**CLASS VII**

**SA-2 NOTES**

**CHAPTER 8**

**THE SPIDER AND THE FLY BY MARR HOWITH**

1. The spider invites the fly into his parlour. He says that it is prettier than any other parlour the fly has ever seen. He also tells her that the way up to his parlour is through a winding stair and he has many pretty things to show her there. The fly refuses and tells the spider that it is no use asking her in as she knows whoever goes up the stair never comes down again.

The spider again requests the fly and tells her that she must be feeling tired of flying up so high,invites the fly to sleep upon his little bed. He says that he will comfortably tuck in bed the fly again refuses him saying that she has very often heard people say that whoever sleeps upon the spider’s bed never wakes up again.

2. The cunning spider now addresses the fly as a friend and asks her what he should do to prove that his love for her is immense. He invites the fly to take a slice. The fly refuses him saying that the she does not wish to see what is there in his pantry. The spider says that he has a mirror upon his parlour shelf if the fly cares to come inside for a moment she can see herself in the mirror. The fly declines the offer once again and bids him good morning.

3. The spider comes back to his den as he knows that the silly fly will be unable to resist the temptation after hearing so many flattering words. He says that she is wearing a beautiful gown of green and purple colour. He calls the fly’s eyes as bright as diamonds while his own as dull as lead. Soon the foolish fly is taken in by the flattery and comes flitting close by and is caught by the spider. The spider drags the fly up into his den and the fly never comes out again.

So it is a lesson for the children who read this story that they must never pay attention to a tone who flatters them. They should close their eyes and ears to the one who gives them false assurances. The poet wishes that the children take a lesson from the poem.

Fable:- is a short tale, not based on facts. Usually it has animals as its characters. It gives a moral lesson. The poet has rightly called this poem a fable .

**Chapter 9**

 **The Human Robot by Ira Saxena**

\* Prem chopra enters super robots plaza

-he was a thief and a tricker, enters super robot plaza

-super robots the best and the most renowned plaza in town

-wants a robot to act as an accomplice in crime

- considers proper investment for his latest loot

- his guilt makes him feel nervous and diffident

\*ram singh –070 bought

-a robot in metallic blue

-programmed to suit prem chopper’s requirements

-takes command from a remote control

-operates within a radius of half a kilometer

-prem chopre decides to buy it

\*the three principles of robotics impress prem chopra

-the robot wil obey his master

-will not harm humans

- will not harm to himself

-signs the sale deed and contract of ‘no misuse of robot’

-however prem chopra thinks he has got a servant and an accomplice

\*ram singh’s shop- lifting exploits

-ram singh used for sho p-lifting

-ordered to shop-lift jewels, necklaces and precious stones

-warned not to reveal; threatened- would be diffused

-the metallic blue robot obeys all commands dutifully

- premchopra always ordered and watched from a distance

\*ram singh -070 exposed

-a fruit vendor notices ram singh deed of stealing a bunch of Afghani grapes

Incident related all over

-many shopkeepers recall the presences of a metallic blue

-information reaches police headquarters

-hidden computerized cameras in jhaveli brothers expose ram singh

- caught red-handed by police

Prem chopra flees the scene

\*in the court

-prem chopra denies involvement

-alleges, someone has tampered with the robot

-Government Counsel Goal summons Ram Singh to court

-plans to unwind memory tape

-courtroom jampacked; people keen to watch robot in witness box

\*Ram Singh interrogated

-Ram Singh dutifully follow Prem Chopra ‘s earlier instructions

-refuses to reveal vital information

-Counsel tells Ram Singh, his shop-lifting exploits have harmed some human beings

-Ram Singh in a dilemma

-clash of principles

-chooses to disintegrate himself; dies

-silence everywhere

-counsel depressed

-however, Chopra realizes his mistakes; experiences turn of heart; plead guilty

**CHAPTER 10**

**FRIENDS AND FLATTERES**

**BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE**

**SUMMARY**

According to the poet everyone who flatters you cannot be your friend in bad times. Words of flattery come in mind easily like the smooth blowing wind but people really do not mean what they say. It is very difficult to find faithful friends.

Everyone will try to befriend you when you have a lot of money to spend. But when you lose the money and become poor no one will come forward to help you and meet your requirements.

If you squander money without worrying about the future, people will say that you are generous. They will flatter you and declare that such a large-hearted man deserve to be a king.

If you were to lose the money you have, they will desert you .the person who sought your company earlier wil discard you and avoid your company. A true friend is one who helps you when you are in need. If you are sad he will shed tears with you if he will equally share your sufferings and sorrows. These are some sure hints for you to differentiate between a true friends from a flattering enemy.

**Chapter 11**

**CHOCOLATES IN YOUR DREAMS TOO**

**BY DILIP .M SALWI**

\* Mother and gopa in shamji’s shop

-gopa wants chocolates; blackmails of misbehavior if chocolates not given

-mother annoyed with gopa

-chocolate given by shopkeeper

-mother dislikes it

-bread and butter bought

-gopa his usual naughty self

- eats chocholates, teases mother

Narrowly misses being hit by a cyclist

-falls in a heap; helped and caressed by mother loving

-excessive watching television by gopa

-objected toby the mother

-gopa’s argument; no playground around

-mother scolds; insists he should do his own work and should not be lazy

-mother does not know what to do with a brat like gopa

-gopa fails to understand mother; does not like physical exercise

-blames mother’s generation in general

-believes she had no comfort like roma in her days

-gopa sees a dream; encounters an alien

-alien hidden in gopa’s pocket

-has come to earth to monitor gopa’s activities

- alien reads a paper; describes physical appearance and gives other details like age, school etc

-shocks gopa; his body likely to stop functioning in five years

-gopa worried; won’t even enter college

-chocolates have excessive metal; sugar a dangerous chemical

-both harmful for health too much sugar causes diabetes

-lack of physical exercise stunts growth, late night movies to be avoided

-avoid junk foods

-go for morning walks

Believes in universal brotherhood

-are more intelligent and advanced than man

-wishes all children to remain healthy

-alien departs without giving any reassurance about revisit

-dream sequence broken

-mother wakes gopa up

-gopa a changed lad

-decides advised his classmates

-convinced, mother a wise lady