



STEPS

TIPS AND TECHNIQUES FOR WRITING
STRESS FREE EXAMINATION IN DIFFERENT SUBJECTS

ENGLISH

പ്രിയ അധ്യാപകരേ,

SSLC വിജയശതമാനം മികച്ചതാക്കുന്നതിൽ നമ്മുടെ അധ്യാപകർ നിരന്തര ശ്രമം നടത്തിവരികയാണല്ലോ. അതു കൊണ്ടു തന്നെ മികച്ച വിജയശതമാനം സംസ്ഥാന തലത്തിൽ നേടാൻ നമുക്കൊക്കുന്നുമുണ്ട്. കോവിഡ് 19 മഹാമാരിയുടെ പശ്ചാത്തലത്തിൽ വളരെ പരിമിതമായ ദിവസങ്ങൾ മാത്രമേ ഈ വർഷം ക്ലാസ് റൂം അധ്യയനം സാധ്യമാവുന്നുള്ളൂ. അതുകൊണ്ടുതന്നെ യാതൊരു ആശങ്കകളുമില്ലാതെ ആത്മവിശ്വാസത്തോടെ മുഴുവൻ കുട്ടികളേയും പരീക്ഷയ്ക്ക് പ്രാപ്തരാക്കുക എന്നത്

നമ്മുടെ - കടമയാണ്. ഗുണമേന്മയുള്ള വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം കുട്ടികളുടെ അവകാശമാണ്. പഠനത്തിൽ പ്രയാസം അനുഭവിക്കുന്ന കുട്ടികൾക്കും മുഴുവൻ വിഷയങ്ങളിലും C+ ഗ്രേഡ് എങ്കിലും നേടുക എന്ന ലക്ഷ്യം വച്ചു കൊണ്ട് ഡയറ്റ് കണ്ണൂരിന്റേയും തലശ്ശേരി വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ ജില്ലയുടെയും നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ തുടക്കം കുറിക്കുന്ന പരിപാടിയാണ് **STEPS (Tips and Techniques for writing stress free examination in different subjects)**

ഇതിന്റേ ഭാഗമായി ഓരോ വിഷയത്തിനും ചിട്ടയായ ഒരു പ്രവർത്തന പദ്ധതി രൂപപ്പെടുത്തിയിരിക്കുകയാണ്.പൊതു പരീക്ഷയുടെ ചോദ്യ മാതൃക മുന്നിൽക്കണ്ടു കൊണ്ട് പ്രധാന ഊന്നൽമേഖല കുട്ടികളിൽ ഉറപ്പിക്കാൻ പര്യാപ്തമായ രീതിയിലാണ് ഇത് ചിട്ടപ്പെടുത്തിയിരിക്കുന്നത്.ഈ പ്രവർത്തന പദ്ധതി ക്ലാസ് റൂമിൽ പരമാവധി പ്രയോജനപ്പെടുത്താൻ കഴിയട്ടെ. എല്ലാ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളേയും ഉന്നത വിജയത്തിലേക്ക് നമുക്ക് നയിക്കാം.

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Supporting Materials for English Subject

Dear Teachers,

This material is designed to enhance better comprehension of the lessons enlisted in the focussed area and provides the students ample opportunities to prepare various discourses with meaningful intervention of the teachers.

Adventures In a Banyan Tree

I was with my Grandparents to enjoy my vacation in my grandfather's house in Dehra Dun. There was an old Banyan tree. I spend my time on the platform halfway up the tree by reading books. I got a new friend on the tree. It was a little, cute, grey squirrel. In the beginning he didn't like my presence. But now he is very friendly with me. He even took food from my hands.

One afternoon I was sitting on the platform as usual. I saw a huge black cobra enter the garden. At the same time a mongoose also emerged from the bushes. They were ready to fight each other. Cobra darted his tongue in and out and raised three of his six feet off the ground. The mongoose bushed its tail and stood up. There came a myna and a jungle crow to watch the fight. Cobra tried to mesmerise mongoose making a false move. But mongoose knew the trick and didn't fall into the trap. Finally the mongoose won the battle and became the champion.

The following questions will help the students to understand the narration

1. Where was the boy in the beginning of the story?
2. Why was the boy staying with his grandparents now?
3. Who was the new friend of the boy?
4. Describe the appearance of the squirrel
5. How did the squirrel behave to the boy in the beginning?
6. Can you pick out the sentence which shows the intimate relationship between boy and squirrel?
7. Who entered in the garden one afternoon?

