

# Teaching Aptitude – CUET UG- Self Notes

## **2. Based on popular films on education, books, documentaries showing the struggles of girls', tribals' and Dalits'**

### **1. Chak De! India**

- **Director:** Shimit Amin
- **Awards:** National Film Award for Best Popular Film
- **Summary:** Focuses on a women's field hockey team and issues of gender and regional discrimination.

### **2. The Blue Umbrella**

- **Director:** Vishal Bhardwaj
- **Awards:** National Film Award for Best Children's Film
- **Summary:** Explores the innocence and struggles of a young girl in a rural setting.

### **3. Nil Battey Sannata**

- **Director:** Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari
- **Awards:** Filmfare Award for Best Debut Director
- **Summary:** A mother's struggle to educate her daughter.

### **4. Dangal**

- **Director:** Nitesh Tiwari
- **Awards:** National Film Award for Best Popular Film
- **Summary:** Tells the story of female wrestlers fighting societal norms.

### **5. Parched**

- **Director:** Leena Yadav
- **Awards:** Stockholm Film Festival - Best Director
- **Summary:** Addresses the struggles of women in rural India.

## 6. **Super 30**

- **Director:** Vikas Bahl
- **Awards:** N/A
- **Summary:** Based on the real-life story of a teacher helping underprivileged students.

## 7. **Taare Zameen Par**

- **Director:** Aamir Khan
- **Awards:** National Film Award for Best Film on Family Welfare
- **Summary:** Focuses on the educational journey of a dyslexic child.

## 8. **Stanley Ka Dabba**

- **Director:** Amole Gupte
- **Awards:** N/A
- **Summary:** Explores the challenges faced by a schoolboy.

## 9. **Paathshaala**

- **Director:** Milind Ukey
- **Awards:** N/A
- **Summary:** Highlights the issues within the Indian education system.

## 10. **Hichki**

- **Director:** Siddharth P. Malhotra
- **Awards:** Filmfare Critics Award for Best Actress
- **Summary:** A woman with Tourette syndrome becomes a teacher.

## **Books**

### 1. **The Palace of Illusions** by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

- **Summary:** A retelling of the Mahabharata from Draupadi's perspective.

### 2. **The God of Small Things** by Arundhati Roy

- **Awards:** Booker Prize
- **Summary:** Explores the caste system and family dynamics.

3. **The Inheritance of Loss** by Kiran Desai
  - **Awards:** Booker Prize
  - **Summary:** Discusses migration and identity issues.
4. **Em and the Big Hoom** by Jerry Pinto
  - **Awards:** Hindu Literary Prize
  - **Summary:** A deep dive into mental illness in a Goan family.
5. **Untouchable** by Mulk Raj Anand
  - **Summary:** Focuses on the life of a Dalit boy.
6. **Joothan: A Dalit's Life** by Omprakash Valmiki
  - **Summary:** An autobiographical account of a Dalit's struggles.
7. **Karukku** by Bama
  - **Summary:** A narrative about a Dalit Christian woman.
8. **Mother Forest: The Unfinished Story of C.K. Janu** by C.K. Janu
  - **Summary:** Autobiography of a tribal activist.
9. **The Weave of My Life: A Dalit Woman's Memoirs** by Urmila Pawar
  - **Summary:** Chronicles the life of a Dalit woman.
10. **Why I am Not a Hindu** by Kancha Ilaiah
  - **Summary:** Discusses the caste system and Dalit rights.

## **Documentaries**

1. **Gulabi Gang**
  - **Director:** Nishtha Jain
  - **Awards:** N/A
  - **Summary:** About a group of women vigilantes fighting against gender violence and injustice.
2. **India's Daughter**
  - **Director:** Leslee Udwin
  - **Awards:** N/A
  - **Summary:** Chronicles the aftermath of the 2012 Delhi gang rape.

### 3. Daughters of Destiny

- **Director:** Vanessa Roth
- **Awards:** N/A
- **Summary:** Follows the lives of five girls from the Shanti Bhavan school.

