practice. She had to be fat; for a valid reason. If I made some silly mistake and needed to run away she should not be able to run after me and catch me!

With such thoughts in my mind I resumed my seat in the chair in front of the table. There were no more sounds from above. Suddenly there came a dull thud as if a rubber tube had fallen to the ground.... Surely nothing to worry about. Even so I thought I would turn around and take a look. No sooner had I turned than a fat snake wriggled over the back of the chair and landed on my shoulder. The snake’s landing on me and my turning were simultaneous.

1. Why did the narrator prefer a fat lady as his wife?
2. What was the lovely thought that struck the mind of the narrator?
3. Pick out a word from the passage that means ‘happening or done at the same time’
4. "Surely nothing to worry about....." why did the narrator think so?

**Question no 5 & 6.**

**(4 × 2 = 8 marks)**

5. The English Club of your school has decided to stage Vaikom Muhammad Basheer’s story ‘the Snake and the mirror’. As you are the secretary of the club you are asked to prepare a notice to inform the students. How will you prepare the notice?
6. All the belongings of the homeopath were looted by some thief. Imagine the news of the thief came in the next days newspaper. How will the news report be?

**Questions 7 to 10, Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (1 × 4 = 4)**

Spiders are found all over the world. According to scientific estimate spiders originated about 400 million years ago. The spider has 8 legs and it belongs to the insect family. Almost old species of spiders are carnivorous; only one species called Bagheera Kiplingi is herbivorous. The blood of the spider is blue like that of the snail because the spider’s blood has copper instead of iron. Most species of spiders make webs, but some species do not make webs. Most spiders are not poisonous but some species of spiders are poisonous. Spiders are afraid of ants because they contain formic acid which ants like to eat. Spiders have short hairs on their legs. With the help of the hair it is about to feel fragrance and hair also helps them to hold the wall while climbing it. The only perceived threat from humans to the life of

spider is the use of insecticides and pesticides in farming because it can kill spiders in large numbers.

7. Which is the only species of spiders that are herbivorous?
8. Why is the blood of spider blue in colour?
9. What are the uses of the hair on spiders legs?
10. What is the only perceived threat from humans to spiders?

**11. Prepare a short profile of Ruskin Bond using the hints given below. (4 marks)**

Born : May 19,1934, Kasauli  
 Nationality : Indian  
 Famous as : Writer  
 First novel : The room on the roof  
 Awards : Sahitya Academy Award (1992), Padmashree award (1999), padmabhushan (2014)

### ANSWER KEY

#### MODEL QUESTION PAPER 1

1. The boy built the platform halfway up the tree
2. Treasure Island Huckleberry Finn, The Mowgli stories novels of Edgar Rice Burroughs and Louisa May Alcott.
3. When he did not feel like reading, he looked through the banyan leaves at the world below.
4. Grumbling
5. He could see grandmother hanging up or taking down the washing, cook quarrelling with the fruit vendor and grandfather grumbling at the Indian marigolds.
6. The poet heard a thousand blended notes while sitting in the grove.
7. The thoughts about man's cruelties towards nature.
8. "To her fair works did nature link  
The human soul that through me ran ;"
9. ABAB
10. Lines Written in Early Spring - Note of appreciation

The poem 'Lines Written in Early Spring' is a poem by the well-known nature poet William Wordsworth. The poem deals with the theme of coexistence, peace and pleasure in nature and the cruelties in the human world. The poet once sits in a grove in a relaxed mood enjoying sights and sounds. He sees there various kinds of plants and flowers coexist. Birds hop and play around him to express their thrill of pleasure. The sights and sounds in nature bring pleasant thoughts into his mind. Nature links human

souls to her fair works; still humans thoughtlessly destroy nature. When the poet thinks of human activities, he becomes very sad.

He believes every flower enjoys the air it breathes and the twigs spread their fans to catch breezy air. He thinks that there is pleasure everywhere in nature. The poet says that coexistence is Nature's holy plan. But he laments over the cruelties of man against nature and amongst his own kind.

The lines 'To her fair works did Nature link...' ; 'every flower enjoys the air it breathes', and 'The budding twigs spread out their fan, To catch the breezy air' are examples of Personification. There is the figure of speech hyperbole in the expression 'a thousand blended notes. 'What man has made of man' is an example of Alliteration. The poem ends with a Rhetorical Question: "Have I not reason to lament / What man has made of man?" An example of the Auditory Image is there in "I heard a thousand blended notes." The 'breezy air' brings to our mind a 'Tactile Image' as well. Some Visual Images are flowers (primrose, periwinkle), birds, grove, bower, budding twigs, etc. The Rhyme Scheme of the poem is ABAB.

11. It was an April afternoon and the boy was feeling drowsy and was thinking of going for a swim in the pond behind the house. Soon he witnessed a black cobra coming out of a group of cactus. At the same time a mongoose also came out and went towards the cobra. The Cobra knew that the three feet long mongoose was a fine fighter, sharp and furious. But the cobra was also an experienced fighter. He could move with great speed and strike the mongoose. His sharp teeth were full of venom. It was a battle of champions.

The Cobra's tongue dashed in and out. The Cobra stood on the defensive swaying slowly from side to side, trying to mesmerize the mongoose into making a false move. But the mongoose knew the power of the glassy eyes of the snake and did not look at them and was looking at a point just below the cobra's hood. The mongoose jumped to one side and bit the snake on the back and moved away from the reach of the snake. The moment The Cobra struck the crow and the myna flew fast towards it but they collided in mid air and made noises. Then they returned to the cactus. A few drops of Blood glistened on the cobra's back.

