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1. His First Flight — Liam O Flaherty

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'His First Flight' presents before us the story of a young seagull who was unable to fly because of fear. Lack of self confidence ~~also~~ also made him unable to fly. His parents motivate him to fly by encouraging him, scolding him and then starving him. Only if there is need to attain success we will be able to ~~att~~ attain it. The need for food makes the seagull fly atlast. The beautiful picturisation of family life can be seen in this story. The motivation of the parents can help their children to achieve success in life.

2. I Will Fly — Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

Dr. Kalam says that we should not compare ourselves with others. Every child is unique. He has got his own pottential. He can use his abilities and work hard with self-confidence to achieve success in life. Never try to compare a child with other. Life is a battle. We have to struggle hard by making use of our abilities to achieve success in life.

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3. QUEST FOR A THEORY OF EVERYTHING — Kitty Grail Ferg

This is the biography of Stephen Hawking who achieved success in life by ~~an~~ overcoming his disabilities. His strong determination and willpower helped him to fight his disabilities. He had ~~decant~~ decided to become a scientist when he was a young boy. His life was a struggle to achieve that ~~aim~~ goal. He got a nervous disorder, a rare disease, which caused a gradual disintegration of the nerve cells. His doctors said he was going to die. But he did not lose hope. He decided to do good to humanity. Thus, though we find Stephen Hawking in a wheel chair unable to even speak, he became the 'super nova' of world physics.

4. IF — Rudyard Kipling

This poem tells us the ways by which we can be good individuals. We should not lose confidence when others have lost theirs. He has to trust himself when all people doubt him. He should be honest. He should never hate others. He should see good in others and try to fulfill his dreams. But he should not fulfill his dreams through evil.

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ways. He should be able to see success and failure alike. He should have the courage and patience to build up his dreams and come up in life even if he has lost everything. He should be virtuous. He should be able to forgive others. He should love the common man even if he is moving about with the rich men. By Through these good qualities he can be the master of the world.

5. AND THEN GANDHI CAME - Jawaharlal Nehru
(The Discovery of India)
- Gandhiji entered into the freedom struggle when our nation wanted a leader to guide and lead the Indians who were feeling helpless and hopeless under the British rule. Gandhi came like a powerful current of fresh air that made the people stretch themselves and take deep breath. He came like a beam of light that pierced the darkness. He came like a whirlwind that upset many things including the working of people's minds. He wanted the people to be truthful and fearless. His call of action was two fold. The first one was challenging and resisting foreign rule. The second one was fighting against our own social evils like untouchability. He wanted to build an India where even the poor shall feel that it is his country and in whose making they have an important role, where all the communities shall live in harmony, where there will be no class or high class of people, where

4 there will be no curse of untouchability or intoxicating drinks and drugs, where women will enjoy same right as men.

6. The Prince of Flowers — Prabhat Kumar Mulchopadhyay

Character of Maggie

Maggie's full name is Alice Margaret Clifford. She is a young English girl of 13 to 14 ~~years~~ years of age. She is very poor. She had large eyes. Her hair was long. She works in a shop. Saturday is her pay day and hence she goes to the restaurant only on Saturdays. She is hardworking. ~~Her mother~~ She lives with her mother Mrs. Clifford in a very small house. She loves her mother. She also loves her brother Frank who is a soldier in India. She is superstitious and so she believes that by looking at the ring ^{Mr. Gupta} ~~she~~ can know about her brother. She is ambitious and wants a work that will make her use her brain. She needs a better job. She works hard for many days to earn the shilling by which she wants Mr. Gupta to buy flowers to keep on the tomb of her brother. This shows how ~~very~~ much she loves her brother. ~~Maggie and~~

Maggie and her mother feel that India is a land of fevers and snakes. All Indians are yogis and have magical power.

7. ~~The~~ DEATH THE LEVELLER

Death is a great leveller. ~~Even~~ The rich and also the poor die, the strong and the weak, the high class and low class people all die. Death is inevitable. ~~No~~ Nobody can resist it. The

5 conqueror and the conquered, the victorious and the defeated, the master and the slave, all will have to face death. Death makes everyone equal.

After death people will only remember our good deeds. The actions of the just will survive after our death.

8. SUNRISE ON THE HILLS - H.W. Longfellow.

This poem is a journey into the lap of the nature. The poet describes a glorious sunrise. When a king comes the people move back. The sun is here compared to the king and clouds vanish just like the defeated army. When the sun rises in the sky, the beautiful and rich valley is unveiled. The nature is at its best. The poet concludes the poem by telling that if we have any problems troubling us, we should go and spend some time with nature and we will know that ~~we~~ we feel relief and refreshed.