8. What was the preparation of the cobra for the fight?
9. What kind of preparations were taken by mongoose for the battle?
10. Who were the new spectators in the battle?
11. How did Cobra try to confuse mongoose?
12. Did mongoose fall into the trap of the Cobra?
13. Who became the champion of the battle?

1. The boy was so happy with his new friend the squirrel. Prepare a likely diary entry of the boy on the day he befriended with the squirrel. You can complete the following diary entry with the help of the first paragraph of the above given narration

23rd April 2020

Wednesday 10 PM

Today is a memorable day in my life. I was withto enjoy my vacation. There was an I got a It was asquirrel. In the beginning.....like my presence. But now hewith me. Heeven from my hands.

2. The boy was thrilled with the fight between cobra and mongoose. He shares the incidents to his friend through a letter. Prepare a likely letter .

Arrange the following sentences in the correct order and complete the letter.

1. At the same time a mongoose also emerged from the bush.
2. They came face to face for a battle.
3. One afternoon I was sitting up on the tree as usual .
4. Cobra darted his tongue in and out and raised three of his six feet off the ground.
5. I saw a huge black cobra .
6. Finally mongoose won the battle and became the champion .
7. But the mongoose knew the trick and didn't fall in to the trap.
8. Cobra tried to mesmerize mongoose making a false move.

Garden villa

M G Road Dehradun

12th May 2020

Dear Hemand ,

Hope you are enjoying your vacation there. I am with my Grandparents . I wish to tell you an interesting story.

One afternoon-----

_____Convey my regards to all your family members.

Yours lovingly,

(sd/-)

Muhammed Basheer

3. Character sketch of the boy

Pick out the suitable sentences from below and complete the character sketch.

- A) He is with his grandparents to enjoy his vacation.
- B) There is an old banyan tree.
- C) He spends time up on the banyan tree reading books.
- D) He got a new friend on the banyan tree.
- E) It is a little , cute ,grey squirrel .

The boy in the story “Adventures in a Banyan Tree ” is the central character

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.....

..... Grandfather likes him well. He has bought a white rat for him. He loves rats and all the things in Nature.

THE SNAKE AND THE MIRROR

Read the passage and fill in the blanks with the words in the brackets.

The story "Snake and the Mirror" was written byIt is about a doctor who met a snake in his room..... night. The narrator a doctor lives in a small rented house with rats.

One night the doctor enters into his room and sitsa mirror. He takes some important decisions, would..... , and,..... Later a lovely thought come to his mind to marry..... In the midst of it the doctor had a sudden encounter with a.....The doctor wasbut soon the snake sees it's reflection on a..... and makes a move towards it. It seems that the snake was more interested in its own reflection than the doctor. Consequently thelife is saved

(Vaikom Muhammed Basheer, in front of, Homeopath,. On a hot summer night,Keep a smile, Grow a thin moustache, Shave daily, A fat rich women doctor,. Doctor's , Mirror, Snake)

Study the questions given below. The question words are shuffled. Rearrange them in the correct order and answer the questions

1. Whom the author of the story?
2. What is the central character in the story?
3. Who did the homeopath live?
4. Why does the doctor do after entering the room?
5. Where did he decide to marry?
6. How was the doctor shocked?
7. Name was the doctor's life saved?

1.Using the answers of the questions asked above prepare a character sketch of the Homeopath.

2.The Homeopath does not hurt the animal that came to his room. This shows his concern for nature and creatures on the Earth. The Nature club of your school has decided to conduct a seminar on the topic 'Save Nature'. Prepare a notice.

Things to remember

the organizer - **The Nature club** (name of school)

name of event - **seminar on the topic 'Save Nature**

date of event - -----?

time of event -----?

venue - -----?

NOTICE

Seminar on Save Nature

XYZ School, Delhi

Dear teachers and students,

The Nature club of our school has decided to conduct a seminar on the topic 'Save Nature'. _____ will present the paper. An interactive session follows.

Date - -----

Time -----

venue - -----

All are Welcome

Programme Details

Prayer

Welcome speech. : Secretary, Nature Club

Presidential Address : Principal

Inauguration. :

Felicitation. :

Vote of thanks. :

Delhi

12/2/2019.

