

Sangam SKM College - Nadi  
**Solution - Week 1**  
Year 12  
Subject: English

**Note: There are no right or wrong answers in literature, it all depends on how you prove your point with the evidence from the text. Therefore, individual students answer will vary.**

1. Discuss an important issue in the short story Preliminary Inspection by Raymond Pillai that is not discussed in the given notes?

An important issue in the short story by Pillai is the influence of western education that is leading to loss of languages and culture. This is quite apparent between the conversation between Gopal and Appa where Gopal does not know his mother tongue Malayam, the lines "**Do you speak Malayalam? I understand a little but cannot speak it**" reveals that western education and notions of formal schooling has made people progress to suit the present era but unfortunately it has led to the loss of one's own identity and sense of belongingness. Love marriage between Savitri and Gopal also show the current trend of younger generation in choosing their own partners and telling parents later on.

2. What is the importance of setting of any short story?

Setting is one of the five essential elements of a story. It establishes the mood, reveals characters and conflicts, and gives clues to a story's theme. Setting gives context to the characters' actions in a story line. It can also create the mood (how the reader or viewer feels). It's easier to understand why the characters in the story are doing what they're doing when we know where they are.

3. Name a character you like? Give reason for your answer.

Students are to name a character and state reasons as to why you like him/her with evidence from the text to support your answer. Note: answers will vary on individual students' choice.