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HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

SUMMER VACATION 2025-26

CLASS XII

SUBJECT: ENGLISH CORE

✍ **Write the answers of the following questions (EXTRA) from the chapters taught till**

01.05.2025:

1. What is the kind of pain and ache that the narrator feels?
 2. Why are the young trees described as 'sprinting'?
 3. Why has the narrator brought in the image of the merry children 'spilling out of their homes'?
 4. Why has the mother been compared to 'late winter's moon'?
 5. What do the parting words of the narrator and her smile signify?(All India 2010)
 6. What does the narrator mean by 'all I did was smile and smile and smile...'??
 7. What does the narrator's mother look like? What kind of images has been used to signify her aging?
 8. State the common issue faced by most of the aged in the current times, with reference to the poem My Mother at Sixty-six.(CBSE Sample Paper 2022)*
 9. Aging is a natural process; have you ever thought about what our elderly parents expect from us ?*
 10. Imagine you are the poet's friend. Write a dialogue exchange between yourself and the poet where the latter confides in you about her fears and asks for your advice. What would your advice be to face her fears, to ignore them or something else?*
 11. Imagine the mother gets to know of the poet's persona's fears. Write a letter, as the mother, telling the daughter why she must not dwell on these fears. *
- Q1. What was the order from Berlin and what changes did it cause in the school? (AU India 2013)
- or
- What changes did the order from Berlin cause in the school? (Delhi 2012)
- or
- What was the mood in the classroom when M Hamel gave his last French lesson?(Delhi 2009)
- Q2. Franz didn't learn French, whom did M. Hamel blame?
- Q3. What did Franz notice that was unusual about the school that day?
- Q4. What changes did the order from Berlin cause in school that day?
- Q5. What did M. Hamel say about the French language?
- Q6. Franz thinks, "Will they make them sing in German, even the pigeons?" What does this tell us about the attitude of the Frenchmen? (All India 2011)
- Q7. What made M Hamel cry towards the end of his last lesson? (Compartment 2014)
- Q8. What words did M Hamel write on the blackboard before dismissing the last class? What did they mean? (Compartment 2014)
- Q9. "You realise the true value of a thing only on losing it." Comment on this statement in the light of the story, The Last Lesson. (SQP 2022-23)
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- *LONG QUESTIONS *
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- Q10. What is the significance of M. Hamel's staring at the classroom at the end of the Last Lesson?
- Q11. Explain the line "I have never saw him look so tall."

LONG QUESTIONS

Q1. Franz thinks, “Will they make them sing in German, even the pigeons?”

After reading the chapter, you realise that man has an intense desire to subjugate others. You feel that in the modern world, there is a strong need for brotherhood. Write an article in about 120-150 words for a national magazine on this.

Q2. ‘My Last French Lesson! Why I hardly knew how to write! I should never learn any more! I must stop there, then!

The problem of school dropouts and illiteracy / backwardness still plagues our country. What qualities on the part of the administration, educationists and youth do you think will help to surmount this hurdle?

Q3. At the end of his last lesson, M. Hamel decides to leave a little note for each of his students for them to find the next day at their desks. Based on your reading of the story, what might his note to Franz read?

Q1. What was Charley’s vision about Galesburg town?

Q2. Why did Charley return from the third level?

Q3. “But now we are both looking.” What does this refer to? Explain.

Q4. What do you infer from Sam’s letter to Charley?

Q5. “The modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and stress. What are the ways in which we attempt to overcome them?

Q6. How would you evaluate Sam’s character? Elucidate any two qualities, and substantiate with evidence from the text. *

Q7. ‘It’s easy to judge others and give advice, but much more difficult to apply it to ourselves.’ Elaborate with reference to the character of Sam in The Third Level. *

Q8. How did ‘The World’ help Charley to confirm his doubts regarding the existence of a third level?

Q9. Philately helps keep the past alive. Discuss other ways in which this is done. What do you think of the human tendency to constantly move between the past, the present and the future? *

Q10. At the beginning of the story, Sam is skeptical of Charley’s discovery of the third level. By the end of the story, the reader is told that he found the third level and travelled back in time. How would Sam diagnose himself? *

Q11. What does the poet mean by “inactivity”?

Q12. What is the ultimate expectation of the poet from all human beings?

Q13. What is the sadness the poet refers to in the poem ‘Keeping Quiet’?

Q14. Why shouldn’t we “speak in any language” and “not move our arms so much”?

Q15. How does the poet distinguish ‘stillness’ from ‘total inactivity’? Why does Neruda say “I want no truck with death”?

Q16. The world has become a global village, and people across boundaries, nationalities and communities are now connected to one another. With the advancement of technology, and the advent of social media, do you think that the task of keeping quiet, as envisaged by Neruda, has become easier or more complicated? Justify your stance. *

Q17. Bring out the underlying message and appeal of Pablo Neruda’s poem ‘Keeping Quiet’. Why does he call upon all the people to keep quiet? *

***Marked questions are long questions.**

✍ **Complete the textual reading of the stories and poems of your syllabus.**

✍ **At least read a novel of your own choice and write your reflection over the story and the characters.**

✍ **Read one English newspaper daily and note down the unknown words that you will encounter.**

✍ Writing Section:

- You are a student of Mahaan University, Indore. The university is not providing proper curriculum and guidance to the students because of which students are unable to learn. Write a letter to the editor of a student magazine, Yuva Chetna to highlight this issue.
- You are Arjun of 14, New Town, Delhi. You have seen an advertisement in The Times of India for the post of Chief Chef in a 5-Star Hotel. Apply for the job with complete biodata. Write in

125-150 words.

- You are Roger. You have recently read an advertisement for the post of a sales executive in Meera and Co., Field Ganj, Ludhiana. Write an application for this job giving your bio data as well.
- While walking in a park in your neighbourhood you found a small plastic bag containing some documents and some cash. Write a notice in about 50 words to be put on the park notice board asking the owner to identify and collect it from you. You are Amar/Amrita 9399123456.
- You are Asma/Ashish, the head girl/boy of XYZ international school. Your school is soon going to publish the annual magazine next month. Write a notice for the notice board of your school inviting students to submit write-ups.
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- Recent floods in many metropolitan cities of the country during the monsoon season laid bare the hollowness of the claims of the civic authorities of their preparedness. The poor had to bear the brunt of the problem while no one was ever held accountable. Write an article in 150 – 200 words on the common man's woes during the monsoons and the need for accountability of the officials concerned. You are Sumit/Smita Verma.
- India is a land of diversity. One way in which it makes us feel proud of it is the number of festivals we enjoy. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Festivals of India'. You are Karuna/Karan. 10
- Draft an invitation in about 50 words, on behalf of your aunt, Meghna Menon, which she has to share to invite prior work colleagues to the inaugural event of her own investment consultancy firm, in the Acer mall, Kozhikode, Kerala.
- You are Abhishek. You have received a letter from your close friend, inviting you to attend the marriage of his sister. But, unfortunately, you cannot attend it due to your previous commitments. Write him a letter regretting your inability to attend the marriage ceremony.

❖ **COMPLETE THE TASK WHOLE HEARTEDLY AND ENJOY SAFELY WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**

*****HAPPY HOLIDAYS*****

