

UNIT – 2 : CREATIVE ENGLISH

Theory:

POEM:

'The River' by A.K.Ramanujam

FOCUS ON: Usage of Main Verb / Auxiliary Verb/ Modal Verb and Tenses

In Madurai,
city of temples and poets,
who sang of cities and temples,
every summer
a river dries to a trickle
in the sand,
baring the sand ribs,
straw and women's hair
clogging the watergates
at the rusty bars
under the bridges with patches
of repair all over them
the wet stones glistening like sleepy
crocodiles, the dry ones
shaven water-buffaloes lounging in the sun
The poets only sang of the floods.

He was there for a day
when they had the floods.
People everywhere talked
of the inches rising,
of the precise number of cobbled steps
run over by the water, rising
on the bathing places,
and the way it carried off three village houses,
one pregnant woman
and a couple of cows
named Gopi and Brinda as usual.

The new poets still quoted
the old poets, but no one spoke
in verse
of the pregnant woman

drowned, with perhaps twins in her,
kicking at blank walls
even before birth.

He said:
the river has water enough
to be poetic
about only once a year
and then
it carries away
in the first half-hour
three village houses,
a couple of cows
named Gopi and Brinda
and one pregnant woman
expecting identical twins
with no moles on their bodies,
with different coloured diapers
to tell them apart.

Practical: Lab / Activity

LISTENING: General simple/short poems on MOTIVATION / SOFT SKILLS
(Selected poems will be given). Fill ups: a) Information Gaps, b) Main Verbs/Modal Verbs.
Listening practice is to be given.

a) The Road Not Taken by Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!

Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

B) Keep Going by Kate Summers

When failures come – keep going
When you feel like giving up – keep going
When people mock your idea – keep going
When challenges you face – keep going
When mistakes are made, learn – but keep going
Because perseverance just keeps going!

C) Look Well to This Day by Kalidasa

Look well to this day,
For it and it alone is life.
In its brief course
Lie all the essence of your existence:

The Glory of Growth
The Satisfaction of Achievement
The Splendor of Beauty

For yesterday is but a dream,
And tomorrow is but a vision.
But today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness,
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.

D) Don't Quit by Edgar A. Guest

When Things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and debts are high,
And you want to Smile but have to sigh.
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.

Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint of clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,

It may be near when it seems afar,
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

SPEAKING: Useful Expressions (Greetings, Requesting, Asking / Eliciting information, Offering Suggestions / Opinions)

Ex. 2 Speaking - Useful Expressions - Students will be asked to give suitable expressions according to the context given. Speaking practice is given

(To Be Recorded in the Record Note Book)

Greetings:

- a) How will you greet your teacher when you meet him/her after 8 pm?
Good evening Sir/ Madam.
- b) How will you greet a person during new meetings?
Glad to meet you /Pleased to meet you/ Nice to meet you.
- c) How will you greet your friend during their achievements in sports/exams?
Congratulations. / Well done.
- d) How will you greet somebody before taking up new initiatives/ interviews/exams?
All the best / Good luck/ Best of luck
- e) How will you wish your friend before going abroad for higher study or job?
Wish you a happy journey.
- f) How will you greet your mom on her birthday?
Happy Birthday, Mom
- g) How will you greet your friend while inviting for his/her marriage or for housewarming ceremony?
Congratulations.
- h) How will you greet your friend on the day of her marriage?
Happy Married life.
- i) How will you greet someone on their wedding anniversary?
Happy Anniversary.
- j) How will you greet someone during celebrations and festivals.
Happy Pongal / Happy Christmas/ Happy Ramzan.

Asking/ Eliciting Information:

1. **Can you tell me** which lessons we should study for exam?
2. **Could you please tell me** where our HOD madam is?
3. **I would like to know** whether you come with me or not.

4. **Do you know** his father's name?
5. **May I know** your mobile number?
6. **Do you have any idea** about JEE?
7. **Excuse me, Where is** the hostel here?
8. **Let me know** whether you are free tomorrow.
9. **What did you say to** him?
10. **What happened** yesterday?

Requesting

- a) **Can you** bring me that book tomorrow?
- b) **Will you bring me** some water?
- c) **Could you please give me** your pen for a moment?
- d) **May I** use your pen for some time?
- e) **Could you please** grant me leave for a day sir?
- f) **Would you mind** to switch on the light?
- g) **Can you help me** to lift the parcel?
- h) **Excuse me sir, can I have** change for 500 rupees?
- i) **Sir, Would it be possible** to postpone the meeting?
- j) **Madam, Would it be a problem if I** leave early today?