### 4. Salam: The First \*\*\*\*\* Nobel Laureate

- **Director:** Anand Kamalakar, Omar Vandal
- **Awards:** N/A
- **Summary:** Chronicles the life of a Pakistani physicist, touching on themes of discrimination.

### 5. The Battle of Bhima Koregaon: An Unending Journey

- **Director:** Somnath Waghmare
- **Awards:** N/A
- **Summary:** Explores the Dalit uprising against oppression.

### 6. Kakkoos

- **Director:** Divya Bharathi
- **Awards:** N/A
- **Summary:** A hard-hitting documentary on manual scavenging in Tamil Nadu.

### 7. India Untouched

- **Director:** Stalin K.
- **Awards:** N/A
- **Summary:** Examines caste discrimination in various parts of India.

### 8. The Story of India: Freedom

- **Director:** Michael Wood
- **Awards:** N/A
- **Summary:** Highlights the struggle for independence and social reform movements.

### 9. Unfair Tales

- **Director:** Geeta J. Urs
  - **Awards:** N/A
  - **Summary:** Discusses the challenges faced by tribal communities.
10.      **Educating the World**
- **Director:** Fredric C. Abbott
  - **Awards:** N/A
  - **Summary:** Focuses on the importance of education in underprivileged communities.

### **Additional Notable Mentions**

#### **Films**

11.      **Water**
- **Director:** Deepa Mehta
  - **Awards:** Genie Award for Best Motion Picture
  - **Summary:** Explores the plight of widows in Varanasi.
12.      **Margarita with a Straw**
- **Director:** Shonali Bose
  - **Awards:** NETPAC Award for World or International Asian Film Premiere
  - **Summary:** A coming-of-age story about a girl with cerebral palsy.
13.      **Peepli Live**
- **Director:** Anusha Rizvi
  - **Awards:** N/A
  - **Summary:** Satirical take on farmer suicides and media sensationalism.
14.      **Slumdog Millionaire**
- **Director:** Danny Boyle
  - **Awards:** 8 Academy Awards
  - **Summary:** Explores the life of a slum dweller in Mumbai.
15.      **I Am Kalam**

- **Director:** Nila Madhab Panda
- **Awards:** National Film Award for Best Child Artist
- **Summary:** About a boy inspired by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

## Books

11. **The White Tiger** by Aravind Adiga
  - **Awards:** Booker Prize
  - **Summary:** A darkly comic novel exploring class struggle in India.
12. **A Fine Balance** by Rohinton Mistry
  - **Awards:** Giller Prize
  - **Summary:** Deals with the lives of four individuals from varied backgrounds.
13. **Annihilation of Caste** by B.R. Ambedkar
  - **Summary:** A pivotal work on caste system eradication.
14. **Caste Matters** by Suraj Yengde
  - **Summary:** Explores caste dynamics in contemporary India.
15. **Samskara** by U.R. Ananthamurthy
  - **Awards:** Jnanpith Award
  - **Summary:** A critique of Brahminism and orthodox traditions.

## Documentaries

11. **Nero's Guests**
  - **Director:** Deepa Bhatia
  - **Awards:** N/A
  - **Summary:** Examines farmer suicides in India.
12. **Children of the Pyre**
  - **Director:** Rajesh S. Jala
  - **Awards:** Best Documentary Award, Montreal World Film Festival
  - **Summary:** Follows children working at Varanasi's cremation ghats.
13. **The Death of Us**

- **Director:** Nagraj Manjule
- **Awards:** N/A
- **Summary:** Focuses on manual scavengers and their plight.

14. **Saving Face**

- **Director:** Daniel Junge, Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy
- **Awards:** Academy Award for Best Documentary (Short Subject)
- **Summary:** About acid attack survivors, though set in Pakistan, it resonates with similar Indian issues.

