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**Subject: English Class - X**

**Competency Based Questions**

**Amanda**

1. ‘Amanda is alone but not lonely in the world she envisions.’ Justify the statement with reference to any one image she pictures in her mind.
2. It is said that excess of everything is bad. Excess of parental love may make a child pampered , in the same way excess of nagging may throw a child into negativity. These statements are seen justified to some extent in the poem ‘Amanda’. Explain.

**Glimpses of India**

1. Instead of enjoying their childhood the children today are keen to enter adulthood. After reading about all the joys that the author Lucio Rodrigues had in his childhood, do you think such a keenness on the part of children is desirable?
2. Based on your reading of the chapter “Tea From Assam”, write a paragraph on the topic “Importance of Tea in India”.

**The Trees**

1. Conflict between human and nature is always there. Nature is also rebelling against civilization and becoming destructive. Explain.
2. Freedom is the basic theme of happiness for all creatures as well as plants. Explain this statement with reference to the struggle of the branches to come out in open in the veranda of the poet’s house.

**The Midnight Visitor**

1. Presence of mind is basically mental preparedness or the ability to think and act wisely in a dangerous or surprising situation”. Explain/Discuss with reference the story.
2. Discuss what you would do in the situations described below. Remember that presence of mind comes out of a state of mental preparedness. If you have thought about possible problems or dangers, and about how to act in such situations. You have a better chance of dealing with such situation if they do arise.

a) A small fire starts in your kitchen.  
b) A bicycle knocks down a pedestrian.  
c) A member of your family does not return home at the usual or expected time.  
You may suggest other situations.

**A Question of Trust**

1. Do intentions justify actions? Would you, like Horace Danby, do something wrong if you thought your ends justify the means? Do you think that there are situations in which it is excusable to act less than honest?
2. Horace Danby requested the lady to forget what she saw. Was Horace afraid of being caught? Did he lack the courage to accept his crime publicly? Explain the values one must imbibe to accept one’s mistake in 100-120 words.

**Footprints Without Feet**

1. ‘Brilliant scientist though he was, Griffin was a lawless person. Does this statement approve the apprehension that science in wrong hands is Devil’s Pandora Box?
2. The modem world has created great scientific inventions. But very often these inventions are more misused than used for the benefit of man. Griffin had made wonderful discovery; but be used it for unlawful means. Write a paragraph on “Science is being more misused than used”.