

## GENERAL ENGLISH – 7<sup>th</sup> STD

### Questions from Oscar Wilde:

- Selfish Giant

### Comprehension questions:

- Yaanaimalai – Manohar Doss

### Character important lines from Indian author:

- The Neem tree – Indira Ananthakrishnan

### Questions on Biography:

- Netaji Subash Chandra Bose
- Kiran Bedi

### Poem:

- Bat – Randall Jarrel
- Prayer of a Sportsman – Berton Braley
- Where the mind is without fear – Rabindranath Tagore
- Keep on Keeping on – Hope Spencer
- Be the best – Douglas Malloch

### About poet:

#### **Rabindranath Tagore**

- Bengali poet, artist, novelist, educator.
- Won Nobel prize of Literature – **1913**

### Important Questions out of syllabus

#### **Plant Doctor – George Washington Craver**

- George helped to develop farming with crop rotation method.
- George produce dozens of product from peanut including Milk and Cheese.
- George invented stains and paints from soyabeen.

## NEEM TREE

- Indira Anandakrishnan

### Neem Tree (Azadirachta indica)

In Mecca, at Arafat, **Mohammad Nabi** planted 50,000 sampling of Neem.

### Characters:

**Malar** – School girl

**Malar's Grandmother, Teacher, Principal**

Friend – Nila

### **Neem tree**

- Month – **April, Summer**
- Summer program in school.
- Malar wants to act in a play and dance remembering her grandmother's words "**Keep your Flag flying high**"
- Malar loved white flower of the neem tree, Green leaves like pearls. Nila, Malar stopped looking at neem tree and saw red marks on tree.
- Teacher puts down Malars name for group dancing. During practice she couldn't do well. So, dance teacher told her to give her name in other program. Malar was hurt and annoyed. Nila, Malar stopped near the row of trees. There were some men standing near the neem tree.
- They replied "**As principal madam wants to cut the tree to build a new toilet**".
- Malar pleaded the Principal not to cut the living tree and she agreed to keep the tree for some time.
- Next day the class teacher told her to play the role of a curtain raiser.
- Malar's face fell as the audience is not going to see her.
- Grandma encouraged her by saying "**Keep your flag flying high – Don't give up**"
- Next day the principal asked her teacher to join malar to be a part of dance and appreciated her and told her that she has chosen some other place for building toilet and the tree will survive.

- Grandmother come to the cultural show.
- Malar performed well. Summer holidays will be couple of months.
- Principal smiled and said “**Beautiful, aren’t they, you are bright beautiful blossom. Remember, you are a winner – we all can be winners**”.
- Principal patted Malar cheeks and said “**Happy Holidays**”
- **Ugadi – March/April – Telugu New Year.**

### Netaji Subash Chandra Bose

Born – **23 Jan 1897 – Cuttack, Odisha**

Father – **Janakinath Bose** – Lawyer

Mother – **Prabhavati** – teach him great tradition of India

His Slogan – **Jai Hind**

At a age of **5** he was admitted in a big European School where he was not thought **his mother tongue – Bengali and he wore western clothes.**

AT age of **12** he shifted to other school

Headmaster – **Beni Madhav Das** – Teaching spirit of Patriotism.

When a village was hit by small pox, Netaji led a group of followers to look after the sick.

Netaji consider **Beni Madhav Dasas** his ‘**Guru**’.

At age of **15** he deeply immersed with teachings of **Swami Vivekananda** and understood his saying “**Work is worship**”

He practiced **Yoga** to discipline himself.

He joined Presidency College in Calcutta – **2<sup>nd</sup>** rank in Matriculation examination.

At college, Nethaji was upset with the behavior of **British Professor Oten** who called Indian students as **stupid native barbarians or primitive people.**

More than 1000 students joined with Nethaji against Oten and finally **Oten apologized** to the boys.

Laten Oten appreciated Nethaji for his exemplary performance in **University Military Training corps, forerunner in NCC and training today.**

He organized Nursing brotherhood to serve poor medical care. He went to England in **1919 for Indian Civil Service Exam** and came **4<sup>th</sup>** in exam.

He was deeply disturbed by Jallian wallah bagh Massacre.

He left Civil service apprenticeship and **returned to India in 1921.**

At **Bombay, he visited Gandhi** and expressed his desire to work for the freedom of India.