15. **Beyond the Clouds**

- **Director:** Majid Majidi
- **Awards:** N/A
- **Summary:** Explores the underbelly of Mumbai and the lives of the marginalized.

## **Science**

- (i) Based on observation of natural phenomenon**
- (ii) famous Indian Scientists, women scientists,**
- (iii) Current information such as COVID, technology and programs in science**

Observation of natural phenomena is the foundational step in scientific inquiry, leading to the formulation of hypotheses and theories to explain the observed phenomena. Here are detailed notes on the observation of natural phenomena:

### **Definition:**

- **Observation:** The process of gathering information about the natural world through sensory perception or scientific instruments.
- **Natural Phenomena:** Events or occurrences in the physical world that can be observed and studied.

### **Importance of Observation:**

1. **Basis of Science:** Observation forms the basis of scientific investigation and the development of scientific knowledge.
2. **Discovery and Exploration:** Observing natural phenomena allows scientists to make new discoveries and explore unknown aspects of the world.
3. **Hypothesis Formation:** Observations often lead to the formation of hypotheses, which are testable explanations for observed phenomena.
4. **Understanding Cause and Effect:** By carefully observing natural phenomena, scientists can understand the relationships between different variables and identify cause-and-effect relationships.
5. **Validation of Theories:** Observational data are crucial for validating scientific theories and models.

### **Methods of Observation:**

1. **Direct Observation:** Observing phenomena directly with the naked eye or through simple instruments like telescopes, microscopes, or thermometers.



2. **Indirect Observation:** Utilizing instruments or sensors to detect and measure phenomena that are not directly observable, such as electromagnetic radiation or subatomic particles.
3. **Quantitative Observation:** Recording numerical data related to the observed phenomena, which allows for statistical analysis and quantification.
4. **Qualitative Observation:** Describing the characteristics or qualities of the observed phenomena, often used in conjunction with quantitative observations to provide a comprehensive understanding.
5. **Controlled Observation:** Conducting observations in controlled laboratory settings to eliminate confounding variables and ensure accuracy.
6. **Field Observation:** Conducting observations in natural settings, such as ecosystems or geological formations, to study phenomena in their natural environment.

#### **Examples of Natural Phenomena:**

1. **Weather Phenomena:** Observing patterns in temperature, precipitation, wind speed, and atmospheric pressure to understand weather systems and climate.
2. **Celestial Phenomena:** Studying the motion of celestial bodies such as stars, planets, moons, and comets to understand astronomical phenomena like eclipses and planetary orbits.
3. **Geological Phenomena:** Observing processes like earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, erosion, and sedimentation to understand the formation and dynamics of the Earth's surface.
4. **Biological Phenomena:** Observing behaviors, adaptations, and interactions of organisms in ecosystems to understand biological processes like evolution, ecology, and genetics.
5. **Physical Phenomena:** Observing properties of matter, energy, and forces to understand physical phenomena like electricity, magnetism, optics, and thermodynamics.

#### **Challenges in Observation:**

1. **Bias:** Observer bias can distort observations, leading to inaccurate interpretations of phenomena.

2. **Subjectivity:** Interpretation of observations can be subjective, influenced by personal perspectives, beliefs, and prior knowledge.
3. **Limitations of Instruments:** Instruments used for observation may have limitations in accuracy, precision, or sensitivity.
4. **Environmental Factors:** Environmental conditions such as weather, lighting, and atmospheric conditions can affect the quality of observations.
5. **Temporal Variability:** Some natural phenomena exhibit temporal variability, requiring long-term monitoring to understand patterns and trends accurately.

### Scientists:

#### 1. Jagadish Chandra Bose:

- **Contribution:** Pioneering work in the fields of plant physiology, microwave optics, and radio waves. He also invented the crescograph, a device for measuring plant growth.
- **Place of Origin/Study:** Born in Mymensingh, Bengal Presidency (now in Bangladesh).

