

QUESTION BANK
CLASS XII
Subject: ENGLISH
(session 2020-21)

FLAMINGO

1. What tempted Franz to stay away from school?
2. "What a thunderclap these words were to me!" What were the words that shocked and surprised the narrator?
3. What words did M Hamel write on the blackboard before dismissing the last class? What did they mean?
4. What changes came over little Franz after he heard M Hamel's announcement?
5. Why had the ragpickers come to live in Seemapuri?
6. In what sense is garbage gold to the ragpickers?
7. Why could the bangle makers not organise themselves into a cooperative?
8. Mention any two hazards of working in the bangle industry
9. Is Saheb happy working at the tea stall? How do you know?
10. The bangle makers of Firozabad make beautiful bangles and make everyone happy but they live and die in squalor. Elaborate.
11. Why did the peddler think that the world was a rattrap?
12. Why did Edla still entertain the peddler even after she knew the truth about him?
13. What was the content of the letter written by the peddler to Edla?
14. Why did the peddler decline the invitation of the ironmaster?
15. Why was the crofter so talkative and friendly with the peddler?
16. What made the peddler finally change his ways?
17. Why did the peddler sign himself as Captain von Stahle?
18. What made the Lieutenant Governor drop the case against Gandhiji?
19. Why do you think Gandhi considered the Champaran episode to be a turning point in his life?
20. What did the peasants pay to the British landlords as rent?
21. "The battle of Champaran is won!." What led Gandhiji to make this remark?
22. Why did Gandhi agree to the planters' offer of a 25% refund to the farmers? (
23. How was Gandhiji able to influence the lawyers?
24. How was a swimmer made out of Douglas?
25. Why Douglas wanted to come out of his fear?
26. What two misadventures Douglas faced?
27. What did Douglas do to remove his residual fear?

POETRY

28. Why has the mother been compared to late winter's moon?
29. What do the parting words of the poet and her smile signify?
30. What do the images of 'young trees' and 'merry children' symbolise?
31. What familiar ache did the poet feel?

32. What kind of future does the poet foresee for them?
33. What kind of a world does the poet imagine for these children?
34. Why Shakespeare is referred to as wicked and map a bad example?
35. How does the poet visualise the present status of slum children?
36. How can map serve as a window to the slum children?
37. What does the poet want for the children of the slums? How can their lives be made to change?
38. What is the 'sadness' that the poet refers to in the poem?
39. What would a few minutes of silence achieve?
40. What kind of world does the poet referred to in the poem what can finally put an end to these wars
41. What symbol from Nature does the poet invoke to say that there can be life under apparent stillness?
42. According to the poet, what is that human beings can learn from nature?
43. Why is Grandeur associated with the mighty dead?
44. What are the things that add gloom to our lives?
45. Explain, "It will never pass into nothingness".
46. How are beautiful things like a bower?
47. What are the beautiful things found in nature?

VISTAS

48. Give two reasons why Sadao was not sent abroad with the troops.
49. In which condition did Sadao and Hana find the man? How did they establish his identity?
50. What message did the messenger from the palace deliver to Dr. Sadao?
51. How did Hana react to the servants leaving the house?
52. What did Derry overhear his parents talking about his future? How did this affect him?
53. Why does Mr. Lamb advise Derry to stop having feelings of hatred towards the people?
54. What draws Derry to Mr. Lamb?
55. What precautions were taken for the smooth conduct of the examination?
56. How did Evans had the last laugh?
57. What purpose did the first phone call serve?
58. How does Jo want to end the story? Why?
59. Why was Jack caught in an ugly middle position?
60. How did Jack ended the story? Why was it unacceptable to Jo?