1. Uncle Podger hangs a picture - Jerome K. Jerome
   - Narrate how Uncle Podger makes the entire process of hanging the picture humorous.
   - What is the attitude of the author to the nature and habits of Uncle Podger?
   - Describe how Uncle Podger managed to hang the picture?
   - Draw a character sketch of uncle Podger.

2. How Wealth Accumulates and Men Decay – G. B Shaw
   - Explain the degrading effects of capitalism according to G.B. Shaw.
   - Discuss how capitalism turns people into ‘dangerous lunatics in the real world’.
   - How does G.B. Shaw use a whole set of images related to women in the essay, ‘How Wealth Accumulates and Men Decay’?
   - Explain the aptness of the title : ‘How wealth accumulates and men decay’.

   - Compare Ralph Spencer and Jimmy Valentine.
   - Do you think Jimmy Valentine is an endearing person? If so, cite instances from the text.
   - Mention three details from the text to support the idea that Jimmy Valentine had indeed changed.
   - Discuss the moral of the story ‘A Retrieved Reformation’.

4. How Much Land does a Man Need – Leo Tolstoy
   - Write Pahom’s character in relation to his buying more and more land.
Describe briefly Pahom’s early life before he became a rich farmer.
Examine Pahom’s state of mind as he moves from being a peasant to become a landowner.
How did the Devil triumph over Pahom?

5. On the Rule of the Road—A.G. Gardiner

- What are the limits of individual liberty, according to A.G. Gardiner.
- How does A.G. Gardiner prove that it is in the small matters of conduct that we declare that we are civilized or uncivilized?
- What, according to A.G. Gardiner, are the limits of individual liberty?
- According to A.G. Gardiner, what are the limits of individual liberty? Explain with the help of the essay, ‘On the Rule of the Road’.

6. Pleasures of Ignorance—Robert Lynd

- Narrate in your words experiences of the pleasures derived from ignorance.
- Justify the title of the essay ‘The Pleasures of Ignorance’.
- Describe Robert Lynd’s thesis that ‘real pleasure lies in ignorance’. What examples does he give?

7. The Selfish Giant—Oscar Wilde

- Comment on the title ‘The Selfish Giant’.
- Draw in your own words a character sketch of the Selfish Giant.
- Write a note on the character of Selfish Giant.

8. The Diamond Necklace—Guy de Maupassant

- Analyse the character of Mathilde in the story ‘The Diamond Necklace’.
- Describe the hardships that Mathilde and her husband had to go through to replace the necklace.
- Describe in your own words the events during and after the party as depicted in the story, ‘The Diamond Necklace’.
- Does the story ‘The Diamond Necklace’ convey a message?
9. **All the World is a Stage - William Shakespeare**

- What are the images poet has used in describing each stage of life in ‘All the World’s Stage’?
- How does William Shakespeare in the poem, ‘All the World’s a Stage’ take the most ordinary traits and transforms them into something philosophical? Explain using the examples from the poem.
- How does Shakespeare convey the gist of life with examples in ‘All the World’s a Stage’?
- Discuss various stages of life in the poem ‘All the World’s a Stage’.

10. **La Belle Dame Sans Merci – John Keats**

- “How was the Knight’s experience of Love?” Was it joyous?
- Examine the character of knight-at-arms in ‘La Belle Dame Sans Merci’.
- Is ‘La Belle Dame Sans Merci’ an apt title? Discuss with reference to the poem.
- Explain the Knight’s experience of love in ‘La Belle Dame Sans Merci’.

11. **Charge of the Light Brigade – Alfred, Lord Tennyson**

- Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem ‘The Charge of the Light Brigade’.
- Discuss ‘The Charge of the Light Brigade’ as a narrative poem.
- How does the poet celebrate the heroism of the British Cavalry brigade in ‘The Charge of the Light Brigade’?

12. **How Much Do I Love Thee – Elizabeth Browning**

- How does the speaker of the poem ‘How do I Love Thee’, express her love?
- Discuss ‘How Do I Love Thee?’ as a statement of intense love.
- How does the speaker assert about her eternal love in ‘How Do I Love Thee’?
- Enlist all the ‘ways’ in the poem ‘How Do I Love Thee’, in which poet expresses her love.
13. Afterwards - Thomas Hardy

- How does the poet Thomas Hardy wish to be remembered by his contemporaries after his death?
- Explain the speaker’s attitude towards death in ‘Afterwards’.
- How does the theme of death and that of rebirth and renewal run parallel in the poem ‘Afterwards’?

14. The Ballad of Father Gilligan – W. B. Yeats

- What is the central theme of the ‘Ballad of Father Gilligan’.
- Examine ‘The Ballad of Father Gilligan’ as a poem about God.

15. If - Rudyard Kipling

- What, according to Kipling, is the chief problem that humans have to endure? Discuss.
- How does Kipling present his central ideas effectively through various methods in the poem ‘If—’?
- Discuss ‘If—’ as an inspirational and motivational poem with mottos and maxims for life.
- The poem ‘If’ is a message of inspiration for human beings to go on in life with good principles. Elaborate.

16. A Psalm of Life - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

- Discuss the message of the poem ‘A Psalm of Life’, written by H.W. Longfellow.
- ‘A Psalm of Life’ reads like a prayer of hope, joy and optimism, a spiritual recipe for living our lives — Discuss.
- Comment on the message of the poem ‘A Psalm of Life’.
Language Components

1. Presentation skills:
   - Kinds of Presentations
   - Structuring Content
   - Visual Aids
   - The Language of Presentations
   - Making a Presentation

2. Introduction to Soft Skills:
   - Leadership Skills
   - Teamwork Skills
   - Time Management
   - Goal Setting
   - Stress Management

- Explain the important points to be considered while making a presentation.
- Write a note on the use of visual aids for effective presentation.
- Write a detailed note on the ‘language of presentations’.
- What are important points to remember while making a presentation?
- How can visual aids be used for effective presentation?
- What are the important points to remember while making a presentation?

- How can one manage and organise time effectively?
- Write down 7-8 qualities, you possess that you think, will make you a good player.
- Why is time management an important soft skill in the present times?
- What is ‘Goal Setting’? How does it lead to better performance?
- Explain the term ‘soft skills’. How are they acquired?
- What does the term ‘stress’ imply? What are the ways to cope with it?
- ‘To be an effective member of a team, one needs to develop the ability to work with people.’ Explain the importance of team work skill in the light of this remark.
- Explain the term ‘Soft Skills’. How are they acquired?
- Write down any five qualities that a good leader should possess.