#### 2. Homi J. Bhabha:

- **Contribution:** Father of the Indian nuclear program; played a key role in the establishment of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) and the Atomic Energy Commission of India.
- **Place of Origin/Study:** Born in Bombay, British India (now Mumbai, Maharashtra, India).

#### 3. Meghnad Saha:

- **Contribution:** Formulated the Saha ionization equation, which describes the ionization state of elements in thermal equilibrium, contributing significantly to astrophysics.
- **Place of Origin/Study:** Born in Shaoratoli, Bengal Presidency (now in Bangladesh).

#### 4. C. V. Raman:

- **Contribution:** Discovered the Raman Effect, which explains the scattering of light by molecules, leading to the award of the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930.

- **Place of Origin/Study:** Born in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, India.

5. **Srinivasa Ramanujan:**

- **Contribution:** Made substantial contributions to mathematical analysis, number theory, infinite series, and continued fractions, despite having no formal training in mathematics.
- **Place of Origin/Study:** Born in Erode, Tamil Nadu, India.

6. **A.P.J. Abdul Kalam:**

- **Contribution:** Played a pivotal role in the development of India's space and missile programs, notably leading the successful testing of India's first indigenous Satellite Launch Vehicle (SLV).
- **Place of Origin/Study:** Born in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, India.

7. **Vikram Sarabhai:**

- **Contribution:** Known as the father of the Indian space program, Sarabhai played a crucial role in establishing the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and initiating India's space activities.
- **Place of Origin/Study:** Born in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India.

8. **Satyendra Nath Bose:**

- **Contribution:** Collaborated with Albert Einstein in developing the Bose-Einstein statistics and the theory of Bose-Einstein condensates, fundamental to the field of quantum mechanics.
- **Place of Origin/Study:** Born in Calcutta (now Kolkata), West Bengal, India.

9. **Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar:**

- **Contribution:** Made significant contributions to the understanding of stellar evolution, including the Chandrasekhar limit, which describes the maximum mass of a stable white dwarf star.
- **Place of Origin/Study:** Born in Lahore, Punjab Province, British India (now in Pakistan).

10. **Venkatraman Ramakrishnan:**

- **Contribution:** Shared the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2009 for his work on the structure and function of the ribosome, a key molecular machine in cells.

- **Place of Origin/Study:** Born in Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu, India.

#### **Female Scientists:**

##### **1. Dr. Tessy Thomas:**

- **Contribution:** Known as the "Missile Woman of India," she is the project director for Agni-IV missile in Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- **Place of Origin/Study:** Born in Alappuzha, Kerala, India.

##### **2. Dr. Sudha Nair:**

- **Contribution:** A neuroscientist known for her research on Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative disorders.
- **Place of Origin/Study:** Information on her place of origin or study is not readily available.

##### **3. Dr. Kalpana Chawla:**

- **Contribution:** An astronaut and the first woman of Indian origin in space. She lost her life in the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster in 2003.
- **Place of Origin/Study:** Born in Karnal, Haryana, India.

##### **4. Dr. Indira Hinduja:**

- **Contribution:** A gynecologist and infertility specialist known for her pioneering work in assisted reproductive technology, including India's first test-tube baby.
- **Place of Origin/Study:** Born in Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.

##### **5. Dr. Aditi Pant:**

- **Contribution:** A marine biologist known for her research on coral reefs and marine biodiversity conservation.
- **Place of Origin/Study:** Information on her place of origin or study is not readily available

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**Mathematics (i) Based on sense of proportion, perspective, abilities that mathematics gives (ii) Famous mathematicians, women mathematicians (iii) Difficulties that children face while learning Mathematics**

### **Mathematics Significance:**

**Sense of Proportion:** Mathematics provides a framework for understanding proportion and scale in various contexts, such as geometry and measurement.

**Perspective:** Mathematics allows individuals to analyze problems from different perspectives and develop critical thinking skills.

**Abilities Mathematics Gives:** Mathematics equips individuals with problem-solving skills, logical reasoning, and quantitative literacy essential for various fields such as science, engineering, finance, and technology.

