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CLASS 10 ENGLISH CHAPTERS 1 TO 5 STUDY NOTES

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L 1 A LETTER TO GOD

G L Fuentes

New Vocabulary

Crest

Predict

Draped

Hailstorm

Evident

Resolution

Contentment

Crooks

Give one word for

- 1. Frozen rain hailstones
- 2. Look like resemble
- **3.** Covered with something draped
- **4.** Insects which fly in big swarms and destroy crops locusts
- **5.** An inner sense of right or wrong conscience
- **6.** Currency of several Latin American countries peso
- 7. Top of a hill crest

Words – meanings

Affixed = Attached to something else

Downpour = A heavy fall of rain

Intimately = In a private and personal way





Deny = Refuse		
Amiable = Having a friendly a	and friendly	manner

Grammar

A. Find out the error in each line and write the correct word:

		Incorrect	Correct
1.	The house sit on the crest of a hill.		
2.	From there won could see the river.		
3.	The field was full off ripe corn.		
4.	It promised a good harvest fore the family.		
		Incorrect	Correct
1.	Suddenly a strong wind begun to blow.		
2.	The rain brought for it hailstones.		
3.	The whole valley were covered with it.		
4	The field was white as if cover with salt.		

B. Rearrange the words and phrases to make meaningful sentences:

- 1. Of/Lencho/was/a/an ox/man
- 2. Like/day/worked/animal/all/he/an
- 3. The/he/hard/in/worked/very/field
- 4. Also/write/knew/how/he/to
- 1. Wanted/the/help/the postmaster/farmer/to
- 2. Taken/was/god/he/in/aback/faith/by/his
- 3. From/collected/he/his/employees/money
- 4. His/gave/he/salary/also/part/a/of

Q.2 Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words:

a) Who was Lencho? What were his main problems?

Ans: Lencho was a hard working farmer who lived on the crest of a low hill with his family. His was the only house in the entire valley. He eagerly waited for a good rain to have a good harvest but hailstorm destroyed his crop, so he needed money to sow his field again and support his family. So these were his main problems

b) Why and how did the postmaster help Lencho?

Ans: The postmaster was mesmerised to see Lencho's faith I God and he didn't want his faith to be shaken. He asked his employees and friends to help Lencho. He was so determined to help Lencho that he himself contributed a part of his salary for this act of charity. He collected seventy pesos and put them in an envelope containing only a single word as a signature God.

c) How much money did Lencho need? How much did he get?

Ans: Lencho asked God to send him hundred pesos to sow the crops and support his family till the next harvest but when he received the letter from God which was sent by the post office employees, he saw only seventy pesos in it, less than he had demanded from God.

Q.3. Answer the following questions in 100 to 150 words:

a) "Humanity still exists" this is what we get to know after reading 'A Letter To God 'in which firm faith in god of a poor farmer and helpfulness of the post office employees are aptly depicted thought . Write a paragraph on the values in it in about 120-150 words, Give the paragraph a suitable title.

"Existence of humanity"

Ans: The story" A Letter to God: written by GL Fuentes enforces our faith in humanity. After reading the story, we know that there are still people who help others without any self-interest. Here the post master and other employees lay an example of humanity and kindness for others. First they all laughed at Lencho's letter to God because they knew that there was no such person but they were really moved by Lencho's faith in God.

They decided to help him to keep his faith alive and firm. Even though it was not possible for them to collect hundred pesos and kept them in an envelope for Lencho. They signed on it 'God' except there own name . This act shows us the true picture of humanity and motivates us to be a noble and kind person.

b) Describe Lencho's qualities in light of his faith in God. Do you have faith in God like Lencho? Was Lencho's reaction towards post office employee right?

