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1. Grandmother

- the poet shows his love and respect to his grandmother.
- if the poet saw his grandmother from a mile away, he would easily recognize.
- similarly, if he felt her hands from back, he would know her.
- the echo sound of her voice and the smell of roots were also familiar to the poet.
- she would always wear a purple scarf and carry a plastic shopping bag.
- Her every words were inspiring to the poet.
- therefore, he can never forget her.

2. About Love

- the story shows the greatness and uniqueness of love.
- love has no fixed definition. It can simply happen between people.
- there are two stories of love - between "Nikanoor and Pelageya" and between "Alyohin and Anna".
- beautiful Pelageya is in love with a drunkard Nikanoor. But, this is not an exception.
- the next story of Alyohin is a tragic story.
- Alyohin fell in love with Anna who is a married woman with two children.
- Anna also started to love Alyohin from the very first meeting.
- However, both of them could not express their love to each other.
- Gradually, their love started to be cold one.
- Anna was mentally sick and her husband was transferred to another place.
- Alyohin and Anna has to be separated.
- Finally, Alyohin came to his village Sofiyano, leaving Anna forever.

3. The Lamentation of the old Pensioner

- the poet laments for the loss of his youth.
- he has become just like a broken tree where nobody comes to take a shelter.
- he blames the time for making him old.
- he becomes satisfied by remembering his past life which was full of romantic ideas and feelings.
- since the poet can not change the time now, he wants to spit at the face of time.

4. Two Long Term Problems: Too Many People, Too Few Trees:

- this essay highlights about the environmental problems.
- the cause of those problems is overpopulation.
- the air, land and water all are polluted now.
- soil erosion, desertification and deforestation are the other problems.
- we are adding some 10,000 people per hour in the world.
- the growing population needs more food, house and fuel.
- the source of all requirements is Forest. Therefore, the deforestation is increasing.
- if we want to save our world, we have to control the population.
- the wide family planning programs and increasing consciousness is one idea of controlling population.
- we can also educate the people of third world.
- we should bring the afforestation campaign also.

5. Full Fathom Five Thy Father Lies:

- this poem was sung by Ariel to console Ferdinand.

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- The poem tries to make the death meaningful.
- Ariel says, Ferdinand's father is in the 30 feet depth of the sea.
- his bones have changed into coral and his eyes have been changed into pearls.
- all the organs of his father have been changed into something rich and valuable things.
- the sea nymphs use his knee to ring the drum.
- therefore, Ariel says Ferdinand not to cry.

6.A Hurried Trip To Avoid A Bad Star

- this essay explores the life - style of Karnali region's people.
- they are economically linked with the low-land-region of the south, Nepalganj.
- Karnali region's people sell the medicinal herbs, hashish, hand-knit sweater and blankets in Terai.
- instead, they buy cotton clothes, ironware, pots, spice and jewellery.
- the Karnali region is very far from the development.
- the people there are simple, uneducated, straightforward and superstitious.
- they are living a very difficult life.

7.Travelling Through The Dark

- the poet found a dead deer on the road at night.
- he wanted to roll it down into the river.
- when he dragged it, he found that it was pregnant.
- the fawns were still alive inside.
- he felt very sorry for them.
- those fawns were waiting to be born but they could never get birth.
- the poet had to go to his destination.
- so, he went clearing the road by pushing the deer into the river.
- the poem shows the cruelty of human beings and says that we are travelling in darkness even though we have got eyes.

8.A Story

- this text presents the adult's world from the point of view of a small boy.
- there is no proper beginning and ending of the story.
- the story-teller boy is living with his uncle and aunt.
- his uncle is a big man with red hair.
- when he entered his house, it looked as if an old buffalo was kept in a cupboard.
- his breath was like a brass-band to the boy.
- his aunt was a small lady who used to walk quickly without making any noise.
- the uncle and aunt would always fight.
- the boy describes one outing of his uncle.
- All his uncle's friends were just like him.
- they were drunkards.
- while in the outing, they never reached to their destination.
- they drank on the way and returned home at night.

9.The Last Voyage Of The Ghost Ship

- the story describes the growth of a small boy into a young man.
- the boy once saw a ghostship which was longer than the whole village and taller than the church.

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- the ship would disappear when the light of Light-House would fall in it.
- the boy saw the same ship in the next March and informed his mother.
- the mother could not see it and thought her son was sick.
- but, when the mother went to the market to buy one chair, she died.
- then, the boy was left alone and he was not cared by any villagers.
- when the boy saw the ship the third time, he asked the villagers to come and see it.
- the villagers could not see it and punished the boy.
- now, the boy was already grown up and he wanted to show them who he was.
- finally, he captured the ship and proved to the whole village that he was not small now.

