Synonyms – 10th 11th 12th std

The model millionaire:

1. Profile = outline of the face/head
2. Accomplishment = a well learned ability/skill
3. Ineffectual = not doing anything worthy
4. colonel = a high rank in army
5. glum = sullen, dejected, displeased
6. freckled = marked with small brown spots on the skin
7. ragged = untidy
8. wizened = looking dried up through age
9. parchment = a piece of paper
10. piteous = sad, sorrowful
11. coarse = rough
12. alms = offerings
13. forlorn = forsaken, lonely
14. sovereign = a former currency worth 1 pound
15. coppers = coins of lower denomination
16. commissioned = ordered
17. by jove = an exclamation of surprise
18. popular = well known
19. amazing = causing wonder
20. battered = beaten up through a lot of use.
21. extended = longer in length
22. patched = sewed

Poem: beautiful inside

1. appearance = the way someone or something looks or seems to be.
2. Superficial gaze = not looking at something thoroughly, seeing only what is obvious.
3. Deceptive = misleading; likely to make you believe something that is not true.
4. Seep = flow slowly and in small quantities
5. Geode = a rock containing a cavity which is lined with crystals or other mineral matter
6. Dazzling = brilliant
7. Crystal = a clear mineral
8. Apparent = obvious, easy to see
9. Peer deeper = look closely or carefully at something especially when you cannot see it clearly.
10. Aching generosity = a longing or a deep desire to give freely
11. Inner beauty = good or pleasant qualities that are appreciated in a person.
12. Emerge = come out from a hidden place
13. Treasure = something very valuable
14. To cherish = to keep a pleasant feeling in your mind for a long time; to love and preserve.
15. To prize = to value something highly.

SAM:

1. Porch = verandah
2. Mended = improved
3. Show up = turn up
4. Frisbee = a game in which a plastic disc that spins in the air is thrown and caught by the players.
5. Drive away = a road that leads to the house
6. Collar = a band placed around the neck of an animal to identify it.
7. Harness = a set of straps put around the body to control the animal.

To a millionaire(poem):

1. Multitude = large number of people
2. Plod on = move on very slowly
3. Strife = struggle
4. Vile = evil
5. Grim = gloomy, depressed
6. Pile = heap

Music the hope raiser:

1. Articulate = to express thoughts or feelings clearly in words.
2. Figure out = make out
3. Profound = felt or experienced very strong
4. Quartet = a piece of music composed for a group of four musicians or singers
5. Repertoire = all the plays, songs, pieces of music etc that a performer knows and can perform
6. Fanatic = a person who is extremely enthusiastic about something
7. Unquenchable = that cannot be satisfied
8. Irreverent = not showing respect
9. Master = to learn or understand completely.
10. Hoops = basketball rings through which players throw ball to score points
11. Scrabble = a board game in which players try to make words from letter blocks and connect them to words already placed on the board.
12. Mall = a place with lots of shops.
Piano (poem):

1. Vista = a view, range
2. Insidious = spreading gradually or without being noticed
3. Hymns = songs in praise of god
4. Cosy = comfortable and safe
5. Parlour = a room in a private house for sitting in, for entertaining visitors
6. Clamour = to shout loudly in a confused way
7. Appassionate = a particular piece of music considered by Beethoven to be his most tempestuous piano sonata
8. Glamour = attraction.

The piano (supplementary):

1. Precariously = in an unstable manner
2. In no time at all = very quickly
3. Plinked = produced a short sharp ringing sound on the piano
4. Plonked = hit or struck heavily with a thud
5. Croon = sing
6. Squealed = screamed in a shrill voice
7. Tenacity = persistence, determination
8. Bash = strike heavily
9. Ivories = the keys of the piano
10. Tickled with pink = amused greatly, delighted
11. Belting a tune = singing vigorously
12. Pleased as punch = showing or feeling great pleasure or pride
13. Punch = a character in the punch and Judy puppet shows
14. A cat in a fish shop = enjoying oneself thoroughly
15. Clip-clopped = onomatopoeic word meaning entered noisily.

