

# SSLC ENGLISH STUDY MATERIAL

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## Prose 1.His first flight

### Synopsis

Introduction  
Development  
Conclusion

### Introduction

Title : His first flight  
Author : Liam O Flaherty  
Theme : Parenting care

### Development

- The young seagull was alone on the ledge.
- He was afraid to fly
- So his parents made him starve until he flies.
- But he did not fly.
- So the mother seagull showed him a piece of fish.
- It was out of reach.
- To get his food, he had no other choice than to fly.
- He flew and landed on the green sea.
- They offered him dog fish for his first flight.

### Conclusion

Necessity is the mother of action

## Prose 2.The night the ghost got in

### Synopsis

Introduction  
Development  
Conclusion

### Introduction

Title : The night the ghost got in  
Author : James Grover Thurber  
Theme : Chaos in the house

### Development

- The narrator heard a strange sound at their dining room.
- He thought it was a burglar or a ghost.
- His mother threw her shoe at Mr.Bodwell's window to seek help.
- The police came and ransacked the house during their search.
- Grandfather mistook them as deserters and shot at them.
- Next morning, grandfather told that he came to the dining room for water the previous night.

### Conclusion

Too much of imagination leads to chaos

## Prose 3.Empowered women Navigating the world

### Synopsis

Introduction  
Development  
Conclusion

### Introduction

Title : Empowered women Navigating the world  
Theme : women empowerment

### Development

- A crew of six army women was selected for a voyage.
- Navika sagar parikrama was a project to empower women.
- Indigenously build sail boat INSV-Tarini was used for this voyage.
- The boat had all facilities and encouraged ecofriendly resources.
- The crew took more training to sail and handle the energies.
- The voyage started from Goa on 10 Sep 2017.
- It returned to Goa on 21 may 2018 after 254 days
- This voyage proved woman empowerment and showed that they can do anything.

### Conclusion

Women are the real architects of society

## Prose 4. The Attic

### Synopsis

Introduction  
Development  
Conclusion

### Introduction

Title : The Attic  
Author : Satyajit Ray  
Theme : Time changes one's attitude

### Development

- Aditya and the narrator visited Aditya's village after 29 years.
- They met sasanka sanyal in Negan Uncle tea shop.
- Sanyal recognized Aditya who took his medal in those days.
- Aditya recognised sanyal when he recited the poem.
- He felt guilty e and decided to return money instead of medal.
- He found the medal in the attic of his old house.
- On Sanyal's refusal to accept the money he gave back the medal.
- This time change Aditya and Sanyal never gave up his self-respect.

### Conclusion

Man changes with time

Prose 5. Tech bloomersSynopsis

Introduction  
Development  
Conclusion

Introduction

Title : Tech bloomers  
Theme : Technology is a life changer

Development

- Technology has been registering an unbelievable growth.
- It has enabled the disabled to be just like a normal person.
- Alisha suffers from cerebral palsy.
- She has trouble with typing.
- She uses an advanced technology called Dragon Dictate.
- It helps to transfer her speech into words on the screen.
- David was born with cerebral Palsy.
- He uses the liberator communication device.
- It helps him to communicate freely and control his environment.
- Really, technology is a boon to the disabled.

Conclusion

It is not that we use technology but we live in technology

Poem 2. The grumble familySynopsis

Introduction  
Development  
Conclusion

Introduction

Poem : The grumble family  
Poet : Lucy Maud Montgomery  
Theme : The grumble family and their attitude

Development

- There is a pessimistic family in complaining Street.
- They are always discontented and dissatisfied.
- Rain or sun, summer or winter, high or humble they complain about everything.
- It is good to stay away from them.
- Indirectly, the poet advises us not to be like them.
- We should be optimistic and happy.

Conclusion

"Never grumble for the thorns in roses, Be happy for the roses in the thorns"

Poem 3. I am every womenSynopsis

Introduction  
Development  
Conclusion

Introduction

Poem : I am every women  
Poet : Rakhi Nariani Shirke  
Theme : The qualities of women

Development

- Today's woman is the symbol of power and strength.
- She is optimistic and expects good things in life.
- She is never a quitter.
- She is ferocious like a lioness.
- She has pride and self respect.
- So we have to love, respect and look after her.

