

CLASS –XII

SUBJECT –ENGLISH CORE

TOPIC – LITERATURE: Poets and Pancakes,
A Roadside stand, Evans Tries an O-Level

WRITING SKILLS: Business Letters, Job
Applications

Flamingo: Poets & Pancakes

1. Answer in 30 – 40 words each:
 - a. Why was the narrator praying for crowd-shooting all the time?
 - b. How did the lawyer unwittingly bring an end to a brief and brilliant career of a young actress?
 - c. What misconceptions did the author and his khadi-clad friends have about communists?
 - d. Stephen Spender's visit to the Gemini Studios was viewed as an unexplained mystery by the Gemini family. How did Asoka, Maitran solve this mystery years later?
2. Answer in 125 – 150 words each:
 - a. What idea do you get about Stephen Spender from the lesson, 'Poets and Pancakes'?
 - b. What idea do you get about the narrator from the lesson 'Poets and Pancakes'?
 - c. "Such a charitable and improvident man, and yet he (Subbu) had enemies." Discuss.

A Roadside Stand

1. Answer the following in 30 – 40 words each:
 - a. How does the poet criticise the city ways?
 - b. How does the poet highlight the mean and selfish nature of the city dwellers?
 - c. What empty promises are being made to the country people by the party in power?
 - d. Bring out the paradoxical statements in the poem.
2. Explain the following briefly:

a. little old house	g. pitiful kin
b. out of sorts	h. soothe them out of their wit
c. if ever aside a moment	i. greedy good-doers
d. out of sorts	j. beneficent beasts of prey
e. trusting sorrow	k. country money
f. make our being expand	l. country scale of gain

VISTAS

Evans Tries an O – Level

1. Answer in 40 words:
 - a. Was the injured Mc Leery able to help the prison official's track down Evans?

- b. How did Evans prove the governor was just another 'good for giggle gullible governor'?
2. Answer in 125 – 150 words:
 - a. Write a character sketch of James Rodrick Evans.
 - b. It was hasty conjectures that made it easy for Evans to make his escape from the prison. Discuss.

WRITING SKILLS

1. You wish to apply for the post of sales representative in a reputed pharmaceutical company. Write a letter along with your bio-data to the Personnel Manager Chill Pill India Ltd. applying for the same. You are Deepak Moitra.
2. Read the following advertisement and then write a suitable application along with your bio data "*Wanted a Secretary, preferably a trained lady graduate with 5 years experience and a good command over written and spoken English. Apply within a week to the Personnel Manager Crown International, New Delhi – 29*"
3. Write a letter to the Director of British Council enquiring about certain courses run by them during the winter vacation.
4. Write a letter to the dealer Hindustan Watch Co. complaining about a defective watch you have purchased which keeps gaining time and causes you a lot of inconvenience.