**Practical Applications:** Mathematics has practical applications in everyday life, including budgeting, cooking, construction, and technology..

### **Mathematicians:**

#### 1. Aryabhata:

- **Contribution:** Pioneering work in mathematics and astronomy; formulated the first known explicit statement of the concept of zero and developed the Aryabhata system of astronomy.
- **Place of Origin/Study:** Born in Kusumapura, ancient India (now in Bihar, India).

#### 2. Brahmagupta:

- **Contribution:** Made significant contributions to number theory, particularly in the fields of algebra, geometry, and trigonometry.
- **Place of Origin/Study:** Born in Bhinmal, Rajasthan, India.

#### 3. Madhava of Sangamagrama:

- **Contribution:** Known for his contributions to infinite series expansions, particularly for trigonometric functions such as sine, cosine, and arctangent.

- Place of Origin/Study: Born in Sangamagrama, Kerala, India.
4. Nilakantha Somayaji:
- Contribution: Notable work in astronomy and mathematics, including the development of infinite series expansions for trigonometric functions.
  - Place of Origin/Study: Born in Kerala, India.
5. Srinivasa Ramanujan:
- Contribution: Made substantial contributions to mathematical analysis, number theory, infinite series, and continued fractions, despite having no formal training in mathematics.
  - Place of Origin/Study: Born in Erode, Tamil Nadu, India.
6. C. R. Rao (Calyampudi Radhakrishna Rao):
- Contribution: Renowned for his work in statistical theory and applications, particularly in multivariate analysis, estimation theory, and experimental design.
  - Place of Origin/Study: Born in Hadagali, Karnataka, India.
7. Harish-Chandra (Harish-Chandra FRS):
- Contribution: Made significant contributions to representation theory, particularly in the context of Lie groups and Lie algebras.
  - Place of Origin/Study: Born in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, India.
8. S. S. Shrikhande (Sharadchandra Shankar Shrikhande):
- Contribution: Known for his contributions to combinatorial mathematics, particularly in the area of design theory and the study of Latin squares.
  - Place of Origin/Study: Born in Savantwadi, Maharashtra, India.
9. K. S. Chandrasekharan (Komaravolu S. Chandrasekharan):
- Contribution: Notable contributions to number theory, particularly in the field of automorphic forms and modular functions.
  - Place of Origin/Study: Born in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, India.
10. S. Ramanan (Seshadri Ramanan):
- Contribution: Made significant contributions to algebraic geometry, particularly in the study of moduli spaces and vector bundles.

- Place of Origin/Study: Born in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India.

#### Female Mathematicians:

##### 1. Shakuntala Devi:

- Contribution: Known as the "Human Computer" for her exceptional ability to perform complex mental calculations.
- Place of Origin/Study: Born in Bangalore, Karnataka, India.

##### 2. Raman Parimala:

- Contribution: Known for her work in algebraic groups, algebraic K-theory, and quadratic forms.
- Place of Origin/Study: Information on her place of origin or study is not readily available.

##### 3. M. S. Raghunathan (Meenakshi Sunder Raghunathan):

- Contribution: Noted for her contributions to the study of automorphic forms, representation theory, and hyperbolic geometry.
- Place of Origin/Study: Born in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India.

##### 4. Rohini Godbole:

- Contribution: A particle physicist known for her research in high-energy physics, particularly in the area of Higgs boson physics.
- Place of Origin/Study: Born in Pune, Maharashtra, India.

##### 5. Geetha Venkataraman:

- Contribution: Known for her research in algebraic topology, particularly in the area of K-theory and topological cyclic homology.
- Place of Origin/Study: Information on her place of origin or study is not readily available.

Here are some common difficulties children may encounter:

- Conceptual Understanding: Some students may struggle to grasp abstract mathematical concepts, such as fractions, decimals, algebraic equations, or geometric shapes. This difficulty can stem

from a lack of concrete examples or hands-on experiences to support their understanding.