Secretary

sd/-

Nature Club

The Lines Written in Early Spring

Introduction

Lines written in Early Spring is a beautiful nature poem written by William Wordsworth. This poem is about the relation between man and nature. In this poem Wordsworth describes a bitter- sweet moment.

Explanatory questions

1. Where does the poet sit?

The poet sits in a grove in a relaxed mood

2. What is he doing there?

He is enjoying the thousand blended notes of nature (mixed sounds in nature).

3. What makes the poet sad?

The thoughts - what man has made of man (the cruelties towards man and nature) makes him sad.

4. What does the expression "To her fair work did Nature link" here means?

Nature has linked the human soul to Nature's.

Appreciation

Read the following lines from 'Lines written in Early Spring' and write a note of appreciation focusing on the theme, imagery and other poetic devices.

Hints

- Introduction
- Answers of explanatory questions
- Conclusion

Read the following passage and frame questions to get the underlined part as answers.

Periwinkles grew through bunches of primroses under the green trees, and he believes that all flowers find joy in the very air they breathe. Birds hopped playfully around him. He don't know what they think, but to him, it looked like all of their tiny movements gave them a shiver of pleasure.

The budding branches spread out their fans to catch the breeze. he believed that they were taking pleasure in life. The speaker questions that if this is heaven and the holly plan of nature then it doesn't make sense that he should be sad about what humanity has done to itself.

Conclusion

Wordsworth make use of several literary devices in this poem to make it beautiful. It includes personification (eg.), hyperbole(eg) and alliteration(eg.). The poem is rich in poetic images like visual (eg.), auditory (eg) and tactile(eg.). The poem follows the rhyme scheme abab.

Match the following

Rhyme scheme	Thousand blended notes
personification	The birds around me hopped and played
Visual image	To her fair work did nature link, Nature's holy plan, Every flower enjoys the air it breathes.
Auditory image	Notes-thoughts, fan- can, link-think, played-made, bower- flower, measure-pleasure
alliteration	abab
Rhyming words	What man has made of man, That there was pleasure there.

Project Tiger

Complete the following passage by choosing appropriate words from the brackets.

Project Tiger is a by Satyajit Ray, the famousfilm maker. He begins his article paying respect to the film makers for giving much reverence and consideration to the animal actors. He cited the examples of two dogs. One is an Alsatian called Rin Tin Tin and other a collie called They acted better than human and well paid like any other human actor.

(Indian, memoir, Hollywood, Lassie)

Study the above passage and answer the questions given below

1. Name the author of the memoir.
2. Why did Ray say Hollywood films give much reverence and consideration to animal actors?
3. Name the dogs he mentioned in the memoir.

There are some errors in the given passage. Edit it.

Satyajit Ray observed that animal actors(was/were) reverently treated(in/on) Hollywood. He came across a shooting in Disney studio (which/where) a Dwarf in dog skin acted as the stand in of the (protagonist/protagonist), the dog.

Study the above passage and answer the questions given below

1. Pick out a word from the passage which means “respectfully”
2. Name the studio that Ray mentioned in the memoir
3. What was the strange thing that Ray noticed in the Disney studio?

Trained dogs and horses are common in Hollywood. Nearly a hundred ravens were used in the film Birds by Alfred Hitchcock.

Conversation

As per the advertisement a man has arrived to meet Hitchcock with his trained ravens.

Prepare a likely conversation between Hitchcock and the man .

Use the hints given below

- Alfred Hitchcock decided to make a film called Birds.
- Hitchcock required ravens in the largest number .
- Notices were placed in the press all over the United States for trained ravens.
- A man arrived with almost a hundred trained ravens.
- If ravens are told to perch quietly in a row on a specified spot, they obey this command instantly.

The man : Good morning
Hitchcock : Good morning,?
The man : I am a bird trainer. I saw your notice for birds.
Hitchcock : Which type of bird do you have?
The man :
Hitchcock : How many ravens do you have?
The man :
Hitchcock : Are they well trained?
The man : Yes, If they are told to perch,
Hitchcock : That's fine. Thank you.

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below

It was not easy to find trained animals in India. But trained elephants, horses and tigers were used in some films in Bombay and Madras. In Bengal Satyajit Ray himself used a police dog, Bhulo in his film Pather Panchali.

Study the above passage and answer the questions given below

1. Which are the animals commonly used in Indian films?
2. Name the dog used in Ray's Bengali film?
3.is a great film directed by Satyajith Ray.