A Golden path

1. Rising = replying (in context), responding
2. Tender = offer
3. Discharged = carried out
4. Privilege = special right, benefit
5. Privileged = prestigious
6. Suffice = be enough for, be adequate for
7. Exacting = demanding
8. Truism = a statement that is obviously true
9. Invidious = unjust
10. Indispensable = absolutely essential
11. Earnestness = seriousness
12. Prosecute = continue, pursue
13. Subordinates = treat as of lesser importance
14. Unsophisticated = simple, natural
15. Unfits = does not suit
16. Prey = victim
17. Acquiescence = acceptance without protest.
18. Redress = compensation
19. Reverent = respectful
20. Generous = benevolent
21. Hostile = opposing

The face of judas:
1. Mural = painting done on a wall
2. Diligently = showing care and effort
3. Countenance = face, appearance
4. Warped = became distorted
5. Enfeebled = made week or feeble
6. Tavern = inn or public house
7. Gaunt = made thin by hunger or illness
8. Profligate = shamelessly immoral person
9. Stuporous = dazed by shock
10. Languor = tiredness or laziness of mind and body

Manliness (poem):
1. Triumph = success, victory
2. Disaster = a very bad situation
3. Impostor = some one who pretends to be someone else in order to trick people

4. Will thirst become unquenchable:
1. Soaring = rising, increasing
2. Scramble = struggle
3. Heaving = fumingly crowded
4. Metropolis = large and densely populated commercial city
5. Portends = warns that something is likely to happen.
6. Fanned out = spread out
7. Rumour = false story
8. Panic = fear
9. Corridors = passages
10. Erupt = suddenly happen
11. Torrent = an outpour
12. To swarm = to crowd onto something
13. Jamming = pushing with force
14. Jostle = push roughly in a crowd
15. Siphoning = letting out a liquid through a tube
16. Unsustainable = cannot be maintained
17. Exodus = mass movement from one place to another.
18. Punch = hit
19. Welt = mark
20. Melee = a situation in which a crowd of people are rushing
21. Brawl = a noisy and violent fight
22. Cereal = pulses
23. Yields = production
24. Decade = a period of ten years
25. Frenzied = involving a lot of activity that is often violent
26. Pursuit = chase
27. Triumphant = victoriously
28. Hauls back = pulls back
29. Lentil = a small seed, dried and used in cooking
30. Stew = a dish of meat and vegetables cooked slowly in liquid.
31. Shooing = driving away, chasing

Going for water (poem):
1. Ere = before
2. Soon = perfectly
3. Blade = metaphorical use meaning that the river reflecting the moonlight looked like the sliver blade of a sword.
4. Loth = hate, dislike
5. Gnomes = dwarf.

Swept away (supplementary):
1. Stacked = arranged in piles
2. Swirling = moving around quickly
3. Man – hole = a hole under which drainage water flows.
4. Maneuvered = moved skillfully
5. Wading = walking through the water
6. Squabble = quarrel noisily
7. Deluge = rushing waters, floods
8. Buffeted = swung back and forth
9. Jubilantly = victoriously
10. Bedraggled = made wet by muddy water.
11. Council worker = one who works for the local council administration

5. Making visible the invisible
1. Undervalued = importance, goodness or value not recognized
2. Denied = refused
3. Tragedy = sad happening
4. Sadistically = getting pleasure out of hurting someone.
5. Tortured = made to suffer
6. Brutality = cruelty
7. Shortcomings = defects
8. Plays hide and seek = evades
9. Campaigned = carried out series of organized activities to achieve something
| 10. Diligence | = steady effort |
| 11. Persistence | = continuous effort |
| 12. Initiating | = starting |
| 13. Challenge | = difficult task |
| 14. Implementation | = carrying out |
| 15. Documentation | = being recorded in documents |
| 16. Exceptional | = unusual |
| 17. Penalised | = punished |
| 18. Surplus market | = where several jobs are available |
| 19. Simultaneously | = at the same time |
| 20. Intervene | = become involved in |
| 21. Legislated | = made into a law |

**Cry of the children (poem):**

1. Stooping = bending forward
2. Drooping = closing due to tiredness
3. Droning = making a continuous low sound
4. Moaning = expressing pain or regret.

