

Part I

**Section A – Answers**

1. a. “Big match, 1983” Yasmine Gooneratne.  
b. ‘We’ are people of Sri Lanka / Sri Lankans  
c. Helping nature, friendliness, curious, unity, meak (powerless)
2. a. ‘A bird came down the walk’. It was written by Emily Dickinson.  
b. The bird is referred to as ‘he’  
c. The bird appears to be very cautious of the danger so it refuses the crumb and hurriedly moves away from the scene.
3. a. “The Lumber Room”, saki  
b. The aunt is silent because she thinks of the conversation between her and Nicholas which is humiliation for her. She feels ashamed of her plight that she suffered in rain water tank, so she is silent.  
c. She feels ashamed whole the evening because of the disgrace to her brought by Nicholas.
4. a. Wave, Sonali Deraniyagala.  
b. Sonali  
The foam of a big wave seem to being passed the half way between their room and the sea.  
c. Casual, surprised
5. a. “The Nightingale and the Rose”. Oscar Wilde.  
b. The oak tree in “The Nightingale and the Rose” the farewell given by the oak tree to the Nightingale between with its love.  
c. The lonely the oak tree has to face after the departure of Nightingale fears the speaker, oak tree.
6. a. “The bear”. It was written by Anton Chekhov.  
b. Here, Popova is speaking. She is speaking to Smirnov.  
c. It appears that she is speaking with some uncertainty. She is asking him to go away even then she wants to keep him with her.