HOLIDAY ASSIGNMENT

CLASS XII

ENGLISH

**Lower Oder Thinking**

2 Marks Questions

1. How did the Peddler defend himself against not having revealed his true identity?
2. Why did the Peddler sign himself as Captain Von Stahle?
3. What are the instances in the story that show that the character of the iron master is different from that of his daughter in many ways?
4. What was Sophie’s family response to her dream?
5. Why did the tramp decline iron master’s invitation?
6. What was the reaction of the iron master when he found out that he was harbouring a tramp and not his old acquaintance?
7. What made the Peddler a changed person?

4 Marks Question

1. Compare and contrast Sophie’s dreams and reality.

NOVEL (Long Reading)

1. Write summary of each chapter of the novel, “Silas Marner”
2. Give a brief character sketch of each character.

**Medium order Thinking (6 Marks)**

1. Honesty is considered the best policy, for earning one’s bread and butter. Stealing is a sin and a punishable act. Vagabonds tend to forget this essential goodness. Elucidate the dictum in not more than 120 words in the light of the following lines:

‘He made them himself at odd moments, from the material he got by begging in the stores or at the big farms. But even so, the business was not especially profitable, so he had to resort to both begging and petty thievery to keep body and soul together’.

1. Is it natural for teenagers to have unrealistic dream? On the basis of your reading of the chapter “Going Places”. Comment on the benefits and the disadvantages of such fantasizing.
2. The story “The Rattrap” focuses on loneliness and the need to bond with others. Comment
3. Jansie is much concerned about Sophie’s dreams. She strongly feels that she should not think this way. On reaching home she expresses her concerns and worries in their diary. Write her diary entry?

**Higher Order Thinking (10 Marks)**

1. Voltaire has rightly remarked that ‘Love truth, but pardon error’. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven sympathy is a divine virtue. It is indispensible for a philanthropist. Elucidate the dictum in not more than 120 words. You can take ideas from the following expressions.

‘Since you have been so nice to me all day long, as if I was a captain, I want to be nice to you, in return, as if I was a real captain- for I do not want you to be embarrassed at this Christmas season by a thief; but you can give back the money to the old man on the roadside...’.

1. The unrealistic dreams determine negativity and failure. Childhood dreams sometimes dishearten and disappoint the people. Write an article on the topic, ‘Horrors of Unrealistic Dreams’ in not more than 120 words, taking ideas from the following lines:

‘For some while, waiting, she imagined his coming. She watched along the canal, seeing him come out of the shadows, imagining her own consequent excitement.’

1. ‘’A Day of my Life’’ (bad/good). Make a scrapbook/poster/PowerPoint presentation /diary entry to show ‘’ A Day of my Life’’.