Ans: Lencho was a poor farmer who totally depended on the harvest to survive and fulfil basic needs of his family. Once his crops were destroyed due to heavy rainfall and hailstones, he was afraid to think how his family would survive. He believed that God would help him in his plight. He had firm faith in God, he believed that God would not let him be hungry. Now-a-days faith in God like Lencho's is almost impossible and unseen. People are very much aware that nobody is willing to help others without any self-interest. Lenchoe's reaction towards post office employees was not right or justified but it was just because of his innocence as he could not believe that God had done such a mistake. It were only the post office employees who had stolen money according to him







L 2 NELSON MANDELA: LONG WALK TO FREEDOM

Nelson Rolihlahla

New Vocabulary

Apartheid

Dignitaries

Oppression

Rare privilege

Emancipation

Bedecked

Chevron

Oppressor



Give one word for:

- 1. A political system that separates people according to their race and colour of skin apartheid
- **2.** A building without a roof with many rows of seats rising in steps (typically found in Greece and Rome) **amphitheatre**
- 3. An impressive display spectacular array
- **4.** Freedom from restriction **emancipation**
- **5.** State of not having one's rightful benefits **deprivation**
- **6.** Being treated differently or unfavourably **discrimination**
- 7. Had a very low opinion of **despised**
- **8.** A pattern in the shape of a V **chevron**
- 9. The ability to deal with any kind of hardship and recover from its effects resilience

Words – meanings

Transitory = Not permanent

Virtuous = Full of virtues

Racial domination = Control due to race

Besieged = Surrounded

Wrought = Done

Podium = stage

Profound = deep

Curtailed = limited

Yearned = desired

Grammar

A. Find out the error in each line and write the correc	ı word
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		Incorrect	Correct
1.	We was outlaws not so long ago.		
2.	Today we have been gave a rare privilege.		
3.	We are hosting the nations from the world.		
4.	We are hosting them with our own soil.		
	Č	Incorrect	Correct
1.	This have been my comrades in struggle.		
	They have taught me a meaning of courage.		
	, , ,		

3.	I have seen men and women risks their lives.	
4	I have seen they face attacks without breaking	

B. Rearrange the words to make meaningful sentences:

- 1. Apartheid/policy/the/people/separates/of
- 2. People/divides/their/it/on/basis/of/the/race
- 3. a/created/wound/deep/on/and/it/us/lasting
- 4. from it/to/is/to take/going/long/it/recover
- 1. many/rich/my/minerals/country/is/in
- 2. its/there/soil/lie/are/beneath/gems/that
- 3. true/however/the people/are/the/wealth
- 4. purest/than/they/the/better/diamonds/are

Q.2 Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words:

a) Why did inauguration ceremony take place in the amphitheatre formed by the Union Building in Pretoria?

Ans: It was the first democratic, non-racial government taking oath in South Africa. The ceremony was attended by dignitaries from more than 140 countries around the world and thousands of people of South Africa of all the races to make the day memorable. So it took place in the amphitheatre formed by the Union Building in Pretoria.

b) What did Mandela think for oppressor and oppressed?

Ans: Mandela always thought that both oppressor and oppressed are deprived of their humanity. Oppressor is a prisoner of hatred while oppressed has no confidence in humanity, so both of them need to be liberated. He always desired people to live with dignity and respect.

c) What freedom meant to Mandela in childhood?

Ans: During childhood, the meaning of freedom for Mandela was quite limited. He considered it to be free to run in the fields, to swim in the clear stream, free to roast mealies and ride the board backs of slow moving bulls. He wanted to out at night. It was a transitory freedom.

Q.3. Answer the following questions in 100 to 150 words:

a) Describe the value of freedom for the human beings and how it is important for the growth of civilisation and humanism as described in the lesson 'Nelson Mandela: Long Walk To Freedom'

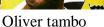
Ans. Everybody whether human or other creature wants to live free as freedom is natural to all living beings. The value of freedom is better known to that human being who has not tasted it till he gets it. A person who is chained with the limits and not allowed to perform his duties freely, values freedom more than anyone else. For instance the value of freedom is known better to Mandela who remained behind the bars most of his life. Think about a bird or animal which is caged as they have the habit of living with full freedom but in the cage they are not free and their conditions are pitiable. Similarly, life becomes a hell if we are deprived of freedom. There is no growth of civilisation as it grows only when one has freedom. As if a man is free to do his duties,

he can produce better results. An oppressed person always commits mistakes and unable to perform well, so freedom is important for the growth of civilization.

b) Would you agree that the "depths of oppression" create" heights of character"? How does Mandela illustrate this / can you add your own examples to this argument?