Offering Suggestions or Opinions

1. **I think** that gold ring is expensive. **Why don't** we gift a watch?
2. **Shall we** go to Fun Mall?
3. **Let's** go to canteen now.
4. **Would you like** coffee or tea?
5. **What about** staying in Ravi's house? **Why can't we** stay in a lodge?
6. **If I were you, I would** make a complaint to the principal.
7. **In my point of view**, nobody is perfect in the world.
8. **As far as I'm concerned**, we should have more discussions on this topic.
9. **I'm of the opinion that** technology will rule the world in future.
10. **To be honest/ frank**, he is not a reliable person.

READING: Comic Strips, Small Conversations. Oral practice is to be given.

Comic Strip 1



Comic Strip 2:

Here you go.
I wish it
could be better...



I love you so much and
I want to make you happy.
I wish it could have been
"The Perfect Gift".



OH MY GOSH! How did you
know exactly what
I wanted?
This IS The Perfect Gift!



But you didn't
even open it.





Comic Strip 4



Conversation 1

Doctor: I'm sorry but you suffer from a terminal illness and have only 10 to live.

Patient: What do you mean by 10? 10 what? Years? Months? Weeks?!

Doctor: Nine..

Patient: What?

Doctor: Eight..

Patient: Oh my God, you mean 10 seconds?

Doctor: Seven..

Conversation 2

A man meets an accident with his new car.

A policeman arrives.

Man: *(Cried)* Officer! My brand new car!

Police: You're such a materialistic person. You even haven't noticed that your left arm has been cut off.

Man: *(He looks at his left arm and yells)* OMG! My Rolex watch!

Police: Are you mad? See you are bleeding now.

Man: OMG! my new suit!

Police: Let me call ambulance.

Man: OMG! Where is my new Iphone?

Police: Oh Shit! Should I inform anyone close to you?

Man: No problem sir... my Insta followers will follow me to hospital..

Police: What?!

Conversation 3

Interviewer: How much milk do these cows give?

Farmer: Which one? The Black one or the brown one?

Interviewer: Brown one.

Farmer: A couple of liters per day.

Interviewer: And the black one?

Farmer: A couple of liters per day.

Interviewer *(naturally a bit flummoxed)*: I see. What do you give them to eat?

Farmer: Which one? Black or brown?

Interviewer: Black.

Farmer: It eats grass.

Interviewer: And the other one?

Farmer: Grass.

Interviewer *(now annoyed)*: Why do you keep asking which one when the answers are the same?

Farmer: Because, the black one's mine.

Interviewer: Oh, and the brown one?

Farmer: It's also mine.

Conversation 4

Einstein: I will give you a question, and you will give a question to me as well. If you can't answer my question, you will give me \$1, and if I can't answer your question, I will give you \$1000

Mr. Bean: Okay

Einstein: *(Gives Mr. Bean a hard question)*

Mr. Bean: *(Give \$1 to Einstien)*

Einstein: Okay, now your turn.

Mr. Bean: What is the animal that has 4 legs, and when he crosses a street he only has 2 legs, and when

he goes back, he has 5 legs?

Einstein: (*Thinking very hard*) I give up. I can't answer that. (*Einstein gives Mr. Bean \$1000*)

Einstein: But what animal is that, Mr. Bean?

Mr. Bean: (*Gives \$1 to Einstein*)

WRITING: Sentence Making using Substitution Table (Based on Tenses), Writing Practice is given.

Tenses	I	We	You	He, She, It	They
1. Simple Present	I go to library.	We go to library.	You go to library.	He/She/It goes to library.	They go to library.
2. Simple Past	I went to library	We went to library	You went to library	He/She/It went to library	They went to library
3. Simple Future	I will go to library.	We will go to library.	You will go to library.	He/She/It will go to library.	They will go to library.
4. Present Continuous	I am going to library.	We are going to library.	You are going to library.	He/She/It is going to library.	They are going to library.
5. Past Continuous	I was going to library.	We were going to library.	You were going to library.	He/She/It was going to library.	They were going to library.
6. Future Continuous	I will be going to library.	We will be going to library.	You will be going to library.	He/She/It will be going to library.	They will be going to library.
7. Present Perfect	I have gone to library.	We have gone to library.	You have gone to library.	He/ She/ It has gone to library.	They have gone to library.
8. Past Perfect	I had gone to library.	We had gone to library.	You had gone to library.	He/ She/ It had gone to library.	They had gone to library.
9. Future Perfect	I will have gone to library.	We will have gone to library.	You will have gone to library.	He/ She/ It will have gone to library.	They will have gone to library.
10 Present Perfect Continuous	I have been going to library.	We have been going to library.	You have been going to library.	He/ She/ It has been going to library.	They have been going to library.
11. Past Perfect continuous	I had been going to library.	We had been going to library.	You had been going to library.	He/ She/ It had been going to library.	They had been going to library.
12. Future Perfect Continuous	I will have been going to library.	We will have been going to library.	You will have been going to library.	He/ She/ It will have been going to library.	They will have been going to library.