

SECOND TERM EVALUATION 2024-25

SCORING KEY : ENGLISH

CLASS : X

Time 2 ½ Hours

TOTAL SCORE : 80

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SL.NO.	SCORING INDICATORS	SCORE
1.	Adichie grew up on a university campus in Eastern Nigeria	1
2.	All her characters were white and blue-eyed, they played in the snow, they ate apples and talked a lot about the weather.	1
3.	Illustration	1
4.	It reflects her limited exposure she had to diverse cultures	1
5.	a) Reflective and thoughtful	1
6.	Noun phrase : All the characters. Verb Phrase : were white and blue-eyed.	1
7.	It implies that the poet discovered poetry unexpectedly.	1
8.	It symbolizes darkness or the unknown.	1
9.	The contrast is between the poet's earlier emptiness and the transformation brought by poetry.	1
10	Personification.	1
11	The poet felt lost, silent, and uninspired.	1
12	Appreciation of "The Ballad of Father Gilligan" W.B. Yeats' "The Ballad of Father Gilligan" revolves around the theme of divine mercy and grace. The poem narrates the story of a weary priest, Father Gilligan, who is overwhelmed by the demands of his parish. Through his struggles, the poem reveals the compassionate intervention of God, who aids the priest in fulfilling his duties. Theme: The central theme is the relationship between human frailty and divine assistance. Father Gilligan's exhaustion reflects the limitations of human effort, while God's mercy exemplifies divine compassion and care. Imagery: The "moth-hour of the eve" creates a serene image of twilight, symbolizing transition and the passage of time. "Green sods of the grave" evokes a vivid image of death and the inevitability of mortality. The quiet night and natural surroundings contrast with Father Gilligan's inner turmoil, enhancing the emotional depth of the poem.	5

	<p>Poetic Devices:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alliteration: For example, "moth-hour" and "green graves" create rhythm and musicality. 2. Personification: Nature, such as the "moth-hour," is given life-like qualities, enriching the atmosphere. 3. Contrast: The poem contrasts the priest's physical weariness with the boundless mercy of God, highlighting divine-human interaction. 4. Ballad Form: The simple rhyme scheme and rhythmic structure make it memorable and engaging. <p>The poem captures the priest's humility and his realization of God's benevolence. Father Gilligan's grief at his initial frustration reflects his profound sense of duty. The divine intervention, where God sends an angel in his place, underscores the lesson that even in moments of weakness, faith is met with grace.</p> <p>Overall, Yeats weaves a powerful story of faith and mercy, using simple yet evocative language to touch readers' hearts. ./../x.....x.....x/.....x/////x.....</p> <p style="text-align: center;">/ or /</p> <p>Appreciation of The Ballad of Father Gilligan</p> <p>In these lines, W.B. Yeats introduces Father Gilligan, an old priest exhausted by his duties. The theme reflects the struggles of selfless service and human frailty in the face of divine grace. The imagery vividly captures the priest's weariness, as he grieves his inability to serve tirelessly.</p> <p>Yeats uses alliteration in "Peter Gilligan" and repetition to emphasize his sorrow. The tone is melancholic yet compassionate, highlighting the contrast between human limitations and divine understanding. The lines subtly convey the priest's devotion, making the reader empathize with his plight.</p>	
13	The polar bears face an unstable future as their icy habitat is dwindling rapidly.	1
14	Polar bears belong to the family Ursidae	1
15	b) Hollow translucent fur.	1
16	d) Long tail	1
17	Their black skin helps them to absorb sun rays thereby keeping them warm in bitter temperature.	1
18	EMI Culture: A Double-Edged Sword	

	<p>"The Never-Never Nest" highlights the pitfalls of living beyond one's means, a cautionary tale relevant to the modern EMI culture. While equated monthly installments (EMI) make it easier to afford luxury items, they often encourage impulsive purchases and financial overcommitment.</p> <p>Consumerism thrives on the "buy now, pay later" mindset, trapping individuals in debt cycles. The allure of instant gratification blinds people to the long-term burden of multiple EMIs, leading to stress and a lack of savings.</p> <p>Financial discipline is crucial to counter these effects. Setting priorities, avoiding unnecessary expenses, and saving for the future are key to maintaining stability and peace of mind. The play serves as a timeless reminder to balance desires with responsibilities and make wise financial decisions.</p>	7
19	<p>A Tribute to Mr. John: A Life Transformed</p> <p>Good evening, ladies and gentlemen,</p> <p>Today, I stand inspired as I recall my encounter with Mr. John and his remarkable wife. Once a humble civilian facing adversity, Mr. John transformed his life with unwavering determination and kindness. His journey from struggle to service is a beacon of hope.</p> <p>Mr. John's dedication to society is truly commendable. From supporting orphaned children to uplifting the less fortunate, he chose to give back to the world that shaped him. His life-changing experiences remind us that challenges can be stepping stones to greatness.</p> <p>Let us draw inspiration from Mr. John's story—a testament to resilience, compassion, and the power of human will. Thank you.</p>	
20	<p>NOTICE AVHSS, PONNANI LITERATURE FEST</p> <p>The English Club has decided to conduct a Literature Fest to celebrate the beauty of words and ideas. The event will feature engaging seminars, thought-provoking panel discussions, and creative exhibitions.</p> <p>Date: [28-12-2024] Time: [2.30 PM] Venue: [School Auditorium]</p> <p>We invite all students, teachers, and literature enthusiasts to join us and make this event a grand success. Let's immerse ourselves in the world of literature and creativity! Convenor English Club</p>	5