Netaji – **Principal of National College, Calcutta.**

- Chief Executive Office of Calcutta Municipal Corporation.
- He made **Khadi** as the official dress of the corporation. This made the British Government to arrest Nethaji and sent him to prison in **Rangoon, Burma**. At jail there was no shelter and not given a chance to explain his vow.
- He was seeking help from foreign countries like **Japan, Italy and Germany**. In **1942**, formed **Indian National Army in Singapore** with the prisoners released by Japanese.
- Nethaji's words "**Every Dawn is preceded by a thick darkness**"
- In **21 October 1943, Azad Hind Fauz** was formed by him.
- '**Bharat Ratna**' awarded to him posthumously.
- Nethaji – **Lion of Bengal.**

### Selfish Giant

- Oscar Wilde (Owing things is human,  
sharing them is divine)

- Every afternoon children played in Giant's garden. After 7 years giant came back from his friend Cornish age.
- He built a wall around the garden.
- In selfish giant garden still in winter while in others spring came.
- Through a little hole in the wall, the children had crept and sitting on the branches of the tree.
- But in one corner there was still winter.
- A little boy was standing under tree who couldn't reach to the branches and crying. The giant heart melted as he saw the boy.

- He thought '**How selfish I have been**'. Then he put that little boy at top of the tree. When children saw him they all ran away and garden became winter again.
- Little boy did not run because he did not see the boy coming. The giant put him on the tree and the boy kissed him. Other children's saw that and came back. The, the giant took a **big axe** and knocked down the wall.
- Giant loved the boy because he kissed him. The little boy whom the giant loved was not to be seen.
- Years went on and the giant became very old and feeble. He sat on an armchair and watch the children and admired his garden. He said "**I have many beautiful flowers but children are most beautiful of all**".
- One morning he saw a marvelous sight. The farthest corner of the garden **was a tree fully covered with blossoms, Golden branch, with Silver fruit** hanging down and there stood the little boy.
- He ran to him and the boy said to him "**You let me play in your garden once, today you come with me to my garden – the Paradise**".
- When the children returned, the giant was lying dead under tree covered by **white blossoms**.

### Yaanai Malai

- **Manohar Devadoss**

- Manohar Devadoss – **Scientist – Madurai** (home town)
- His wife **Mahema**.

**Manohar Devadoss** – had **Retentitis Pigmentosa** disease for more than **30** years.

**Mahema** – Paralyzed below shoulder in a road accident **36** years ago.

- City of Madurai has been in existence for about **2400 years ago** and raise with **Tamil Literature, Temple Complex**.
- **North east** of Madurai is Yaanai Malai.
- Madurai sits **south west of Yaanai malai**.
- **Melur road** from Madurai runs parallel to south eastern slope of hill.
- The hill resemble like seated elephant (Elephant Hill) dotted **with palmyra trees**.

- Large well – Yettramhad long casurina pole with rope, large bucket made of leather at one end.
- **Oct 1950** - I and my friend climb up the hill. Due to heavy rain he returned to Madurai.
- **October 1986** – capture the hills on a ink of paper.
- **2001** – Due to Retinitis Pigmentosa, he couldn't see distant landscape.
- In his dream, he showed his wife '**Tower of large Vandiyoor temple tank, Cupdas of historic palace the mahal, Great towers of temple**'.
- **Thirumalai Nayak** – built the Mahal 3 ½ centuries earlier.
- Yaanai malai looks like elephant when it is viewed from south west.
- Drawing of hill completed in **June 2002**.
- During cool winter month, **lily white egnet** are here.
- Border of paddy fields are lined with **row of palmyra trees**.
- During **winter** season plants burst into **yellow flame of flowers**.

### Kiran Bedi

- The Super Cop.

- Born – **9 June 1949 – Amrister (Punjab)**
- India's **first women police officer**.
- Daughter – **Saina**
- As **Inspector general of prisons, Delhi** created space for criminals to become humans again.
- Her work at **Tihar jail** was the toughest one.
- She was known for human attitude, indomitable will and fearless spirit.
- She also worked in **areas of drug control, traffic management and VIP security**.
- **Time Management** – her greatest asset as a child

#### Awards:

1. **Raman Magsasay award – 1994**
  2. **Asia region award for drug prevention and control**
  3. **Jawaharlal Nehru fellowship** for her work in **Tihar Jail**.
- She spent **one and a half hour** on her physical exercise.
  - Retirement – **27 Nov 2007 (voluntarily)**

Found 2 NGO's

- **Naujyoti – 1987** for preventive policing
- **India vision foundation – 1994** (for prison reformation, drug abuse prevention and child welfare)

Her website – [www.saferindia.com](http://www.saferindia.com)

Autobiography – I Dare Its always possible.

Her words – “Honesty and truth are interrelated. Honesty is basically an expression of truth. There is no substitute for truth. Truth alone brings conviction”.

Kiran Bedi won championship in **Tennis**.