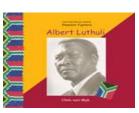
Ans: Yes I agree that the" depths of oppression "create "heights of character "When Mandela said in his speech in swearing – in ceremony, he described that how the decade of brutality and oppression of the white people had an unintended effect of creating great African patriots like Oliver Tambo, Walter Sisulu, Luthuli, Dadoo and many more. They were all the men of courage, wisdom and large heartedness. They suffered a lot for the freedom of the nation and the equal rights of the black people. In similar manner, in our country there were many great patriots like Mahatma Gandhi, Chandra Shekhar Azad, Bhagat Singh, Raj Guru and many more who suffered lot for our freedom but remained courageous while facing utmost cruelty at the hands of British.



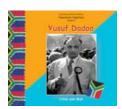




Water Sisulu



Luthuli



Dadoo

<u>CHAPTER - 3 TWO STORIES ABOUT FLYING - LIAM O' FLAHERTY AND FREDERICK FORSYTH</u>

***** Word meanings:

- 1) Ledge a narrow horizontal shelf
- 2) Brink edge
- 3) Upbraiding rebuking
- 4) Herring a kind of fish
- 5) Preening smoothing feathers with break
- 6) Whet sharpening
- 7) Derisively mockingly

Sive one word for:

- 1. A narrow horizontal shelf projecting form a cliff ledge
- 2. To move lightly just above the surface of the water skim
- 3. A soft finned sea fish herring
- 4. Making an effort to maintain feathers preening
- 5. In a manner showing someone that she/he is stupid derisively
- 6. An uncomfortable feeling of spinning around and losing one's balance dizzy
- 7. Leaping like a horse curveting
- 8. Flying with one wing higher than the other banking

❖ Grammar

A. Find out the error in each line and write the correct word:

		Incorrect	Correct
1.	The young seagull was alone in the ledge.		
2.	His two brothers and sisters are flying.		
3.	He was afraid to fly for them.		
4.	His parents were called out to him.		
		Incorrect	Correct
1.	The great expanse of sea was front him.		
2.	He felt his wings wouldn't support her.		
3.	He slept all night on the little hole.		
4.	The hole was under the ledge in a cliff.		

B. Rearrange the words and phrases to make meaningful sentences:

- 1. The compass/I/checked/the map/and
- 2. Tank/I/to the/second/over/fuel/switch
- 3. I/England/turned/towards/plane/the
- 4. Wanted/to/an/English/have/I/Breakfast

*	Ex	tract based questions:			
	A) "He waited a moment in surprisedownwards into				
		space."			
	1)	Who is 'he'?			
	• `	a) The father seagull	, ,	c) the brother	seagull d) None
	2)	Whom was he waiting for		\1: C.1	1) 1 ' 1 ' .1
	2)	a) His mother	b) his sister	c) his father	d) his brother
	3)	What did he dive at?	h) at the hind	a) at the figh	d) at the short fish
	4)	a) At the crab With a	b) at the bird		
	4)	a) Slight	b) high	c) slow	d) loud
	R)	"Suddenly I came or	, 0	*	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	D)	narrator was flying."	ut of the clouds	•	······································
	1)	Name the plane in which	h narrator was flying	_	
	_,	-	b) Indian Airlines		d) Dakota
	2)	He was amazed to see a	, and the second	,	,
		a) Runaway		c) parking pla	ce d) safe road
	3)	Which word in the pass	age is the opposite of	the word 'uns	afe'?
		a) Light	b) runaway	c) straight	d) airport
	4)	He turned to look for hi	sin th	e black aerop	lane.
		a) Brother	b) relative	c) neig	ghbour d) friend
*		swer the following quest			
		The young seagull was a			
		The young seagull was		-	
		expanse was vast and he	•	-	•
	•	die. So he avoided to fly			_
		A pilot is lost in the stor			
	>	Yes, the pilot arrives s		-	-
		mysterious plane. He van		irrator landed (on the airport. The phot
	2)	of the other plane guided What did the young sea	_	mathan'a attar	ntian?
		In order to attract his m			
		pretended to be falling as			
		his other leg under his wi	-	_	soca mo o jeo una ne ma
*	An	swer the following quest	•		
		Do you think hunger w			ng seagull in his first
	,	flight?	8	- ,	5 6

> Even though his parents motivated him to fly, he denied. They warned him that if he

did not fly, he would die of hunger. But he could not move.