The cobra tried his level best to strike again but missed. This time the mongoose sprang aside, jumped in and bit. The Cobra was weakening. Utilising this situation the mongoose raised himself on his shot legs and with lightning snap got the big snake by its snout. The cobra writhed and lashed about and even coiled itself about the mongoose but of no use. After making sure that the cobra had died, the mongoose dragged it into the bushes.

12. (a) The friend asked the doctor if his wife was a fat lady.  
(b) The doctor replied that his wife was a thin person with the gift of a sprinter.



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**MODEL QUESTION PAPER 2**


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1. Sound of rats
2. He had only RS 60 in his suitcase
3. 60 rupees, some shirts and dhotis, one black coat .
4. meagre
5. in my suitcase
6. Diary

What a bad day it was! I cannot forget this day in my life. Yesterday night a huge cobra entered my room and it slithered along my shoulder and coiled around my left arm. I could not cry out or even move from the chair. I said like a stone image in flesh. No one came to help me. Then the snake saw its reflection on the mirror. It unwound itself from my arm and slithered into my lap. From there it crept on to the table and moved towards the mirror. Suddenly I became a man of flesh and blood. I jumped out and ran to my friend's house. I forgot to lock the door. When I returned today morning with my friends, I found all my belongings were looted by some thief. The thief had left one thing as a final insult-the dirty vest. Anyway, I am going to file a complaint in the police station. Again, I won't stay in this house. What a terrific day it was!

7. conversation

Boy: grandpa... please come and look

Grandpa: what happened? Why are you so excited my dear boy?

Boy: I saw some white baby squirrels in the squirrel's nest.

Grandfather : white squirrels? I have never seen white squirrels before.

Boy: Grandpa... the white rat that you bought from the market often visited this tree.

Grandpa: oh is it? Then the white rat must be the father. Rats and squirrels are related to each other It is possible for them to have offspring.

Boy: I love this baby squirrels. They are very cute and lovely.

8. (a) came back  
(b) put on  
(c) put across  
(d) made out
9. (a) Ravi went to his friend's house and played chess.  
(b) Arun is short but handsome.  
(c) Saritha and her friends attended the marriage function.

1. Primrose and periwinkle
2. The birds hopped and played
3. Primrose or green bower
4. The birds around him hopped and played. Their least motion gave the poet a thrill of pleasure.
5. Character Sketch

The homeopath is the main character in the story 'The Snake and the mirror' by Vaikom Mohammad Basheer. His earnings were very meagre because he had just started medical practice. He stays in a small rented room which was not electrified. The homeopath was a great admirer of beauty. He was proud of his appearance. He always wanted to look more handsome. He decided to shave daily and grow a thin moustache to look more handsome. He was so proud that he was a doctor as well as a bachelor. Looking at the mirror, keep an attractive smile on his face. He had good expectations about his wouldbe. He liked to marry a fat lady doctor who had plenty of money and a good medical practice. She had to be fat because if he made some silly mistake and needed to run away, she should not be able to run after him and catch him. The homeopath realizes that he was a poor, foolish and stupid doctor because there were no medicines in his room. He does not even know which medicine to be taken for snakebite. When the snake unwound itself from his arm, he accepted the presence of God.

6. The story "Adventures in Banyan Tree" is written by Ruskin Bond who is a well-known Indian author. In his childhood, Ruskin Bond lived with his grandfather and grandmother in a village near the town of Dehra at the foot of the Himalayas. There were so many trees. Birds and small animals found shelter under the leaves of trees and in the bushes. Always there were noises of these birds and animals.

The boy felt that the top of the banyan tree was his domain. The banyan tree was older than grandfather, older than the house, and as old as the town of Dehra. The boy had a friendship with a grey squirrel. The squirrel had feared at first. But when it found that there was not catapult or airgun in the hand of the author it became friendlier.

The boy had built a small platform on the top of the banyan tree. He had spent his afternoons there during summer.

One day he could see a deadly fight between a snake and a mongoose under the banyan tree. The Cobra was a skilful and experienced fighter. He could move very fast and strike with the speed of light. Moreover, the venom of the cobra was deadly. The grey mongoose was three feet long. Cobra knew that the mongoose was a superb fighter, clever and aggressive. Cobra raised his body and spread his hood. He attacked the mongoose. Mongoose bushed his tail.

Besides the author, a myna and a jungle crow also were watching the battle. The cobra tried to mesmerize the mongoose into making a false move. But mongoose was clever. He knew the power of cobra's glassy, unwinking eyes. So, the mongoose did not look at the eyes of the cobra.

The crow and the myna flew towards the snake and mongoose together. But the cobra whipped his head back and struck with great force. The crow was thrown away and it died. The cobra was weakening. The mongoose fearlessly continued his attack and finally killed the snake. Mongoose dragged the snake into the bushes.

Banyan tree witnesses an unusual love story of a grey squirrel and a white rat. They together went off little excursions among the branches of the banyan tree. In search of grandmother's knitting-needle. The boy found a hole in the banyan tree. There were three white baby squirrels in that hole.

7. (a) and  
(b) at  
(c) in  
(d) for  
(e) but
8. (a) Grandfather asked the boy where he found those white squirrels.  
(b) The boy replied that he had found them in the nest on top of the banyan tree.