- **Procedural Fluency vs. Conceptual Understanding:** Some students may focus solely on memorizing procedures or algorithms without fully understanding the underlying concepts. This can lead to difficulties in applying mathematical procedures to solve problems in different contexts.
- **Math Anxiety:** Many students experience math anxiety, which can manifest as feelings of fear, stress, or inadequacy when faced with mathematical tasks. Math anxiety can significantly impact a student's confidence and performance in mathematics.
- **Attention and Concentration:** Students with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) or other attention-related difficulties may struggle to maintain focus and concentration during math lessons or while solving mathematical problems. This can lead to difficulties in understanding instructions or retaining information.
- **Memory:** Some students may have difficulties with memory recall, making it challenging for them to remember mathematical facts, formulas, or procedures. This difficulty can hinder their ability to perform calculations or solve problems efficiently.
- **Language Barriers:** For students with language-related difficulties or English language learners (ELLs), understanding mathematical vocabulary, symbols, and word problems can pose significant challenges. This may hinder their ability to comprehend mathematical concepts and instructions effectively.
- **Visual-Spatial Skills:** Some students may have difficulties with visual-spatial skills, making it challenging for them to visualize geometric shapes, patterns, or spatial relationships. This difficulty can impact their ability to understand and solve geometry problems or interpret graphs and diagrams.
- **Executive Functioning:** Students with executive functioning difficulties may struggle with organization, planning, time management, and problem-solving skills, all of which are essential for success in mathematics.
- **Dyscalculia:** Dyscalculia is a specific learning disability that affects a person's ability to understand and perform mathematical



calculations. Individuals with dyscalculia may have difficulties with number sense, arithmetic, and mathematical reasoning.

- **Processing Speed:** Some students may have slower processing speed, which can affect their ability to quickly and accurately perform mathematical computations or solve problems within time constraints.

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### **Academies of Art Teaching:**

1. **National Academy of Fine Arts (NFAA):** Established in 1954, New Delhi.
2. **Kalakshetra Foundation:** Founded in 1936, Chennai.
3. **Sir J. J. School of Art:** Established in 1857, Mumbai.
4. **National School of Drama (NSD):** Founded in 1959, New Delhi.

### **Benefits of Practising Art Forms:**

1. Creativity and Self-Expression
2. Stress Relief and Relaxation
3. Enhanced Cognitive Skills
4. Cultural Appreciation and Understanding
5. Social Connection and Community Engagement
6. Personal Fulfillment and Achievement

### **Indian Art and Music Traditions:**

1. **Classical Indian Music:** Includes Carnatic (South Indian) and Hindustani (North Indian) traditions.
2. **Indian Classical Dance:** Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Odissi, Kuchipudi, Manipuri, Kathakali, etc.
3. **Visual Arts:** Rich heritage including ancient cave paintings, miniature paintings, sculpture, and modern art movements.
4. **Traditional Crafts:** Varied crafts such as pottery, weaving, embroidery, metalwork, and wood carving, reflecting regional cultures and traditions.

### **Difficulties Children Face in Social Sciences:**

1. **Abstract Concepts:** Children may struggle with abstract concepts in subjects like sociology, psychology, and political science, making it challenging to grasp theories and principles.
2. **Complexity of Topics:** Social sciences often involve complex topics such as historical events, cultural phenomena, and societal structures, which can be difficult for children to comprehend fully.
3. **Interdisciplinary Nature:** Social sciences encompass a wide range of disciplines, requiring students to understand connections and interactions between different subjects, which can be overwhelming for some.
4. **Critical Thinking and Analysis:** Social sciences emphasize critical thinking, analysis, and interpretation of data and evidence, skills that may require time and practice to develop.
5. **Multiple Perspectives:** Understanding social issues often involves considering multiple perspectives, which can be confusing for children who are still developing their worldview.