**A close encounter**

1. Tinkerers = persons who travel from place to place selling or repairing things.
2. Schwinn bike = a bicycle manufactured in the U.S.A
3. Fender = mud guard
4. Sprocket = one of the teeth on the wheel of a bicycle
5. Contraption = device
6. Flip = quick or light blow
7. Bailed off = escaped
8. Warped = bent, distorted

**6. Flying with moon on their wings:**

1. Species = groups with biological likeness
2. Breeding haunts = nesting places
3. Stresses = difficult conditions, hardships
4. Variation = degree of change
5. Well defined = clearly marked
6. Higher reaches = on top of the mountains
7. Voyagers = travellers
8. Seldom = not often, rarely
9. Flocks = groups of birds of the same kind
10. Excited = in a state of great activity
11. Fluttering = moving lightly and quickly
12. Twittering = chirping
13. Identification mark = mark showing who or what somebody or something is
14. Restricted = limited
15. Nesting sites = places made or chosen by a bird for its eggs
16. Fascinating = very interesting
17. Landmarks = objects clearly seen from a distance and helpful in
finding the way to a place
= those who take parental care of the little ones

Migrant bird

1. Din = loud, unpleasant repeated noise
2. Vigil = watchfulness, keeping awake when one should sleep
3. Sojourn = camp, stay for a short time
4. Breed = yield, produce
5. Brood = a flock

The summer flight (supplementary):

1. Enterprising = courageous, willing to involve oneself in undertaking a difficult project
2. Congested = overcrowded
3. Scheming = planning secretly
4. Cajoling = persuading by flattery or deceit
5. Vivacious = enthusiastic, cheerful
6. Utopia = an imaginary land of permanent happiness
7. Lavish = rich, extravagant
8. Pacifying = soothing, consoling
9. Remorse = bitter regret for having done for something wrong
10. Zoomed = made larger
11. Writ = very obvious, clearly recognisable
12. Sojourn = temporary stay
13. Countenance = face
14. Blurred = became unclear or indistinct
15. Rang clear in his ears = sounded heavily

7. our heritage – a timeless marvel

1. Stupendous = extremely impressive
2. Grandeur = impressive appearance/stylish
3. Renovated = repaired into good condition
4. Valour = bravery
5. Scantily = insufficiently
6. Monolithic = massive, monumental, a large single block of stone
7. Moat = a deep wide ditch filled with water, dug round a castle as a defence
8. Notching = cutting
9. Contrivances = machines
10. Vimanam = the top of the seat of the deity
11. Reverence = a feeling of great respect
12. Opulence = lavishness, richness
13. Staunch = steadfast
14. Intricate = fine, delicate
15. Sanctum sanctorum = the main place in which the idol for worship is positioned
16. Munificence = generosity
17. Cloisters = covered passages
18. Magnanimous = splendid
19. Grandiose = impressive
20. Herculean = mighty
21. Patronage = support
22. Harmonious = showing accord in feeling or action
23. Testimony = statements made by a witness in court
24. Divine = eternal, holy

Shilpi (poem)

1. Shilpi = sculptor, one who carves statues from stone or any hard material
2. Staccato = a series of short detached sounds
3. Oblivious = not aware of what is happening around
4. Fickle = changing
5. Bleary = not focusing
6. Sinews = muscles
7. Stark = complete, sheer
8. Taut = tense
9. Harmonic cacophony = a sound that appears melodious at the same time noisy
10. Heirlooms of rich tradition = inherited skills passed down through ages
11. Stark evidence = clearly obvious
12. Mild judicious tap = careful slight hit

Caught sneezing (supplementary)