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**MODEL QUESTION PAPER 4**

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1. If the narrator made some silly mistake and needed to run away, his wife should not be able to run after him and catch him.
2. The lovely thought that struck the mind of the narrator was about his marriage.
3. simultaneously
4. There was regular traffic of rats to and from the beam. The narrator thought that the sound he heard was that of rats.
5. **Notice**

**ABC SCHOOL, KOLLAM**

The English club of our school has decided to stage Vaikom Muhammad Basheer's story "The Snake And The Mirror" on 17-03-2023, Monday, from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the school auditorium. All are requested to be present at the school auditorium sharp at 9:30 AM

Sd/-  
Secretary  
English Club

Kollam  
17-2-2023

**Programme Details**

- Prayer** : School choir
- Welcome speech** : Headmistress
- Presidential Address** : PTA President
- Inauguration** : JeethuJoseph(cine director )
- Felicitations** : Corporation councillor  
SMC Chairman Staff secretary
- Vote of thanks:** Convenor, English club

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**NEWS REPORT**

**HOMEOPATH ROBBED**

By Staff Reporter.

Bepur, Calicut:..A homeopathic doctor, who has just started his profession was robbed at night yesterday.The bachelor returned to his rented house after food from a restaurant. It being a hot summer night, he couldnot sleep. He sat on a chair and began to read a book.He heard familiar noises from above. He thought it could be the rats with which he shared theroom.

The man lost in thoughts about his future was suddenly awakened by a dull thud.Suddenly , a full blooded cobra coiled round on his arm. He turned into a stone image in flesh. He could not run, jump or cry aloud. After some time, the snake unwound itself, and moved towards the mirror which was

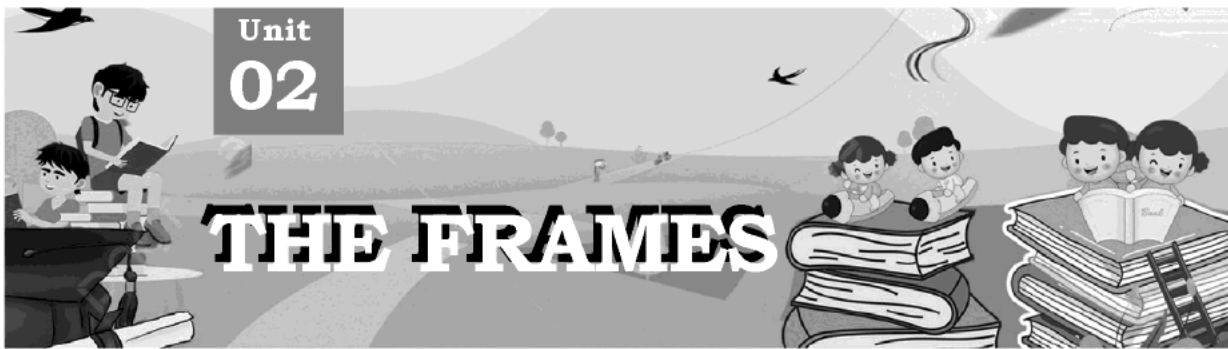
kept on the table. Once he was relieved, the young doctor ran for his life and reached his friend’s house. The next day, when he reached his rented room to collect his belongings, he couldn’t find that, because some thief had robbed everything .The thief had left one thing behind-the doctor’s dirty vest.The young doctor had filed a complaint at the nearby police station. “Robbery in this area had become a regular incident”, complained the villagers.

- 7. BhageeraKiplingi
- 8. The blood of spider is blue in colour because the spider’s blood has copper in it instead of iron.
- 9. With the help of the hair, spiders are able to feel fragrance and hair also helps them to hold the wall while climbing it.
- 10.The perceived threat from humans to the life of spiders is the use of insecticides and pesticides in farming because it can kill spiders in large numbers.

11.

**RUSKIN BOND**

The famous Indian shortstory writer, Ruskin Bond was born on May19,1934 in Kasauli. His first novel was The Room On The Roof. He received many awards including Sahitya Academy Award in 1992,the Padmasree in 1999 and the Padma Bhushan in 2014.



### UNIT SUMMARY

The unit consists of an article 'Project Tiger' by the great filmmaker and writer Satyajit Ray, the initial scenes of the feature film Children of Heavens as a screenplay 'My Sister's Shoes', by Majid Majidi, a renowned Iranian filmmaker and the song, 'Blowin' in the Wind' by Bob Dylan.

Project Tiger is an extract from 'Childhood Days', a memoir by the renowned filmmaker Satyajit Ray. It tells us how he managed to shoot the scenes of a film in which a tiger was a character. The memoir reveals the stress and strain involved in the process of filmmaking.

The problem of a boy after he loses his sister's pair of shoes is the central theme of the film. The theme has a universal value and hence the film was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film in 1998.

Ali (Amir Farrokh Hashemian) loses the only pair of shoes his little sister Zahra (Bahare Seddiqi) owns and their attempts to hide the news from their poverty-stricken father (Mohammad Amir Naji) and ill mother (Fereshte Sarabandi). They devise a scheme to share Ali's pair of worn sneakers until they can find a new pair of shoes for Zahra. This documentary-like film gives the pathetic living conditions of the people in some parts of Iran.

#### **Blowin' in the Wind**

Bob Dylan's Blowin' in the Wind is a song of protest that invokes the spirit of the oppressed to wake up and assert their will and dignity against age-old oppression and exploitation. Through a series of questions and their answer which recurs like a refrain, the singer creates a highly motivating and greatly inspiring mood that turns out to be something like a marching song of the oppressed. Through exhortation, the poet is making a plea for the eradication of inequality and injustice.