### **Subjects Being Taught in Social Sciences:**

1. **History:** Study of past events, civilizations, and cultures.
2. **Political Science:** Examination of political systems, governments, and ideologies.
3. **Sociology:** Analysis of social structures, institutions, and human behavior.
4. **Economics:** Study of production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services.
5. **Geography:** Exploration of Earth's physical features, environments, and human interactions with the environment.
6. **Psychology:** Investigation of human thoughts, emotions, and behaviors.

### **Nobel and Other Award Winners in Social Sciences:**

1. **Economics:** Nobel laureates in economics include Amartya Sen, Abhijit Banerjee, and Esther Duflo for their work on poverty alleviation and development economics.
2. **Peace Studies:** Nobel Peace Prize winners such as Malala Yousafzai and Kailash Satyarthi for their advocacy of children's rights and education.
3. **Psychology:** Notable psychologists like Daniel Kahneman and Richard Thaler have received Nobel Prizes for their research on behavioral economics and decision-making.

### **Teachers in History:**

1. **Buddha:** As the founder of Buddhism, Buddha is revered as a spiritual teacher who imparted wisdom and enlightenment to his followers through his teachings on the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path.
2. **Jain:** Jainism, founded by Mahavira, emphasizes non-violence, compassion, and self-discipline, with Mahavira serving as a revered spiritual teacher in the Jain tradition.
3. **Construction of Teachers in Upanishads:** The Upanishads, ancient Indian texts, feature philosophical dialogues between sages and their disciples, exploring fundamental questions about the nature of existence and the self. These sages, known as rishis, are revered as spiritual teachers who imparted spiritual wisdom and enlightenment to their disciples.

### **Famous Stories, Novels, Poems in NCERT Syllabus:**

#### **1. Stories:**

- "The Snake and the Mirror" by Vaikom Muhammad Basheer (Class 9)
- "A Letter to God" by G.L. Fuentes (Class 10)
- "The Fun They Had" by Isaac Asimov (Class 9)
- "The Portrait of a Lady" by Khushwant Singh (Class 11)
- "The Last Lesson" by Alphonse Daudet (Class 12)

#### **2. Novels:**

- "The Story of My Life" by Helen Keller (Class 10)
- "The Invisible Man" by H.G. Wells (Class 12)

### 3. **Poems:**

- "A Tiger in the Zoo" by Leslie Norris (Class 10)
- "The Duck and the Kangaroo" by Edward Lear (Class 9)
- "The Laburnum Top" by Ted Hughes (Class 11)
- "The Voice of the Rain" by Walt Whitman (Class 11)

### **Biographies/Autobiographies of Famous Women/Tribals/Dalits:**

#### 1. **Women:**

- "Wings of Fire: An Autobiography" by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam (Class 9)
- "The Diary of a Young Girl" by Anne Frank (Class 10)

#### 2. **Tribals:**

- "My Experiments with Truth" by Mahatma Gandhi (Class 10)
- "The Story of My Experiments with Truth" by Mahatma Gandhi (Class 10)

#### 3. **Dalits:**

- "Joothan: A Dalit's Life" by Omprakash Valmiki (Class 11)
- "Waiting for a Visa" by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar (Class 10)

### **Difficulties Children Face While Learning Poems or Grammar:**

1. **Understanding Symbolism and Metaphors:** Children may struggle to grasp the deeper meanings conveyed through symbolism and metaphors in poems, requiring guidance to interpret poetic devices effectively.
2. **Memorization:** Learning poems and grammatical rules often involves memorization, which can be challenging for some children, especially those with difficulties in retention or concentration.
3. **Grammar Rules:** Understanding complex grammatical concepts and rules, such as tense, voice, and sentence structure, can be daunting for children, necessitating clear explanations and practice.

4. **Contextual Understanding:** Children may find it challenging to understand the context and historical background of poems or literary works, hindering their comprehension and analysis.
5. **Language Barriers:** For students with language-related difficulties or English language learners (ELLs), mastering grammar rules and understanding poetic nuances may pose additional challenges, requiring targeted support and instruction.

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