- ➤ But whatever parents do, it is for the betterment of their child's future. So they took a harsh step of starving him for more than 24 hours, which was a good time to teach him lesson to fly and hunt food for himself. It was a wonderful lesson which parents can teach their children to make their future bright.
- Yes, in this case, hunger was a great motivation for the young seagull. He was cowardly and full of fear. All the efforts of his parents had failed to coax him into flight. For 24 hours, no one went near him and he was almost faint with hunger. Finally, the mother flew near him with a scrap of food in her beak. Unable to resist, he plunged into the air to catch it and fell out. To save himself, he opened his wings, wind rushed to them and he found that he could fly. Then he completely forgot that he had not always been able to fly. Around him was his family, offering him of dog-fish. Hence, hunger proved to be a good motivation for the young sea gull.

2) Describe the narrator's experience as he flew the aeroplane into the storm.

➤ The narrator was in a hurry to reach England although he had little fuel. He felt home sick and missed his home. So, he took the risk to fly on low fuel. Suddenly, he lost contact with Paris due to cloudy storm. Inside the clouds, everything was suddenly black. It was impossible for him to see anything outside the aeroplane. His plane jumped and twisted in the air. He looked at the compass and to his surprise, it was moving round and round. It was dead. All the other instruments were dead. He tried the radio but in vain. He was lost in the storm. Just then a black aeroplane appeared. He was helped by the mysterious pilot and was able to land safely. The other aeroplane had no lights on its wings, but the narrator could see it flying next to him. He could see other pilot's face. He lifted one hand and waved at the narrator and asked him to follow him. Narrator's fuel was getting over. But the other pilot guided him down and made his safe landing. After that, the pilot and the aeroplane, both disappeared.

<u>CHAPTER – 4 FROM THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK – ANNE FRANK</u>

***** Word meanings:

- 1) Musings thoughts
- 2) Listless lacking energy
- 3) Stiff-backed with a hard cover
- 4) Prompted encouraged
- 5) Plunge to go into
- 6) Solemn serious
- 7) Quaking shaking because of fear

Sive one word for:

- 1) With no energy or interest listless
- 2) To tell personal things privately to a person that one trusts confide
- 3) An old-fashioned and old school person old fogey
- 4) To leave one's country to settle elsewhere emigrated
- 5) A statement made in such a manner that people believe it convincing argument
- 6) Something that cannot be corrected incorrigible
- 7) Genocide or mass killing of people by Nazis Holocaust
- 8) A fever caused by fleas, lice or mites typhus
- 9) Put down in a casual way plunked down

4) No/birthday/had/my/celebrations

10) Shaking with fear and nervousness – quaking

❖ Grammar

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A. Find out the error in each line and write the correct word:

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	J	Incorrect	Correct
1)	I was feeling a little depress.		
2)	I was sitting bored in home.	· 	
3)	I had my chin on my hands.		
4)	I was wondering were to go.		
		Incorrect	Correct
1)	I had finished thee rest of my homework.		
2)	I also write the punishment essay.	· 	
3)	The topic on the essay was 'a chatterbox'.		
4)	The maths teacher had given her the work.		
Re	arrange the words to make meaningful sentences:		
1)	It/1941/was/summer/in/of/the		
2)	Quite/grandma/become/had/ill		
3)	Have/an/had/she/to/operation		