In his memoir Satyajit Ray narrates his experience and efforts for shooting a film Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne using a tiger as a character. He decided to hire a trained tiger from Bharath Circus. Shooting of the film was scheduled near Shiuri in Birbhoom

Formal Letter

Imagine Ray writes a letter to the Manager of Bharath Circus requesting him to provide a trained tiger for his film Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne. Draft the likely letter.

Satyajith Ray

Ray studio,

Kolkata.

25th January 1978

The Manager

Bharath Circus Company,

Kolkata.

Sir,

Sub: Request for a trained tiger to be used in a film.

I plan to shoot a new film.....I would like to use in this film. The shooting of the film is So I request you to provide me.....

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

Sd/

Satyajith Ray.

Satyajit Ray contacted the manager of the Bharat Circus. The manager introduced Mr. Thorat, the ringmaster to assist him. Mr Thorat was a South Indian, well built, with features somewhat like those of a Nepali. He was perhaps no more than forty. He showed them an old scar on his forearm, which had been caused by a tiger.

Analyse the following sentence and identify the NP in the subject position, the VP, Prepositional phrases and the Relative Clause in it.

Thorat showed us an old scar on his forearm, which had been caused by a tiger.

NP in the subject position	- Thorat
VP	- showed us an old scar on his forearm, which had been cause by a tiger.
Prepositional phrases	- on his forearm
Relative Clause	- which had been caused by a tiger

Read the following paragraphs and replace the underlined words with suitable phrasal verbs given in the brackets.

The scene was first shot in a bamboo grove in **Notun Gram**. Thorat arrived with two well fed tigers. They made all the arrangements. The cage was opened. The tiger jumped out of the cage but behaved strangely. Even Thorat failed to control it. The camera failed to work and scene was too dark. So they had to postpone the shooting.

Satyajit Ray started to another bamboo grove near Kolkata in **Boral**. Thorat brought the tiger again. All the arrangements were made and the camera was set. When Thorat opened the cage the Tiger charged at the crowd gathered. In a short while the Tiger behaved generally and walked as they required. They continued the shooting in perfect order.

(put off, turned up, set out, went on)

Notice

The film club of your school has decided to conduct a film festival. The film 'Life of Pie', 'Children of Heaven', 'Birds', will be screened. The famous film director(name)..... has consented to inaugurate the programme. Prepare a **notice**.

Things to remember	
the organizer	- The film club (name of school)
name of event	- film festival
date of event	- -----
time of event	-----
venue	- -----

NOTICE
FILM FESTIVAL
ABCD, School, Hyderabad

Dear friends,

The film club of your school has decided to conduct a film festival. The famous film director.....will inaugurate the programme. The film 'Life of Pie', 'Children of Heaven', 'Birds', will be screened.

Date : - -----

Time : -----

Venue :-----

All are welcome

Hyderabad
10 April 2021.

Secretary
Sd/
The film club

THE BEST INVESTMENT I EVER MADE

A J CRONIN

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

The Best Investment I Ever Made is a story written by A.J Cronin. The narrator was travelling on a ship from New York. He noticed that someone was watching him on the deck. Later he was informed that it was Mr. John. On the final day of the journey Mrs. And Mr. John approached the narrator and introduced themselves. Mr. John is a solicitor by profession. He had been working as the director of a charitable institution for fifteen years. The purpose of their visit was to study how maladjusted children are dealt in the settlement houses.

1. Who is the author (narrator) of the story?
2. Where was the narrator travelling from?

3. What did the author notice ?
4. By profession Mr. John was a
- 5 What was the purpose of their visit?

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

The narrator was impressed by the couple's social service. He then asked Mr. John what had channelised them into this field. Here Mr. John revealed his identity and recalled an incident which took place 25 years ago. Cronin was working as a doctor then. He along with the help of a sergeant and a landlady had saved the life of a young man who tried to commit suicide for stealing money from his office shelf. They gave the young man a fresh start who had fallen victim to bad company. The money Cronin offered to Mr. John to put back in his office safe turned out to be "The Best Investment " he had ever made.

- 1) What impressed the narrator?
- 2) When did the incident take place?
- 3) Why did the young man try to commit suicide?
- 4) How did the narrator save the young man's life?

Speech

John visits New York to study how maladjusted children are dealt in the settlement houses there. The Youth Welfare Organization in New York has decided to honour Mr John for his valuable contributions in the field of social work. He addresses the gathering. Prepare the likely speech.