### Events in the Texts

#### **Project Tiger**

- ❖ Hollywood is famous for making films using animals.
- ❖ Animal actors earn the same money as real film stars.
- ❖ Animal actors also have stand-ins.
- ❖ Alfred Hitchcock makes a film with hundreds of ravens in it.

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- ❖ The narrator, Satyajit Ray, needs a tiger for a scene in his film.
- ❖ He meets the Bharat Circus manager and Mr Thorat, the ringmaster.
- ❖ They agree to provide a tiger for shooting.
- ❖ The lorry arrived with two well-fed tigers near the bamboo grove at Notun Gram.
- ❖ The tiger jumps out of the cage and prances around, scaring the villagers.
- ❖ The shooting was a failure as the camera failed to work properly.
- ❖ Reshooting was decided at Boral.
- ❖ The tiger did its part well.
- ❖ The shooting was successful.

### **My Sister's Shoes**

- ❖ Ali takes Zahra's shoes repaired from the cobbler.
- ❖ He then goes to the bakery and buys nan.
- ❖ He proceeds to a vegetable shop to buy potatoes.
- ❖ He keeps the packet of shoes in the small gap between the two boxes.
- ❖ A junk collector picks away the packet for junk, by mistake.
- ❖ Ali searches for the lost packet of shoes but does not find it.
- ❖ He tumbles down the boxes of vegetables.
- ❖ Akbar chases Ali off the shop.
- ❖ Unhappily, Ali returns home.
- ❖ Ali tells Zahra that her shoes were lost.
- ❖ They communicate by writing in their notebook.
- ❖ Zahra expresses her displeasure.
- ❖ Zahra threatens she will complain to Father.
- ❖ Father and Mother discuss mother's health.
- ❖ Ali tells Zahra not to tell Father about the lost shoes.
- ❖ Ali tells Zahra to use his shoes.

### **LESSON SUMMARY**

#### **Project Tiger**

PROJECT TIGER is a memoir by Satyajit Ray, the famous Indian filmmaker. He begins his article by paying respect to the Hollywood filmmakers for giving much reverence and consideration to the animal actors. There is no film company better than Hollywood to make movies using animals. He remembers some of the movies, he saw during his childhood. In it, he highlights the acting of Rin Tin Tin, a dog. These dogs are not only well-known actors in films, but they are also well-paid.

He remembers seeing the shooting of a movie 20 years ago in a Disney Studio. The main character in the movie is a big dog. The shooting hadn't started. The cameraman was making arrangements to start the shooting. He demanded that everyone be in their place. Then to Ray's astonishment, something very strange happened. A dwarf appeared. He was followed by a man with the dog's fur. He put the fur on the dwarf. He was seen walking like a dog on four legs from the marked area. Only then did Ray realize that the dwarf was the dupe of that big dog.

The animals in Hollywood movies are well-trained. It is not difficult to train a horse or dog. But what about training crows (ravens)? This was also possible in Hollywood. When Alfred Hitchcock was trying to make a film titled 'Birds', about 100 ravens were cast in it. The theme of the film is that birds from all over the world attack humans. He advertised in various newspapers in the United States searching for trained ravens. So someone came up with about 100 ravens. These ravens would obey certain commands.

It is not impossible to shoot films with animals if you are patient. But it was not very easy. Remember how Ray used the dog in Pather Panchali. Have you ever thought of making a movie using the tiger in it?

He narrates his experience and efforts in shooting a film titled 'Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne' using a tiger as a character. In the film, Goopy was banished by a king to a forest. He wanders into the forest and meets Bagha who is also banished. Then they see a tiger and freeze. But the tiger simply walks about in the forest without paying them any attention. This was the scene to be shot.

Ray needed a tiger for shooting the film. It was very difficult to get a trained tiger in India for shooting. So he decided to contact a circus company to get a tiger. At that time 'Bharat Circus' was giving shows in Marcus Square in Calcutta. Ray and his team approached the circus manager and informed the purpose of their visit.

After many discussions, the manager agreed to provide the tiger. He asked Mr Throat who was the ringmaster to put the tiger in its cage and send it in a lorry to the shooting location. The ringmaster had never let the tiger out of the cage freely on his own.

After two days of travel, the lorry with two well-fed tigers reached the bamboo grove in Notun Gram village, where the shooting was to take place. A few villagers took permission to watch the shooting. In the scene, the tiger had to come out of the bamboo grove into the open space, walk gently for a while, look at the camera and then go back.

The camera was placed on the tripod and it faced the bamboo grove. The actors Goopy and Bagha were ready to be within yards of the camera. A five-

foot iron rod was fixed on the ground. A thin long wire was fixed to the tiger's collar and another end was tied to the rod. When the door of the cage was opened, the tiger responded quickly. It jumped out and paced around. The ringmaster tried to control it but it was a futile attempt. At last, when the tiger calmed down, a few shots were taken. But the shot did not come out perfectly because the camera failed somehow.

Then, Satyajit Ray and his team found another bamboo grove near Boral village in Calcutta. The lorry arrived with the tiger once more. There were so many villagers to watch the film shooting. The crowd was not ready to move from the shooting place. When the door of the cage was opened the tiger emerged with a roar and rushed towards the villagers. All disappeared frantically from the scene. But the tiger soon calmed down. The shooting was completed successfully.