*			ct based questions: To enhance the imag	e of this long	– aw	aited	going	to call this
	/		end 'Kitty'.	,·	,			
			Who is 'I' here?					
			a) Anne Frank	b) Kitt	y	c) Mai	rgot	d)
			Edith	,	•	,		•
		2)	Who is Kitty?					
			a) Anne's sister	b) Anne's mo	ther	c) Anne's frie	nd	d)
			Anne's diary					
		3)	Anne regarded her di	ary as her		•		
			a) Mother	b) sister		c) neighbour	d)	friend
		4)	Which word in the pa	assage means th	e same	e as 'record'?		
			a) To note-down	b) to jot down	nc) to	write	d) to mak	e an account
	B)	"I	get along thinking al	oout the subjec	t while	<u> </u>	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	my bag and
		tri	ed to keep quite".					
		1)	With whom does An	ne get along pre	etty we	11?		
			a) Friends	b) teachers	c) par	rents	d) relative	es
		2)	Who was Mr. Keesin	ıg?				
			a) Her father	b) her friend	c) her	uncle	d) Maths	teachers
		3)	Trace a word in the p	assage which n	neans '	old fashioned'.		
			a) Annoyed	b) warnings	c) fog	gey	d)	assigned
		4)	What was the topic o	-				
			a) A chatterbox				d) A mag	ic box
	*		nswer the following q					
		1)	'Paper has more pa					
			According to Ar	= =	_			_
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- According to Anne Frank, people are not always interested in listening to what you are telling them. They get bored and lose patience, but it is not so with paper. You can go on writing whatever you like, and as long as you like.
- 2) Who taught Anne Frank maths? Why did the maths teacher always get annoyed with her?
 - ➤ Mr. Keesing, the old fogey taught her Maths. He was annoyed with Anne for ages because in his class Anne talked too much. He had warned her several times, but Anne didn't bother.
- 3) What does Anne write in her first essay?
 - Anne wrote that talking is a student's trait. She would not keep talking under control because her mother talked a lot. He had inherited that trait from her mother. And she would do her best to keep it under control.

❖ Answer the following questions in 100 − 120 words:

1) Why did Anne Frank think that she could confide more in her diary that in the people?

Anne got a diary as a gift on her thirteenth birthday. First, she didn't like the idea of writing diary at all. But then she felt like writing because she had to get all kinds of things off her chest. She felt lonely, bored and depressed, thought she had loving parents, a sister and thirty others. She was a shy and introvert type of a girl. She did not have a true friend. Even though she had a happy family but somehow, she could not confide in them. She wanted someone with whom she could share her secrets. She found a real friend in her diary 'Kitty'. Moreover, she realized the truth lying in the fact that paper has more patience than people. She did not plan to let anyone else read her diary, unless she never found a real friend. So she could confide in more ideas in her diary than in people because people are not always interested in listening to what you are telling them. But diary conceals all your secrets.

2) How did Anne respond to the punishment by Mr. Keesing? What light does it throw on her nature?

Mr. Keesing Anne's, Maths teacher, was always annpyed with Anne because of her talkative nature. So, he had given her some extra work to write an essay on "A Chatter Box". She wrote in her essay, "Talking is a student's trait and I would do my best to control it. But I won't be able to cure this habit since my mother is also talkative. So moving from the inherited trait cannot be done". On reading her arguments, Mr. Keesing had a good laugh. When the teacher gave her another essay on 'An Incorrigible Chatter Box'. It was a punishment for Anne for talking in the class. Anne gave a message through the poem to the teacher. The teacher got so impressed by her little poem that he decided not to punish her. She made him realize his mistake. It also reflects her fearlessness, critical thinking, humility and unbiased approach as well as her creativity and humorous approach to deal with her strict teacher.

<u>CHAPTER – 5 The Hundred Dresses – El Bsor Ester</u>

***** Word meanings:

- 1) Encyclopedia book giving all branches of knowledge
- 2) Suburbs areas outside a city
- 3) Census counting
- 4) Ethnicity relating to human race
- 5) Hopscotch a game
- 6) Bullies those who frighten weaker people with power
- 7) Mocking making fun of

! Give one word for:

- 1) A gentle push nudge
- 2) Showing unwillingness to believe incredulously
- 3) Not showing any feeling stolidly
- 4) Those who use their strength or power to frighten weaker people bullies
- 5) Old clothes, handed down by someone else hand-me-down clothes
- 6) Noisy, dragging movements of the feet on the ground scuffling
- 7) A game in which children hop into and over squares marked on the ground hopscotch
- 8) A person chosen deliberately for attack target
- 9) Falling of very light rain drizzling

❖ Grammar

A. Find out the error in each line and write the correct word:

		Incorrect	Correct
1)	Peggy was not really an cruel girl.		
2)	She protected small children of bullies.		
3)	She was hurt if an animal were mistreated.		
4)	She thinks of the dress designing contest.		
5)	In the contest girls had too design dresses.		
6)	The boy had to design motorboats.		
7)	Peggy was very good in drawing.		
8)	Everyone thought she would won the prize.		