	AVHSS, Ponnani 12-12-2024	
21	<p>Thursday Date: 12-12-2024 , 10.30 PM</p> <p>Today, I feel immense pride and joy. Martha has been awarded the Scholarship Jacket, and it fills my heart with happiness. Her dedication, perseverance, and humility have been truly inspiring. Moments like these remind me why I became a teacher – to see students like Martha achieve what they rightfully deserve.</p> <p>All the challenges and efforts have been worth it. This is a victory not just for her but for honesty and fairness.</p> <p>Mr. Schmidt History Teacher .</p>	
22	<p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How did his face look? 2. What emotions did his face reflect? 3. Who stood up in the passage? 4. What action was taken by the narrator? 5. What does the narrator do after standing up? 	5
23	<p>Review of The Scholarship Jacket</p> <p>The Scholarship Jacket by Marta Salinas is a touching story that highlights themes of perseverance, integrity, and the fight against unfairness. The story revolves around Martha, a hardworking and intelligent girl who dreams of earning the scholarship jacket, awarded to the best student in her school.</p> <p>Theme</p> <p>The story focuses on standing up against discrimination and the importance of integrity. It teaches that fairness and self-respect are more valuable than material rewards.</p> <p>Characterization</p> <p>Martha is portrayed as a determined and principled girl. Her grandfather stands out as a wise and supportive figure, teaching her the value of self-respect. Other characters, like the school staff,</p>	6

	<p>represent societal prejudices and conflicts.</p> <p>Plot</p> <p>The plot follows Martha's journey as she learns she is being denied the jacket due to her inability to pay a fee. Her determination and her grandfather's refusal to compromise on principles lead to a fair resolution.</p> <p>Setting</p> <p>The story is set in a small Texas school and Martha's humble home, emphasizing the contrast between societal expectations and personal values.</p> <p>Conflict</p> <p>The main conflict arises when Martha faces injustice due to her economic background. This internal and external conflict highlights her struggle for fairness and self-worth.</p> <p>The story delivers a powerful message about standing firm in the face of challenges and valuing one's principles over societal pressures.</p>	
24	<p>Character Sketch of Jack in The Never-Never Nest</p> <p>Jack is a young man portrayed as the embodiment of modern consumerism. He lives in a "never-never" world where he enjoys a luxurious lifestyle funded entirely through debt. Jack takes pride in owning expensive items like a house, car, and furniture, but none of them are fully paid for. His belief that monthly installments make everything affordable reflects his casual attitude toward debt.</p> <p>Jack's approach to luxury highlights his inability to understand the burden of loans and the consequences of living beyond his means. This behavior mirrors the mindset of many in today's society, where consumerism encourages people to prioritize material possessions over financial stability.</p> <p>Jack's character serves as a warning about the risks of over-reliance on credit and the importance of managing finances wisely in a world driven by the desire for instant gratification.</p>	
25	<p>The Danger of a Single Story</p> <p>Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, a renowned Nigerian author, shared powerful incidents from her life to highlight the adverse effects of single stories.</p> <p>As a child, Adichie read books by Western authors and grew up</p>	