### **My Sister's Shoes**

Ali and Zahra are the two important characters in the screenplay 'My Sister's Shoes'. Ali is Zahra's brother. Ali has gone to the market to get vegetables and stitch Zahra's worn-out shoes. When the film begins, Ali is seen getting his sister Zahra's pink shoes from the cobbler after repairs. He then goes to the bakery to collect nan. From the bakery, he moves to the vegetable shop with two packets. One is his packet of Nan and the other is his sister's shoes. He leaves the packets outside the shop to buy some potatoes. While he picks up the potatoes, a junk collector takes the packet of shoes, thinking of it as garbage and moves away. In a frantic effort to find them, Ali overturns the crates of vegetables. The annoyed shopkeeper Akbar chases him away.

Ali belongs to a poor family with many financial troubles. So, he is reluctant to tell his parents about the lost shoes. Ali tells Zahra about the lost shoes and begs her not to tell their parents. He was scared that his father would beat him, and his father could not afford another pair of shoes. Ali feels very guilty about it and tries to pacify his sister Zahra. Zahra is heartbroken as she did not have another pair of shoes to go to school. The children are aware of the poor conditions of the home. Their mother is unwell and their father has no work. They have a baby to take care of too. Hence they hide the news from their parents. Ali is so sad seeing his sister cry. Suddenly Ali gets an idea. He offers his pair of old sneakers until he finds a new pair of shoes for his sister and Zahra agrees.

The children are seen writing out their conversations in a book. They pass the book to each other quietly so that they do not disturb their parents. The film throws light on the pathetic conditions of a certain section of Iranian society. It is a story of innocence, compassion and the goodness that exists in human society. The story tells of the bond that the children share between them and their strong relationship.



**Blowin' in the Wind**

'Blowin' in the Wind' is a song written by the American poet Bob Dylan. This poem has been described as a protest song and poses a series of rhetorical questions about peace, war, and freedom. The refrain 'The answer, My friend, is blowin' in the wind' has been described as "ambiguous: the answer is as intangible as the wind". All through the song Dylan asks the dictators of Man that how many wars a man needs to wage before he can realize his true identity. How many peace treaties does Man have to sign before the violence in the wars will cease? Dylan alludes to the Biblical reference to Noah sending a pair of doves, to find a land where there is peace and is fit to be habituated.

Dylan creates a striking antithesis through the metaphor of 'doves' and 'cannon balls'. He explicitly states the desperate condition of Man as he pretends not to hear the agonies of the warvictims, their pleas and cries, their sorrows and destitute. Dylan urges each of us not to hunt for the answer but just to listen empathetically as the answer is all around us blowing in the wind.

**MODEL QUESTION PAPER 1****Total marks : 20**

**Questions 1–4. Read the following passage from the memoir *Project Tiger* and answer the questions that follow.**

When we returned to Calcutta and looked at the scenes with the tiger, we realised that the camera had failed to work properly. The shots were too dark, so much so that the tiger was merging almost completely with the background of the trees and leaves. We had to shoot the scenes all over again. We spoke to Mr Thorat and he agreed to give it another go. We found another bamboo grove closer to Calcutta in a village called Boral. The lorry arrived once more, with Mr Thorat, the tiger, the steel wire, the special collar and the iron rod. And with the lorry came the whole village. We told the villagers that they should stand at a distance of seventy feet. No one paid any attention to what they were told.

1. What made the shots look too dark the first time? 1
2. Where did they shoot the scene the second time? 1
3. Pick out a word from the passage that means 'to combine'. 1
4. What happened when the lorry came to the village? 1
5. **Read the following lines from *Blowin' in the Wind* and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on the theme, speaker, alliteration, refrain, etc.** **3**

Yes, and how many times must a man look up

Before he can see the sky?

Yes, and how many ears must one man have

Before he can hear people cry?

Yes, and how many deaths will it take till he knows

That too many people have died?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind

The answer is blowin' in the wind.

**Question 6. Answer any one of the following.**

**6**

- A. In the screenplay 'My Sister's Shoes' Ali came to know that the junk collector has taken away his sister's shoes from between the vegetable boxes. He decides to meet him the next day. What would he talk to him? Prepare the likely **conversation**.
- B. Imagine that after the shooting Satyajit Ray wrote a letter of gratitude to the manager of the Circus Company. Prepare the likely **letter** in about 60 words.

**Question 7. Prepare a profile of Majid Majidi using the information given below.**

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Birth: April 17, 1959

Nationality: Iran

Known as: Film director, producer, screenwriter

Major films: The Colour of Paradise (1999), Baran (2001), The Willow Tree (2005)

Awards: Grand Pix Award, Nomination for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film

**Question 8. Fill in the blanks using the words given in the brackets.**

**3**

**(to, from, of, in)**

A small group \_\_\_\_\_ (a) men are waiting in a queue outside the bakery \_\_\_\_\_ (b) buy nan. The outline of buildings in the street is seen in the distance. Ali is seen coming out \_\_\_\_\_ (c) the bakery into the footpath, the parcel of nan in his right hand and the parcel of shoes in his left.

## MODEL QUESTION PAPER 2

**Questions 1–4. Read the following passage from the screenplay *My Sister's Shoes* and answer the questions that follow.**

He goes to the pile of boxes in front of the shop and picks up the bundle of nan and then looks for the bag of shoes. Unable to find it, he places the bag of nan atop the vegetable boxes and begins to search underneath. First, he puts his hand and then his head in the gap between the boxes of vegetables, which upsets them all. The vegetable boxes tumble and vegetables scatter on the ground. On hearing the sound, Akbar comes running from inside the shop and sees the vegetables strewn on the ground.