Conclusion

The poet praises and glorifies the modern woman

Poem 1. LifeSynopsis

Introduction  
Development  
Conclusion

Introduction

Poem : Life  
Poet : Henry Van Dyke  
Theme : life is just a journey

Development

- The poet wants to lead a joyful life.
- He neither wants to hurry nor moves away from his goal.
- He does not want to mourn for the things that he had lost.
- He does not hold back for fear of the future.
- His happy heart travels cheerfully from the youth to old age.
- He does not care for the hurdles in his life.
- He seeks new friendship, high adventure and the crown (fame).
- She wants to keep the courage of quest.
- He hopes that every turn in his life's journey will be the best..

Conclusion

The poet says that life's journey becomes joyful in all situation

28. Answer the following question.

1x2=2

AnswerRoad map

- Step down the road
- Go straight along the road
- Walk along the \_\_\_\_\_ road
- Turn right/Left
- Walk past the .....
- You will find the.....
- It is opposite to the .....

**35. Read the following stanza and answer the Questions given below**

In the dim past, nor holding back in fear  
From what the future veils; but with a whole  
And happy heart, that pays its toll

To Youth and Age, and travels on with cheer.

- Pick out the **rhyming words** from the above lines
- Write the **rhyme scheme** of the given stanza.
- Identify the **figure of speech** employed here in this stanza.
- Pick out the **alliterating words** in the fourth line

**Answer**

**1. Rhyming words**

fear - cheer  
whole - toll

**2. Rhyme scheme**

fear - a  
whole - b  
toll - b  
cheer - a

**3. Figure of speech**

Dim past – Metaphor

**4. Alliteration**

To - travels  
and - age

**36. Paraphrase the following stanza.**

There's a family nobody likes to meet;  
They live; it is said, on Complaining Street  
In the city of Never-Are-Satisfied,  
The River of Discontent beside.

**Answer**

**Paraphrase**

These poem lines are taken from the poem ..... It is one of the famous poem in English literature. It is written by ..... He was a remarkable poet in English literature.

The rhyming words of the poem, The rhyme scheme of the poem, the figure of speech of the poem and the alliteration words of the poem are well in the poem.

The poet says, **There's a family nobody likes to meet; They live, it is said, on Complaining Street In the city of Never-Are-Satisfied, The River of Discontent beside.**

Besides this, the theme is meaningful and the Presentation is wonderful. This is the paraphrase of the stanza.

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**39. Prepare attractive advertisement using the hints given below.**

Mobile Galaxy – Smartphones – accessories – SIM cards – Recharge – Free Power banks on Mobile purchase – No.1, Tollgate, Trichy.

## Mobile galaxy

Free power bank

- > Smart phone
- > Recharge
- > SIMcards
- > accessories
- > free power bank on mobile purchase



**Address**  
No 1, toll gate  
Trichy

**Contact**  
978939623  
mobilegalaxy@gmail.com

**41.(a)** You are Kiran/Keerthi school pupil leader of **GBHSS, Thanipadi**. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school inviting all students of your school to take part in **Hand washing day** which is to be held in your school on 01.04.2025

Notice  
**GBHSS THANIPADI**  
**HAND WASHING DAY**

Date: 01.03.2025

This is to inform you that our **GBHSS THANIPADI** is going to conduct **HAND WASHING DAY**. All the students are requested to assemble in the auditorium. Tea and snacks will be provided, fun activities will also organize.

Date : 01.04.2025  
Time : 3.00 pm  
Venue : **GBHSS THANIPADI**

For more detail kindly contact the secretary

Thank you

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**41.(B)** You are the school pupil leader. You have been asked to write a report on the inaugural ceremony of English literary association of your school, which was held recently. Write a report on the same in not more than 120 words.

**Answer**

Report writing

- English literary association was inaugurated / celebrated in our school On 3<sup>rd</sup> march 2019.
- The programme started with a prayer.
- Our head master gave the welcome address
- The chief guest Mr.Ramu DEO of chennai delivered his speech.
- The cultural events were conducted by our students.
- The winners were awarded prizes by the chief guest.
- Our assistant headmaster gave the vote of thanks.
- The programme ended with National Anthem.

## 46.Hints Development

42.Look at the following picture and express your views on it in about five sentences.