	<p>believing that stories had to feature foreign characters and settings. This limited perspective made her think African stories were not worthy of being told. However, discovering African writers like Chinua Achebe transformed her understanding and empowered her to write about her own culture.</p> <p>Later, as a student in the United States, Adichie encountered stereotypes. Her roommate assumed she was poor and uneducated because of a single story about Africa as a land of poverty and struggle. Adichie realized how such incomplete narratives could create misunderstandings and limit perspectives.</p> <p>Adichie’s experiences reveal how single stories, often shaped by media and cultural biases, can perpetuate stereotypes. She emphasizes the need to embrace diverse stories to foster mutual understanding and break down prejudices.</p>	
26	<p>Shooting Incident in Notun Gram: Chaos and Developments</p> <p>Notun Gram, December 12: A shocking shooting incident disrupted the quiet neighborhood of Notun Gram yesterday evening, leaving residents shaken. According to eyewitnesses, gunshots were heard near the market area at around 6 PM, causing panic among locals.</p> <p>The police arrived promptly and cordoned off the area to ensure public safety. Initial reports suggest that the shooting stemmed from a personal feud, though investigations are ongoing. One individual sustained injuries and was rushed to the district hospital, where they remain in stable condition.</p> <p>Law enforcement officials have detained two suspects for questioning and are working to uncover the motive behind the attack. Local authorities have assured heightened security in the area to prevent further incidents.</p> <p>Residents have called for swift action and justice, while the community rallies together to support those affected.</p>	6
27	<p>Chinua Achebe:</p> <p>Chinua Achebe, born Albert Chinualumogu Achebe on November 16, 1930, in Ogidi, Nigeria, was a renowned Nigerian author and literary icon. He studied English and Literature at University College, which later became the University of Ibadan.</p> <p>Achebe began his career as a teacher before joining the Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation, where he worked from 1961 to 1966. His works are celebrated for their unsentimental and authentic depictions of African society, earning him global recognition.</p> <p>He was married to Christie Chinwe Okoli, who supported him</p>	6

	<p>throughout his literary journey. Achebe's notable works include Things Fall Apart, No Longer at Ease, A Man of the People, and Anthills of the Savannah.</p> <p>In 2007, Achebe was awarded the prestigious Man Booker International Prize for his contributions to literature. He passed away on March 21, 2013, in Boston, Massachusetts, leaving behind a lasting legacy as one of Africa's greatest writers.</p>	
28	Etruscan	1
29	Indo-European	1
30	1400 AD	1
31	Akkadian	1
32	Italy	1
33	<p>a) Aunt Jane enquired Jack how much he earned. b) Jack replied that he earned six pounds a week.</p>	2
34	<p>a) which b) than c) resuscitation d) would have been taken</p>	4
35	<p>a) Taken aback b) dawned on c) blending in d) drown out e) Rein in</p> <p>.....x\////.....x...x.....x////////x//////////x//////////x.....x//..</p> <p><u>Meanings of Phrasal Verbs</u></p> <p>1. Dawn on</p> <p>English: To realize or understand something suddenly.</p> <p>Malayalam: മനസിലാക്കുക, അപ്‌രതീക്ഷിതമായി ഗ്‌രഹിക്കുക. Example: It dawned on her that she had forgotten her keys. (അവൾ തനിക്കു താക്കോൽ മറന്നതായി മനസിലാക്കി.)</p> <p>2. Blend in</p> <p>English: To mix or merge seamlessly with surroundings or a group.</p>	5

	<p>Malayalam: ഇണങ്ങിപ്പോകുക, ചേരിതിരിയാതിരിക്കുക. Example: His new haircut helped him blend in with the crowd. (അവന്റെ പുതിയ മുടിക്കഷണത്തിന് കൂട്ടത്തിൽ ഇണങ്ങാൻ സഹായിച്ചു.)</p> <p>3. Rein in</p> <p>English: To control or restrain something or someone.</p> <p>Malayalam: നിയന്ത്രിക്കുക, അടക്കുക. Example: The manager tried to rein in unnecessary expenses. (മാനേജർ അനാവശ്യ ചെലവുകൾ നിയന്ത്രിക്കാൻ ശ്രമിച്ചു.)</p> <p>4. Drown out</p> <p>English: To make a sound inaudible by producing a louder noise.</p> <p>Malayalam: മറികടക്കുക, ശബ്ദം മങ്ങിക്കുക. Example: The loud music drowned out their conversation. (ഉച്ചത്തിലുള്ള സംഗീതം അവരുടെ സംവാദത്തെ മങ്ങിയതാക്കി.)</p> <p>5. Taken aback</p> <p>English: To be surprised or shocked.</p> <p>Malayalam: അമ്പരപ്പിക്കുക, ആശ്ചര്യപ്പെടുത്തുക. Example: She was taken aback by the unexpected news. (പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കാത്ത വാർത്ത അവളെ അമ്പരപ്പിച്ചു.)</p>	
36	<p>a) in b) mostly c) that d) because</p>	4
37	<p>a) Where have you been?/ Where have gone to ? b) Why do you look so tensed? c) didn't you ? d) they will face serious trouble.</p>	

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