1. How is the movement of Ali described in the passage? 1
2. What are the two things that Ali searches for? 1
3. Pick out a word from the passage that means 'to spread out'. 1
4. What happens to the vegetables when Ali tumbles them? 1

**Questions 5-8. Read the following lines from 'Blowin' in the Wind' and answer the questions that follow.**

How many roads must a man walk down

Before you call him a man?

How many seas must a white dove sail

Before she sleeps in the sand?

Yes, and how many times must the cannon balls fly

Before they're forever banned?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind

The answer is blowin' in the wind.

5. When do you call a man 'a man'? 1
6. What should the cannon balls do before they are forever banned? 1
7. Where are the answers to these questions? 1
8. Pick out an instance of alliteration. 1

**Question 9. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words. 6**

- A. Ali lost Zahra's shoes on his way home. He feels very sad about this incident. Ali's character is typical throughout the screenplay. Prepare a **character sketch** of Ali.
- B. Satyajit Ray felt very sad when he came to know that the shots of the first shooting were not perfect. He jotted down his feelings in his diary. What will be the likely **diary entry**?

**Questions 10-13. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

The wind is the flow of gases on a large scale. On the surface of the Earth, wind consists of the bulk movement of air. In outer space, solar wind is the

movement of gases or charged particles from the Sun through space, while planetary wind is the outgassing of light chemical elements from a planet's atmosphere into space. Winds are commonly classified by their spatial scale, their speed, the types of forces that cause them, the regions in which they occur, and their effect. The strongest observed winds on a planet in the Solar System occur on Neptune and Saturn. Winds have various aspects: velocity (wind speed); the density of the gas involved; energy content or wind energy. The wind is also an important means of transportation for seeds and small birds; with time things can travel thousands of miles in the wind.

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| 10. What are planetary winds?                         | 1 |
| 11. How are winds classified?                         | 1 |
| 12. Where do the strongest winds occur?               | 1 |
| 13. How is wind an important means of transportation? | 1 |

**Questions 14. Complete the following paragraph choosing the right phrases from the ones given below. 2**

Ray **continued** (a) with his shooting even though people did not give ears to his voice. He was not able to **tolerate** (b) their behaviour, but he controlled himself and continued his work.

[put up with, look for, went on]

**MODEL QUESTION PAPER 3**

**Questions 1–4. Read the following passage from the memoir *Project Tiger* and answer the questions that follow.**

Every animal in a Hollywood film is well-trained. It is not difficult to train a horse or a dog. But have you ever heard of trained ravens? Not just one or two, but nearly a hundred of them? Even this was made possible in Hollywood, when the creator of some of the best suspense films in the history of cinema, Alfred Hitchcock, decided to make a film called *Birds*. In the story, birds from all over the world start attacking humans. Hitchcock needed a variety of birds, but what required the largest number was ravens. Notices were placed in the press all over the United States, asking people to contact the filmmaker if they knew how to get hold of trained ravens.

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| 1. What is the peculiarity of animals used in Hollywood films? | 1 |
| 2. Name the film made by Hitchcock mentioned in the passage.   | 1 |
| 3. Why did Hitchcock need a variety of birds for his film?     | 1 |
| 4. What did Hitchcock do to get ravens for his film?           | 1 |

**5. Read the lines from the poem 'Blowin' in the Wind'.**

How many roads must a man walk down  
 Before you call him a man?  
 How many seas must a white dove sail

Before she sleeps in the sand?  
 Yes, and how many times must the cannon balls fly  
 Before they're forever banned?  
 The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind  
 The answer is blowin' in the wind.

**Prepare an appreciation of the poem based on the theme, poetic crafts, message, etc. from the lines given above.** 4

**Question 6.**

One of the bird trainers happened to see an advertisement for Hitchcock for birds. He responded through a letter that he had enough trained ravens with him. He wrote a letter to Hitchcock. What would he write? Draft the **letter** in about 60 words. 5

**Question 7**

The Film Club of your school decided to conduct a film festival. 'Children of Heaven', 'Birds', 'The Kid', and 'Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne' are the films selected for screening. You are the Secretary of the club. Prepare a **notice** informing the details of the festival. 4

**Question 8. Read the description given below and correct the errors underlined.** 3

Ali reached home. His sister was wait (a) for him. Her told (b) that her shoes were lost somewhere. She began crying. He consoles (c) her.

**MODEL QUESTION PAPER 4**

**Questions 1–4. Read the following passage from the screenplay *My Sister's Shoes* and answer the questions that follow.**

A small group of men are waiting in a queue outside the bakery to buy nan. The outline of buildings in the street is seen in the distance. Ali is seen coming out from the bakery into the footpath, the parcel of nan in his right hand and the parcel of shoes in his left. He crosses the pavement and walks into a vegetable store. He places the bundle of nan on top of a pile of boxes of vegetables stacked in front of the shop and the bag of shoes in the small gap between the two boxes.

On the soundtrack, a hawker's voice is heard: 'Salt, salt for trade.' The shopkeeper is seen standing behind the counter.

1. Where does the scene take place? 1
2. Where did Ali keep the bundle of nan? 1
3. What was the sound heard on the soundtrack? 1
4. Pick out a word from the above excerpt that means 'to arrange in an ordered pile'. 1

**Questions 5-8. Read the lines from the poem ‘Blowin’ in the Wind’ and answer the questions that follow:**

How many roads must a man walk down  
 Before you call him a man?  
 How many seas must a white dove sail  
 Before she sleeps in the sand?  
 Yes, and how many times must the cannon balls fly  
 Before they’re forever banned?  
 The answer, my friend, is blowin’ in the wind  
 The answer is blowin’ in the wind.