Answer

Picture expression

- ❖ This picture is about.....
- ❖ This picture contains many ideas.
- ❖ I like this picture.
- ❖ It is meaningful.
- ❖ It is very natural.
- ❖ I see ..... in the picture.
- ❖ It is very nice
- ❖ It is thought provoking.
- ❖ It is very much real.
- ❖ The scene is very natural
- ❖ It is black and white color
- ❖ They are..... ( happy, sad, beautiful, ugly

43. Make notes or write a summary of the following passage

Diwali represents the largest and most popular Hindu festival celebrated the world over and a major shopping season in India—comparable with Christmas or the Lunar New Year in other parts of the world in terms of economic and commercial activity. And the future looks increasingly bright for the Festival of Lights. Last year, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic gave rise to an increasing number of Indian shoppers turning towards mobile as the first choice for consumers of online purchases during the Festival of Lights. In light of the current countrywide restrictions under the Disaster Management Act and the government's encouragement of citizens to avoid large celebratory gatherings for the holidays, we expect this trend to continue into 2022

Answer

Notes

Diwali

Diwali represents largest - popular Hindu festival - celebrated world major- shopping season Indi - comparable Christmas Lunar - New Year other - parts world terms - economic commercial activity- future looks increasingly - bright Festival Lights - impact COVID-19 pandemic- increasing number - Indian shoppers turning - towards mobilefirst - choice consumers online - purchases during Festival - Lights light current - countrywide restrictions under- Disaster Management - government's encouragement - citizens avoid large- celebratory gatherings holidays

Title : The Tempest

Synopsis

Introduction  
Development  
Conclusion

Introduction

These hints are taken from the story **The Tempest**. It is one of the famous stories in English literature. It is written by **William Shakespeare**. He was a remarkable writer in English literature.

Development

The story begins with Prospero, the Duke of Milan, was more interested in reading books and in the art of magic. He trusted his brother Antonio and asked him to look after his affairs in his kingdom.

But Antonio overthrew Prospero out of the kingdom, with the help of the king of Naples. Prospero reached an island with his daughter and stayed there for twelve years. He released many good spirits from the clutches of the witch Sycorax.

With the help of Ariel, he created a violent storm in the sea. He made his enemies travelling in the ship, to suffer for their mistakes done to him. He asked Ariel to bring Ferdinand to the cave.

Conclusion

Thus at last, he also released his faithful spirit Ariel from his service. Prospero became a king of Milan

**Moral :**we win by tenderness, we conquer by forgiveness

Title : Zig zag

Synopsis

Introduction  
Development  
Conclusion

Introduction

These hints are taken from the story "**The zigzag**". It is one of the famous stories in English literature. It is written by **Asha nehemia** .She was a remarkable writer in English literature.

Development

Dr somu asked his cousin Dr Krishnan to take care of his pet bird zigzag. It picked the fruits and deposited on the blades of the fan. It perched on the curtain rod, slept there and snored loudly.

The snoring of zigzag annoyed everyone. When the fan was switched on it was raining papayas and bananas. Mrs krishnan's painting was spoiled.

So Dr. Krishnan took it to his clinic. Zigzag brought absolute silence in the clinic. It entertained the kids and behaved well. So the family decided to keep it with them

Conclusion

The humorous story ends with the acceptance of Zigzag

**Moral:** "When you own a bird, happiness is all around"



**Title: The story of Mulan****Synopsis**

Introduction  
Development  
Conclusion

**Introduction**

These hints are taken from the story **The story of Mulan**. It is one of the famous story in English literature.

**Development**

Many years ago, china was in the middle of Great War. The Chinese emperor ordered that one man from each family must join in the army. Mulan's father was old and her brother was young.

Mulan cut off her long hair and put on her father's robe. She went to the join the army . She proved to be brave soldier . very soon she became the general of the entire army .

She became sick and everyone found she was a woman .some opposed but some supported her. Just then a surprise attack came. Mulan stood strong and she won the battle.

**Conclusion**

Thus Mulan proved her patriotism towards her country and her love for her family

**Moral:** "The strength of the nation lies in the integrity of home."

**Title: The Aged Mother****Synopsis**

Introduction  
Development  
Conclusion

**Introduction**

These hints are taken from the story **The aged mother**. It is one of the famous story in English literature. It is written by **Mastuo Basho**. He was a remarkable writer in English literature.

**Development**

A poor farmer loved his aged mother very much. The ruler of the country ordered to kill all the aged people. So the farmer took his mother to a mountain.

He was moved by her lovable efforts for his safe return. So he took back her and hid in a hut. Again the Governor ordered the people to bring him a rope of ashes.

The old mother gave an idea to make the rope. The Governor knew that it was the idea of the farmer's aged mother. He revoked the cruel law of killing the aged.

**Conclusion**

This shows that the old people are wise and experienced. Thus the emperor realized his mistake and abolished the cruel law.