9. The Trip of Le Horla - Guy de Maupassant.

It is about a journey that is adventurous. It is a hot air balloon ride. The balloon's name is Le Horla. It is taking off from La Villette. So many people have gathered there. The Captain is Jovis. The others are ~~Lieut~~ Lieutenant Mallé, M. Etienne Beer, M. Paul Bessand, M. Patrice Eyries. The balloon looks first like a worm but when air is filled, slowly and slowly

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it swims like a bird. The sight of these from the balloon is fantastic.

10. The Sacred Turtles of Kadawa

✓ It is a journey to know about the culture and rituals of people. We find a ~~strange~~ strange ritual in Fiji islands. In Namana village, the maidans go to seashore and call turtles from the sea by singing strange chants and we see turtles rising up. There is a story behind this: The queen and the prince of Namuana kingdom were caught by force by the warriors of Nabukelevu village and soon storm came with thunder. The two women became turtles then. The turtles in the sea are their descendants.

11. DISASTERS AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Disasters are common in developed and ~~dev~~ developing countries. They are a challenge for all humanity. There are natural and man-made disasters. Floods are the most common disaster. Drought is the deadliest. Developed nations are better equipped to resist disaster. Hence it causes less damage. Buildings should be constructed ~~is~~ as per regulations. Only good quality materials should be used for construction. ~~De~~ This will reduce the impact of disasters. Disaster management committee has great role in ~~this~~ resisting disasters. State governments play a major role. Central government plays

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facilitating role - Rehabilitation is an part of disaster management. By disaster management we can reduce the impact disasters.

✓ 12. THE SERANG OF RANAGANJI
Character sketch of Hasan

Hasan was an Indian serang of the ship Ranaganji. He was a squat, ugly native seaman with short legs and a large disproportionate head. He was a very noble man. He was selfless. His world was the ship. He ~~was unmarried~~ did not have a family. He loved his co-workers and when they were affected by smallpox he was always there by their side to help them and nurse them. He was kindhearted. He was a man of few words. ~~He~~ By religion, he was a Muslim. But he had great religious tolerance. We saw him reading Ramayana when a Hindu seaman dies. He was not money minded. He was contented with his life. He was a noble soul.

✓ 13. THE WRECK OF THE TITANIC - Benjamin Pe
Keith

Titanic, was the largest and most luxurious ship ever built by man. On its maiden voyage it hit a huge iceberg and started sinking in the sea. There were about 2100 passengers ~~in~~ and the crew in the ship. Thousands exposed some of the

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its of courage and heroism. Captain Smith was the brave commander of the ship who called out to the crew to be brave and ~~love~~ to do their duty sincerely. They did not think about their lives. Women and children were taken to safety in life boats. The bandmen who were equally brave ~~gone~~ tried to give comfort to the minds of people who were going to die. All the people showed extreme courage at the face of death.

14. ✓ GOOSEBERRIES — Anton Chekov.

This is the story of two brothers Ivan Ivanich, the veterinary surgeon and Nicholai Ivanich. Nicholai had a dream of buying a small farm somewhere by the bank of a river. It should have a gooseberry-bush there. He married an ugly widow ~~£~~ who was rich. He was stingy and kept his wife half-starved and she died. At last he was able to fulfill his dream. But he had to plant gooseberry ~~in~~ bushes there. Once his dream is fulfilled he becomes a generous man; helping others. The title is very much significant. Life is like gooseberries. First it is bitter and then sweet.

15. ✓ TO SLEEP — William Wordsworth

This poem is about the importance of ~~sleep~~ sleep. Sleep is here compared to a lover. Only if we have sound sleep we will feel refreshed and ~~we~~ ~~can~~ will be able to carry out our responsibilities. Sleep gives us fresh thoughts and good health. Good.

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sleep gives vent to our imagination. So
~~st~~ sleep is so important.

16. GOING OUT FOR A WALK - Max Beerbohm

The author says that he doesn't like going out for a walk because when we go out our brain doesn't work. Walking hence is a foolish thing for people who go out for walking for the sake of walking. Even though he says he dislikes walking, the author actually wants to tell the readers that it is good to go walking. He actually dislikes people who ~~go~~ take walking ~~only because it~~ as a form of exercise. He says we need not hire a vehicle always and ~~walk short distances~~ form the habit of walking.

17. ~~THE CYBER SPACE~~