10. God's Grandeur

- the poem talks about the greatness of god.
- God's Grandeur can be seen very clearly.
- it is like a shining sun on a sunny day.
- but we human beings don't care about the glory of God.
- we only think about ourselves and about the trade and commerce.
- God has punishing rod to punish all but we are not afraid of it.
- Although we are not true to God, but still he loves us.
- he gives us a sweet morning after the sun sets.
- he always protects us.

11. I Have A Dream:

- this essay is a speech given by Martin Luther King.
- The speaker talking about all the Injustice done by whites to blacks.
- the blacks were not given any rights and freedom.
- they were the victims of police brutality and they could not vote.
- the speaker therefore has got some dreams about the bright future.
- he dreams that one day, all the blacks and whites will be treated equally.
- he also dreams that the children of black and whites will play together.
- he wants to get the social justice in America.
- he is hopeful that even the white people will help them in their peaceful movement.

12. Women's Business

- the essay talks about the women's Business in which they got success.
- the most successful woman in the past was Lydia E. Pinkham.
- her advertisement was very successful to make her a leader in business.
- she linked her business with social service.
- she advised the women to bypass the male doctors.
- she talked about women's problems and their diets, exercise and hygiene.
- after talking about their problems, she talked about her product.
- she claimed, her products would be useful in all kinds of women's problems.
- all the women easily believed her and purchased her products.
- many other women started their business following her foot-steps.
- they also appeared as a savior of sex.
- actually, none of their motto was social service but the profit and the gain it.

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13.The Children Who Wait

- there is a great change in the field of adoption in America.
- Earlier, the black, handicapped and grown up babies were not adopted.
- but now, all kinds of children do get their new parents very well.
- there are certain reasons for this change.
- the first reason is the civil right movement.
- the next reason is the growing number of social workers who help to find the perfect match of every children.
- the third reason is the openness of the society that has accepted the unwed mother's.
- the wide family planning projects are another reasons.
- in this way, there are only a few children but many families to adopt.
- thus, all the children easily get their parents. They should not wait.

14.A Child Is Born

- this essay makes a comparison between the prosperous West and traditional east about the child birth.
- the western people are mechanical and they are surrounded by machines during their pregnancy.
- the child mortality rate is very low there.
- on the other hand, the pregnant ladies are supported by their friends and relatives in the East.
- they get sympathy from all and thus child birth is easy.
- the child and mother mortality rate is very higher in the east.
- the child birth is celebrated in the east but it is not done so in the West.
- the mothers lose their identity after birth in the east but it is not so in the West.
- in this way, the east is rich in culture but the West is rich in Economic status.

15.Tell Tale Heart

- the narrator in this story is a mad man.
- although he tries to prove himself a sane man, but he killed an old man just for his eyes.
- the narrator practices to kill the old man for several days.
- on the eighth night, he kills the old man and cuts him into pieces.
- he carefully hides the dead body down the planks.
- suddenly, the policeman came in the room.
- he speaks very normally with them at first but starts to listen an odd sound.
- he thinks that the heart of the old man is beating loudly.
- then, he suddenly accepts before the policeman that he has killed the old man and this way, he proves himself to be mad at last.

16.The Boarding House

- this story shows a clever mother Mrs. Mooney who manages a marriage for her daughter Miss Polly.
- Mrs. Mooney had divorced with her husband and opened a boarding house.
- she was a very clever woman.
- she had a daughter named Polly Mooney who was very naughty.
- when Mr. Doran visited the boarding house, Polly Mooney began to be very near with him.
- Mr. Doran was a very good man who worked in an office.
- he could be a perfect husband to Miss Polly.
- Mrs. Mooney knew about this and very trickily managed him to marry her daughter.

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- Although Mr. Doran did not like Polly but he had to marry her because he was too much frightened.

17.Purgatory

- it is a play between a father and a son.
- the oldman, father thinks that his mother's soul is in purgatory.
- he thinks his mother had done a sin by marrying with his father.
- his father was a drunkard and a rough man whom he killed when he was 16.
- Now, the old man again kills his son because he doesn't want to spread the evil blood to his children.
- only then, he thinks this mother's soul would rest in the peace of heaven.
- that is why, he kills both his son and father.

18. Hansel and Gretel

- this is a fairy tale.
- Hansel and Gretel are brother and sisters from a very poor family.
- they had a step mother.
- once when there was a famine in the village, the step mother made a plan to leave the children in the forest.
- when Hansel heard the plan, he collected small stones and the next day he dropped them on the way to jungle.
- thus, although they were left in the jungle but they arrived back to their home with the help of small stones.
- the next time also, there was a famine in the village but this time, the step mother had closed the room from outside.
- the next day, Hansel dropped the pieces of bread on the way,
- those pieces were eaten by the birds and they could not return back to their home.
- they were left in the jungle and finally they reached in a witch's house.
- the witch trapped Hansel and gave a lot of work to Gretel.
- At last, they killed the witch and went to their house taking all the property of the witch.
- their step mother had already died and they enjoyed with their father.

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