**Moral:** "The journey of love never ends"

**47.prose comprehension**

**47. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:**

Schools all over India celebrate 'Children's Day on 14th November every year. On this day, our great Prime Minister who had a great love for children was born. His ancestors came down from Kashmir to the rich plains below. Kaul had been his family name; this changed to Kaul-Nehru; and in later years Kaul was dropped and they became simply Nehru. Jawaharlal Nehru was the only son of his prosperous parents. His two sisters were much younger to Jawaharlal Nehru. And so, he grew up and spent this early years as a lonely child with no companion of his own age. Private tutors were in charge of his education. Then he went to England and was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge.

**Answer**

**1. Why is 14th November celebrated as Children's Day?**

Nehru was born on 14th November, He had a great love for children. So his birthday is celebrated as Children's Day.

**2. Why did Jawaharlal Nehru spend his early years as a lonely child?**

Nehru spent his early years as a lonely child because his two sisters were very much younger than him.

**3. Where did Pt. Nehru's fore fathers come from?**

They came from Kashmir.

**4. How many brothers and sisters did Jawaharlal Nehru have?**

Nehru had only two sisters.

**Poem And Poet**

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|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. Life                    | - | Henry Van Dyke              |
| 2. The Grumble Family      | - | Lucy Maud Montgomery        |
| 3. I Am Every Woman        | - | Rakhi Nariani Shirke        |
| 4. The Ant And The Cricket | - | Adapted From Aesop's Fables |
| 5. The Serect Of Machine   | - | Rudyar Kipling              |
| 6. No Men Are Forign       | - | James Falconer              |
| 7. The House On Elm Street | - | Nadia Bush                  |

## Memory poem

### 1.Life

Let me but live my life from year to year,  
With forward face and unreluctant soul;  
Not hurrying to, nor turning from the goal;  
Not mourning for the things that disappear

In the dim past, nor holding back in fear  
From what the future veils; but with a whole  
And happy heart, that pays its toll  
To Youth and Age, and travels on with cheer.

So let the way wind up the hill or down,  
O'er rough or smooth, the journey will be joy:  
Still seeking what I sought when but a boy,  
New friendship, high adventure, and a crown,

My heart will keep the courage of the quest,  
And hope the road's last turn will be the best.

-Henry Van Dyke

### 3.I am every woman

A woman is beauty innate,  
A symbol of power and strength.  
She puts her life at stake, She's real,  
she's not fake!

The summer of life she's ready to see in spring.  
She says, "Spring will come again, my dear.  
Let me care for the ones who're near."  
She's The Woman – she has no fear!

Strong is she in her faith and beliefs.  
"Persistence is the key to everything,"  
says she. Despite the sighs and groans and moans,  
She's strong in her faith, firm in her belief!

She's a lioness; don't mess with her.  
She'll not spare you if you're a prankster.  
Don't ever try to saw her pride, her self-respect. She  
knows how to thaw you, saw you – so beware!

She's today's woman. Today's woman, dear.  
Love her, respect her, keep her near...

-Rakhi Nariani Shirke.

### 5.The secret of machine

We were taken from the ore-bed and the mine,  
We were melted in the furnace and the pit  
We were cast and wrought and hammered to design,  
We were cut and filed and tooled and gauged to fit.

Some water, coal, and oil is all we ask,  
And a thousandth of an inch to give us play:  
And now, if you will set us to our task,  
We will serve you four and twenty hours a day!

We can pull and haul and push and lift and drive,  
We can print and plough and weave and heat and light,  
We can run and race and swim and fly and dive,  
We can see and hear and count and read and write!

But remember, please, the Law by which we live,  
We are not built to comprehend a lie,  
We can neither love nor pity nor forgive,  
If you make a slip in handling us you die!

Though our smoke may hide the Heavens from your eyes,  
It will vanish and the stars will shine again,  
Because, for all our power and weight and size,  
We are nothing more than children of your brain!

- Rudyard Kipling

### 6. No men are foreign

Remember, no men are strange, no countries foreign  
Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes  
Like ours: the land our brothers walk upon  
Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie.

They, too, aware of sun and air and water,  
Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starv'd.  
Their hands are ours, and in their lines we read  
A labour not different from our own.

Remember they have eyes like ours that wake  
Or sleep, and strength that can be won  
By love. In every land is common life  
That all can recognise and understand.

Let us remember, whenever we are told  
To hate our brothers, it is ourselves  
That we shall dispossess, betray, condemn.  
Remember, we who take arms against each other

It is the human earth that we defile.  
Our hells of fire and dust outrage the innocence  
Of air that is everywhere our own,  
Remember, no men are foreign, and no countries strange.

-James Falconer Kirkup