A very good morning to the Honourable dignitaries on the dais, dear friends,

It is an honour to be here with you all today. Let me thank you all for giving such a wonderful opportunity to address you.

I visit New York to study how maladjusted children are dealt in the settlement houses here I recall an incident which took place 25 years ago. A doctor along with the help of a sergeant and a landlady had saved the life of a young man who tried to commit suicide for stealing money from his office shelf. They gave the young man a fresh start who had fallen victim to bad company. The young man is a solicitor now. He had been working as the director of a charitable institution for fifteen years. This is my story. The money the

doctor offered to me to put back in my office safe turned out to be “The Best Investment “ he had ever made.

Let me conclude my words, thank you.

Prepare a short profile of A. J Cronin with the details given below:

Birth : 19 July, 1896
Nationality : Scotland
Career : Novelist and Physician
Major Works : Hatter’s Castle, Citadel, The stars look down
Awards : National Book Award (1937)
Death : 1981

A. J Cronin

A. J Cronin was born on He was from He was a and His major works are, and He won He passed away in.....

Cronin met Mr. John on the ship deck whom he saved 25 years ago from a suicide attempt. He shares his experience with his wife. Prepare the likely narrative.

The Ballad of Father Gilligan

Introduction

The poem ‘The Ballad of Father Gilligan’ is written by W. B Yeats in the style of ballad. It talks about the presence of God everywhere and his love for all. The poem is about a miracle happened in the life of father Gilligan, an old priest.

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below

Father Gilligan was very tired due to perform his priestly duties day and night .Half of his people in the parish were either in sick-bed or already dead due to an epidemic. On one such day of tiredness, in the moth hour of eve, while he was asleep on a chair, another man sent for him. He became grieve.

1. Who was Father Gilligan?

2. Why was he so weary?
3. what was he doing in the moth hour of eve?
4. why did the man approach Father Gilligan?
5. Why did the Father become grieve?

Appreciation

Read the following lines from ‘The Ballad of Father Gilligan’ and write a note of appreciation focusing on the theme, imagery and other poetic devices.

Hints

- Introduction
- Answers of explanatory questions
- Conclusion

Read the following passage and frame questions to get the underlined part as answers.

Father Gilligan could bear it no longer and cries out his distress. But then he immediately asks forgiveness from the Lord for his outburst and he kneels and prays for it. He falls asleep in that position. The night starts and the God covers the world with darkness.

When Father Gilligan wakes up from his sleep he remembers the sick man in need. He immediately gets on a horse and reaches the man’s home. The wife was shocked to see Father Gillian come to visit them again. She says that the man passed away happily when the father left the home. Father Gilligan cries out in joy, saying that in his absence God had sent an angel to perform his duties. He knelt and cried in repentance and thanked God for His mercy.

Conclusion

‘The Ballad of Father Gilligan’ is a ballad made of multiple stanzas of 4 lines each. The poem is rich in various sensuous images. Visual images (eg).

Auditory image (eg.) The figures of speech used by the poet is excellent (eg.)

A series of rhyming words enrich the poem (eg.) The poem follows the rhyme scheme abcb.

Match the following

Rhyme scheme	As merry as a bird
Rhyming words	Sparrow chirp prayed Leaves shook in the wind
Visual image	Die and die/ no rest,nor joy, nor peace/was weary/old priest Father Gilligan/mavrone, mavrone etc.
Auditory image	Stars, green sod, fen, moths, rocky lane
simile	Day-lay, eve – grieve, die – eye, asleep – peep, more – floor, chair- care, fen- again, ago- fro, bird-word, bleed-need,
alliteration	abcb

Study the following table and answer the questions given below

Name of author	Nationality	Work	Year of publication
Vaikom Muhammed Basheer	Indian	The Snake and the Mirror	1954
A J Cronin	Scottish	The Best Investment I Ever Made	1944
W B Yeats	Irish	The Ballad of Father Gilligan	1890
William Wordsworth	British	Lines Written in Early Spring	1798
Ruskin Bond	Indian	Adventures in a Banyan Tree	1986
Satyajith Ray	Indian	Project Tiger	1973

1. who wrote the story ‘Adventures in a Banyan Tree,?’
2. when was the memoir ‘Project Tiger’ published?
3. A J Cronin is a ----- author.
4. name the British author from the table.
5. ‘The Snake and the Mirror’ was written by -----.