

Important Questions
Subject - English

POETRY

UNIT-1 - Fear ~ Khalil Gibran.

- 1Q) How can one overcome fear? Explain.
- 2Q) What does the line 'The ruin needs to take the risk of entering the ocean' mean? Discuss.
- 3Q) What does 'nobody can go back' mean in the poem fear? Explain from your point of view.

UNIT-2 Awake (Sarojini Naidu)

- Q1) What do the children implore the mother in the poem Awake?
- Q2) Substantiate the critical comment that the poem 'Awake' is a patriotic lyric.
- Q3) How do Indians plan to set their mother again at the forefront of glory?

UNIT-3 On the Grasshopper and Cricket (John Keats)

- Q1) According to Keats, when does one hear a cricket's song?
- Q2) When does a grasshopper sing?
- Q3) Discuss the common features between grasshopper and cricket?

UNIT-4 Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa T.S (Nissim Ezekiel)

- Q1) How does the speaker describe Miss Pushpa in the poem?
- Q2) Does the poem bring out the sweetness of Miss Pushpa?
- Q3) Do you agree that the poem "Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa T.S" is a farewell address? Justify your response.

PROSE

UNIT-05 : How to avoid Foolish Opinions (Bertrand Russell).

- Q1) How can we prevent dogmatic developing a dogmatic attitude as per Russell's suggestion?
- Q2) According to Russell, what is the only way to tackle self-pride?
- Q3) Travel is an excellent educator. Explain with reference to Russell's essay 'How to avoid Foolish Opinions'.

UNIT-06 The Awakening of Women (KM Panikkar)

- Q1) What is the true test of the changed position of women in India?
- Q2) But when the movement was actually started, women were everywhere at the forefront. Elaborate.
- Q3) Why were the women in 19th Century the most backward of all women in the world.

UNIT-07 Solution to plastic pollution (Internet article)

- Q1) How did A.P.J Kalam encourage Dr. Vasudevan and what has been the outcome?
- Q2) Describe the department of Dr. Vasudevan as the professor of IIT?
- Q3) List the advantages of plastic roads as described by Dr. Vasudevan.

UNIT-8 Guilty - One-Act play.

- Q1) Describe the importance of Mrs. Moore's role in Guilty?
- Q2) Sketch the character of Jim in the light of MA RYAN's Comment like: It is the same, But how did it get into Jim's pocket?
- Q3) "Ma, you are talking like someone in a fog? without any sense". Are these words from Jim an order or exception? Explain.

Short - stories

UNIT-09: The Woman on platform no: 08 (Ruskin Bond)

- 1) Describe the characters of Arun, the boarding school boy?
- 2) What did Satish's mother advise him about strangers?
How did Arun and Satish react to her advice?
- 3) What made Arun call the strange woman 'Mother' at the end?

UNIT-10 : A Gift for Christmas (O Henry)

- Q1) 'A gift for Christmas' is an example of O Henry's comic irony. Justify
- Q2) Analyse the character of Jim and Della?
- Q3) "Love, sacrifice and generosity are the essential elements of happy living." Explain.

UNIT-11 : The Doctor's Word (R.K. Narayan)

- Q1) Sketch the character of Dr. Raman.
- Q2) "People come to him (Dr. Raman) when the patient was on his last legs" why?
- Q3) Describe Gopal's health condition and his anxiety about the 'will'.

UNIT-12 : An Interview (Richard Gordon)

- Q1) Why do you think the old man visited the waiting room?
- Q2) The narrator thought that his interview was superfluous? why?
- Q3) "The Dean began to look interested." What was he interested in? why?