- 5. What does the word ‘road’ suggest here? 1
- 6. Pick out a phrase that indicates war. 1
- 7. Pick out an example for alliteration from the given lines. 1
- 8. Where can one find the answers to the questions, according to the poet? 1

Question 9. Zahra knew that Ali had lost her shoes. She feels very sad and cries thinking about how she will go to school. That night she writes her feelings in her diary. What would be the likely **diary entry**? 5

**Questions 10-13. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

The Brooklyn Bridge that spans the river tying Manhattan Island to Brooklyn is truly a miracle bridge. In 1863, a creative engineer named John Roebling was inspired by an idea for this spectacular bridge. However, bridge-building experts throughout the world told him to forget it; it could not be done.

Roebling convinced his son, Washington, who was a young upcoming engineer, that the bridge could be built. The two of them developed the concepts of how it could be accomplished and how the obstacles could be overcome. With unharnessed excitement and inspiration, they hired their crew and began to build their dream bridge.

- 10. Who had the idea of building a bridge across the river? 1
- 11. Which were the places connected by this bridge? 1
- 12. Who did Roebling have his discussions with? 1
- 13. What were the areas in which the discussions were held? 1

**Questions 14. Complete the following paragraph choosing the right phrases from the ones given below. 3**

Ali placed Zahra’s shoes in between the boxes. But when he came out of the shop he couldn’t \_\_\_a\_\_\_ where he kept it. He \_\_\_b\_\_\_ looking for it. At last, he \_\_\_c\_\_\_ home without the shoes.

**[turn up, talk over, make out, went on]**

## ANSWER KEY

## MODEL QUESTION PAPER -1

1. the camera had failed to work properly.
2. A bamboo grove closer to Calcutta in a village called Boral.
3. merge
4. The whole village came with the lorry.
5. Appreciation of the poem

'Blowin' in the Wind' is a song written by Bob Dylan in 1962. It's a protest song that raises rhetorical questions about peace, war and freedom. Bob Dylan believes that the answers are there, however, no one dares to find them.

It deals with the ill effects of the Civil Rights Movement during the Vietnam war. Dylan was of the view that government focuses on war and ignores the violation of African Americans.

In the lines of the first stanza, the poet throws light on the belief system prevailing in those days. It was believed that a boy can become a man only after going to war.

When will these people become free? - is the question that he poses. Most people turn their ears and heads away pretending that they do not see anything going around. How can a man turn a blind eye is another question that he asks. Again he says that the answer to this question is blowing in the wind which means it is everywhere and known to everyone.

In the concluding stanza, the poet wonders how many times will a man have to face wars and how many more people would have to lay down their lives before people's quest for freedom is fulfilled. He wants to know when man's plea for peace will be heard by the government.

Dylan begins each stanza with a question which is followed by two more. They are rhetorical questions some gentle, some very critical. This is intended to make the listeners think. Then he hits us with his refrain which is ambiguous. The technique is repeated throughout the song. Through this song, Dylan aims at sensitizing our conscience. He wishes to say that enough evil has been done in the world. It is about time that man wakes up and decides to put an end to all this and live a life of freedom, peace and liberty.

6. A. Conversation

Ali: Good morning, uncle.

Junk collector: Good morning. What can I do for you?

Ali: I lost a bag of shoes at Akbar Iqa's shop. Did you get it?

Junk collector: I think I got it. Was it a black bag?

Ali: Yes. It was a black bag.

Junk collector: Then, it'll be somewhere in my yard. I'll get it for you tomorrow.

Ali: Thanks, uncle. Tomorrow morning at 9 I'll wait for you.

Junk collector: Ok. I'll reach here at that time. See you.

Ali: See you tomorrow.

B.

**Letter**

**Satyajit Ray**

Ray Studio

Calcutta

22.1.xxxx

**The Manager**

**Bharat Circus**

**Calcutta**

Sir

Subject: Use of circus tiger in film-regd.

I am writing this letter to express my gratitude for providing a tiger for shooting the film 'Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne' at Notun Gram in Birbhoomi and later at Boral.

We need to shoot a scene with a tiger in it. We took the shots at Notun Gram, but as the camera did not work properly, it failed. Later, it became a success at Boral.

Mr Thorat, the ringmaster took all safety measures to ensure that the tiger is treated and tended well during the shooting period.

Once more I and my whole crew express thanks to you and Thorat for your timely help.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Sd/-

**Satyajit Ray**

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**Profile**

**Majid Majidi**

Majid Majidi is an Iranian filmmaker. He was born on April 17, 1959. He was well-known as a film director, producer and screenwriter. His famous films include The Colour of Paradise in 1999, Baran in 2001 and The Willow Tree in 2005. He won many awards like Grand Pix Award, Nomination for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film.

- 8. a. of
- b. to
- c. from



## ANSWER KEY

## MODEL QUESTION PAPER -2

1. He goes to the pile of boxes in front of the shop and picks up the bundle of nan and then looks for the bag of shoes.
2. The parcel of nan and the parcel of shoes
3. scatter
4. The vegetables scatter on the ground.
5. After he has walked many roads.
6. They should fly
7. The answer is blowing in the wind.
8. Any one example- many –must-man, seas-sail, she-sleeps-sand
9. A. Character sketch

Ali is the central character in the screenplay 'My Sister's Shoes'. Ali belongs to a very poor family. Young Ali had a high vision of life. He understands his responsibility towards his family. Ali lost his sister Zahra's shoes. He also feels sad when his sister feels miserable about the lost shoes. So, he requests his sister not to reveal the matter to their parents. Ali knows that his parent's condition is not good. They are not capable of buying another pair of shoes. The boy also shows the great presence of mind when he devises a plan of communicating with his sister by writing what he had to say in his notebook. He did not want to add to the troubles of his already overburdened father. Once again Ali shows his resourcefulness when he comes up with the plan of sharing his shoes with his sister. He was aware of his family's conditions. Ultimately Ali emerges as a very sensible boy who even at this tender age is ready to share the troubles of his father.