B. Rearrange the words in meaningful sentences:

- 1) Best/Maddie/in/was/friend/Peggy's/class
- 2) In/was/Peggy/the/best-liked/the class/girl
- 3) Win/would/everyone/contest/thought/the/Peggy
- 4) a/well/copy/she/magazine/in/could/a picture/very

*		ct based ques		bloms absout mindedb	v. Wanda
		ne worked n w many dress	=	blems absent mindedly	y w anda
		Who does sh			
			b) Maddie	c) Wanda	d) Ruby
	,	00.	was she doing her wo	*	, ,
		=	b) actively		d)absent-mindedly
	3)	Find a word	from the passage whi	ich means the same as 'n	
	a)	Courage	b) problems	c) arithmetic	d) wished
	4)	What quality	was required by Mac	ddie?	
	a)	Strength	b) determination	c) courage	d) self-confidence
	B) "T	he minute th	ey entered the class	sroom, they stopped	whistled
	or	murmured a	dmiringly".		
	1)	On seeing wh	nat, Maddie and Pegg	gy gasped?	
	a)	Poems	b) drawings	c) notices	d) essays
	2)	The drawings	s must have been		
	a)	Fifty	b) forty	c) hundred	d) two-
		hundred			
	3)	Everybody st		or murmured adm	iringly.
		Whistled	, 11	= =	d) regarded
			in the passage means	• •	
	,	11 0	,	c) windowsill	d) admiringly
*			ng questions in 30-4		
		•		ent from the other child	
	>		· ·	did not talk much. Sh	•
		_	•	l, patient and skilled girl.	. She used to wear a dull
	•	and faded dre			
	2)		Vanda win the dra	awing competition? D	id anyone expect her
		victory?			
			-	etition as she had dray	
			=	e. All of them deserved	
			victory because in re	outine, she used to wear	the same wrinkled blue
	3 \	faded dress.			
	3)	why did Wa	anda's house remind	d Maddie of Wanda's b	iue dress?

Maddie was reminded of Wanda's blue dress after looking at her house because the house and the sparse little yard looked shabby but it was clean like Wanda's blue dress. The dress Wanda wore was always clean but not ironed yet simple and

humble.

- **Answer the following questions in 100-120 words:**
 - 1) Though Peggy and Maddie made fun of Wanda, she gifted them her special drawings. In the light of this statement write a character sketch of Wanda Petronski.
 - ➤ Wanda Petronski was a Polish girl at an American School. Her name sounded unfamiliar to the other students who made fun of her name. They also teased her by asking her about her hundred dresses which she claimed she had but wore the same faded blue dress every day, she never felt embarrassed. She was cool headed and tolerant. Others called her a liar but she knew that she was truthful as she did have a hundred dresses but only the drawings not the real ones. Wanda had gifted two of her special drawings to Peggy and Maddie with their faces on the respective drawings. This showed that she liked them in spite of their teasing her. Gifting those drawings to them was also her way of making them realize their mistake. She was a large-hearted, understanding, forgiving, talented and intelligent girl.

2) Give the character sketch of Maddie.

Maddie was the classmate of Peggy and Wanda. She was Peggy's inseparable friend. Both were always seen together. She used to wear hand-me-down clothes, mostly of Peggy with little innovation. She did not like Peggy's making fun of Wanda. She felt uncomfortable; perhaps it reminded her of her own poverty. She was not courageous. Once she wrote a note to Peggy asking her to stop teasing Wanda but tore it. She was afraid that Peggy and other girls would make her the next target. She had a very high opinion about Peggy. She thought that Peggy could never do anything wrong and that she would win the art contest. Maddie was sensitive and emotional. Many nights before sleeping would give imaginary speeches defending Wanda when others teased her. Even she was determined not to tease anybody else and make them unhappy. She didn't mind losing Peggy's friendship in doing so.