1. Infested = filled
2. Hefty = big and heavy
3. Waylaid = attacked
4. Palatial = huge like a palace
5. Mansion = house
6. Staggered = walked with difficulty
7. Plunder = rob
8. Impending = likely to happen soon
9. Lurk = present but hidden
10. Strategy = plan
11. Retrieved = got back

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Bon voyage

1. bon voyage = ‘have a good journey’
2. chasm = a deep narrow opening
3. canopy = a type of roof
4. yonder = over there
5. incredible = unbelievable
6. retina = a layer at the back of the eyeball that receives light and sends pictures of what the eye sees to the brain
7. siblings = brothers and/or sisters
8. aeronautical = of the study of travel through air
9. relented = gave in
10. constellations = groups of stars forming a pattern
11. Incessantly = endlessly
12. glider = a light air-craft without an engine
13. aerobatics = feats of flying performed for an audience
14. aero-astro = relating to the air and stars/space
15. Milky Way = the galaxy of which our solar system is a part
16. astronaut = one trained to travel in a spacecraft
17. steely resolve = firm determination
18. thriving = very successful
19. manned = operated by men
20. intimidated = frightened
21. NASA = National Aeronautics and Space Administration
22. fascination = keen interest
23. rigorous = difficult
24. arduous = requiring a lot of effort
25. deter = prevent
26. space shuttle = a rocket-launched spacecraft
27. satellite = a natural object moving round a larger object in space or an artificial body placed in orbit round the earth or another planet to study it
28. absolved = cleared of blame
29. terrific = great
30. mind-boggling = over whelming
31. curvature = the degree to which something is curved
32. domain = region
33. fragile = delicate
34. desire = yearning
35. Preferred = chose
36. Brilliant = shining
37. Obvious = apparent
38. Grit = determination
39. Immense = great
40. consent = approval
41. dare = brave
42. accompany = escort
43. special = extraordinary
44. follow = Pursue
45. fragile = feeble
46. heading for = going in the direction of
47. alarmed = afraid
48. collision = crash
49. risks = danger
50. chunks = lumps  
51. preliminary = initial  
52. estimate = an approximate calculation  
53. unleash = to release suddenly  
54. daring = bold, brave  
55. tragic = sad, awful  
56. knowledge = information, fact  
57. eager = keen, enthusiastic  
58. risky = dangerous, unsafe

off to outer space tomorrow morning (poem):

1. Count Down = the final moments counted backwards from 10 to 0 before the launch  
2. daylight will be on the switch = there will be a continuous switching over from day to night  
3. winter under lock = there will not be any changing seasons  
4. I’ll doze when I’m sleepy = as there are no fixed day/night hours, I’ll sleep when I feel sleepy  
5. inhale = within earshot; within hearing distance  
6. solit’ry = lonely  
7. gaol = prison  
8. teacups circling round me = teacups circling because of lack of gravitational pull  
9. tracking = following  
10. But you needn’t think I’ll give a damn for you or what you are = don’t think I will have time to think about you  
11. trans-galactic = across galaxies  
12. blow your top = explode in anger

The Merchant of Venice

1. Difference = dispute  
2. Jew = A race who presently live in Israel. During Shakespeare’s times, the Jews were ruthless moneylenders and were hated by the Christians. They hated the Christians too.  
3. stand forth = come forward  
4. strange nature = unusual because he demands a pound of flesh even when he is offered ten times the original sum of money  
5. impugn = oppose or resist  
6. ay = yes  
7. bond = agreement  
8. strain’d = forced  
9. twice blessed = Mercy has a double blessing. It blesses him that gives and him that receives it  
10. it becomes . . . . .his crown = The King earns greater respect when he is merciful.  
11. Temporal = worldly
12. His sceptre . . . . . fear of kings = The king’s sceptre (royal staff) is a symbol of his earthly power and he is feared.
13. But mercy . . . . God himself = But mercy is above this earthly power. It resides in the hearts of kings and is an attribute of God.
14. And earthly power . . seasons justice = Earthly power is revealed like God’s power when justice is tempered with mercy.
15. Seasons = tempers, strengthens
16. in the course of justice = if strict justice were to take its course
17. mitigate = lessen
18. I crave the law = I pray for what the law entitles me to . .
19. Forfeit = give up as penalty for doing something wrong
20. suffice = be sufficient
21. beseech = earnestly ask for
22. nominated = mentioned
23. tarry = wait
24. expressly = directly shown
25. confiscate = take or seize
26. soft = wait
27. plea = request
28. forfeit = withdraw
29. suffice = be enough
30. beseech = implore
31. confiscate = take away
32. spellbound = fascinating
33. eaglet = a young eagle
34. clucked = the sound uttered by a hen
35. cackled = broken sound of a hen
36. flapped = to move up and down
37. glided = to move smoothly and continuously along

