

CLASS –XII

SUBJECT –ENGLISH CORE

TOPIC – LITERATURE: Poets and Pancakes,  
A Roadside stand, Evans Tries an O-Level

WRITING SKILLS: Business Letters, Job  
Applications

### Flamingo: Poets & Pancakes

1. Answer in 30 – 40 words each:
  - a. Why was the narrator praying for crowd-shooting all the time?
  - b. How did the lawyer unwittingly bring an end to a brief and brilliant career of a young actress?
  - c. What misconceptions did the author and his khadi-clad friends have about communists?
  - d. Stephen Spender's visit to the Gemini Studios was viewed as an unexplained mystery by the Gemini family. How did Asoka, Maitran solve this mystery years later?
2. Answer in 125 – 150 words each:
  - a. What idea do you get about Stephen Spender from the lesson, 'Poets and Pancakes'?
  - b. What idea do you get about the narrator from the lesson 'Poets and Pancakes'?
  - c. "Such a charitable and improvident man, and yet he (Subbu) had enemies." Discuss.

### A Roadside Stand

1. Answer the following in 30 – 40 words each:
  - a. How does the poet criticise the city ways?
  - b. How does the poet highlight the mean and selfish nature of the city dwellers?
  - c. What empty promises are being made to the country people by the party in power?
  - d. Bring out the paradoxical statements in the poem.
2. Explain the following briefly:

a. little old house	g. pitiful kin
b. out of sorts	h. soothe them out of their wit
c. if ever aside a moment	i. greedy good-doers
d. out of sorts	j. beneficent beasts of prey
e. trusting sorrow	k. country money
f. make our being expand	l. country scale of gain

### VISTAS

#### Evans Tries an O – Level

1. Answer in 40 words:
  - a. Was the injured Mc Leery able to help the prison official's track down Evans?

- b. How did Evans prove the governor was just another 'good for giggle gullible governor'?
2. Answer in 125 – 150 words:
  - a. Write a character sketch of James Rodrick Evans.
  - b. It was hasty conjectures that made it easy for Evans to make his escape from the prison. Discuss.

## WRITING SKILLS

1. You wish to apply for the post of sales representative in a reputed pharmaceutical company. Write a letter along with your bio-data to the Personnel Manager Chill Pill India Ltd. applying for the same. You are Deepak Moitra.
2. Read the following advertisement and then write a suitable application along with your bio data "*Wanted a Secretary, preferably a trained lady graduate with 5 years experience and a good command over written and spoken English. Apply within a week to the Personnel Manager Crown International, New Delhi – 29*"
3. Write a letter to the Director of British Council enquiring about certain courses run by them during the winter vacation.
4. Write a letter to the dealer Hindustan Watch Co. complaining about a defective watch you have purchased which keeps gaining time and causes you a lot of inconvenience.