- B. Diary Entry

**April 10, 2020, Saturday**

The shooting was a failure today. The camera did not work properly and the lighting was not clear. I've to shoot these scenes again. I think I'll move to Boral for the reshooting. Scenes of the tiger are to be shot there. All the necessary arrangements are to be taken. Boral is a better location than Notun Gram. This time everything has to be checked and rectified. But now my tension is with the tiger and its performance. There may not be another chance. I have to thank Mr Thorat. His willingness and cooperation are very important. But I think everything will end positively. I hope for the best to happen tomorrow.

10. The outgassing of light chemical elements from a planet's atmosphere into space.
11. Winds are commonly classified by their spatial scale, their speed, the types of forces that cause them, the regions in which they occur, and their effect.

12. The strongest winds are observed on Neptune and Saturn.
13. Wind is also an important means of transportation for seeds and small birds.
- 14 a. went on  
b. put up with

**MODEL QUESTION PAPER -3**

1. Every animal in a Hollywood film is well-trained.
2. Birds
3. Birds from all over the world start attacking humans.
4. Notices were placed in the press all over the United States.
5. Appreciation of the poem

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In the lines of the first stanza, the poet throws light on the belief system prevailing in those days. It was believed that a boy can become a man only after going to war. He asks, how many times a person would be required to fight wars so that he may be called the man. The poet wonders how much life experiences a person has to suffer to be called a man.

In the next line he asks, how many seas does a white dove sail - he refers to the Bible that describes the incident of Noah. He then asks, how many times the weapons will be used before they might be banned. So the poet raises the question and he says that everybody knows the answer.

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6. **Letter**

Cherry Street  
New York  
22.03.2020

Alfred Hitchcock  
 5th avenue  
 Main Street  
 Hollywood  
 Sir

I came to know that you require ravens for shooting the film titled 'Birds'. I am a bird trainer. I have around 100 trained ravens. I think you can use them in your film. The training which I have given them has not gone very badly. That is to say, they may do anything that might be seen as extraordinary. But if as many as fifty ravens are told to perch quietly in a row on a specified spot and they obey this command instantly. Will it be enough for you for the shooting? If you feel it is enough, you may inform me at the earliest. I am ready to come with the ravens for the shooting.

Hope you will respond to me soon.

Yours faithfully

S/d

**Charles Lopez**

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**Notice**

**GOVT. HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**MAZHUKKEER, THIRUVALLA**

**FILM FESTIVAL 2023**

**29.03.2023, Saturday 9 a.m**

**Venue: School Auditorium**

Mazhukeer

22.03.2023

Dear Parents and Students

This is to inform the parents and students of Government Higher Secondary School, Mazhukeer that the Film Club of the school has decided to conduct a Film Festival in the school on Saturday, 29.03.2023 from 9 a.m. onwards. 'Children of Heaven', 'Birds', 'Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne' are the films selected for screening.

Smt Seenath Beevi, President, Mazhukeer Grama Panchayat has agreed to inaugurate the function. PTA President Smt B S Chithra will preside over the function. All are requested to attend the function and watch the films.

Yours sincerely

**Sumesh**

Secretary

Film Club

GHSS Mazhukeer

**29.03.2023, Saturday, 9 a.m.**

**PROGRAMME**

Prayer Song	: School Choir
Welcome Speech	: Smt Anitha Devi (Principal)
Presidential Address	: Smt B S Chithra (PTA President)
Inaugural Address	: Smt Seenath Beevi (President, Grama Panchayat)
Felicitations	: Sri Buhari (Senior Assistant) Dr Santhosh Kumar (Staff Secretary) Sumesh (Secretary, Film Club)
Vote of Thanks	: Smt K Jayasree (Headmistress)

8. a. waiting
- b. told her
- c. consoled

**MODEL QUESTION PAPER -4**

1. Between the bakery and the vegetable store.
2. On the top of a pile of boxes of vegetables stacked in front of the shop.
3. Salt, salt for trade
4. stack
5. Experiences in life
6. Cannon balls fly
7. How many roads must a man
8. The answer is blowin' in the wind.
9. Diary Entry

**4 June 2021, Sunday**

Oh, my God! What shall I do? How could Ali be so careless? Even though it was worn-out, it was the only pair of shoes that I had to wear to school. If father knows about it he will punish Ali. My parents can't afford to buy me new shoes. Ali has promised to share his shoes until I get a new pair of shoes. But will it work? What if the mother finds it out? She will certainly be very angry with Ali and me. Who could have taken my shoes? Who wants that old pair of shoes? If I go to school without shoes all my friends will make fun of me. I have lost peace of mind. Who will help me? Ok. I'll use his shoes tomorrow.

I'm going to bed. Good night.

10. John Roebling
11. Manhattan Island and Brooklyn
12. His son, Washington, who was a young upcoming engineer
13. How it could be accomplished and how the obstacles could be overcome.
14. a. make out  
b. went on  
c. turned up