sonnet no. 116 (poem)

1. admit impediments = refers to the Christian marriage service where the priest asks the people gathered if they have any objections to the couple getting married
2. “Impediments” = means obstacles
3. ever-fixed mark = a prominent land or sea-mark which guides ships; true love guides one through the voyage of life
4. it is the star...height be taken stars = during Shakespeare’s time people believed that the influenced men’s character; in the journey of life, to many a “wandering bark” (a lost boat) the star of genuine love turns out to be the guiding factor; a star’s “height” (altitude) can be measured but the extent to which it controls the fate of man (its “worth”) cannot be determined; similarly, the depth (“worth”) of true love cannot be measured
5. love’s not...compass come = true love cannot be destroyed by Time; external beauty can be destroyed by time but not true love; note the destructive power of time (“bending sickle”)

6. edge of doom = day of the last judgement (on the last day of the world)

The farmer

1. Sacred = religious
2. Dignity = pride
3. Enticing = tempting
4. Translate = render into another language
5. Squander = spend wastefully
6. bushel = a unit for measuring grain -8 gallons
7. lease = contract where land / property is rented
8. parched = dry
9. wilted = having lost freshness
10. jostled = pushed roughly
11. submerged = under the surface of water
12. culminated = reached the final stage
13. consternation = feeling of anxiety
14. breaches = openings
15. soliloquizing = speaking to oneself
16. perpetrated = did something wrong
17. infamy = a bad and shocking act or event
18. spillage = amount spilt
19. relinquish = give up
20. prodigally = spending money wastefully without thinking of the consequences

21. fallow = land where nothing is planted
22. germinate = (of a seed) to start growing
23. piqued = angry as a result of one’s pride being hurt
24. shoot = the first part of a plant to appear above the earth
25. chaff = the outer layer of seeds
26. repartee = a quick, amusing remark in a conversation
27. jostle = to push aside
28. angry = feeling anger
29. region = considerable part of a space or surface
30. enough = sufficient
31. firmly = in a firm or strong manner

Malayalam words:

1. Para = a measure for grain (10 kg)
2. puncha-kandam = a group of five fields
3. adharma = injustice
4. Thirumulpad = belonging to the royal family
5. Thirumeni = a respectful term used to address one’s boss
The solitary reaper

1. yon = yonder, beyond
2. highland = Scotland
3. vale = valley
4. Hebrides = a group of islands
5. plaintive = sad
6. chant = chant
7. sickle = a tool used for cutting grass and crops

The helping hand

1. slime = sticky liquid. In this context, hypocrisy
2. oozed = flowed out slowly
3. affected = pretentious or artificial
4. abominable = causing disgust, detestible
5. appropriated = taken for one’s own use without permission
6. plagiarism = act of taking someone else’s ideas, words and using them as if they were one’s own.
7. Anguish = severe mental or physical pain.
8. Archives = place where historical documents, records or research writings are kept.
9. knack = skill or ability
10. induces = persuades or influences
11. superficial = having no depth of character feeling etc., trivial
12. Giovanni da Empoli = a fictional painter
13. Empoli = town in central Italy
14. Quattrocento = the fifteenth century
15. attribute = regard something as belonging to somebody.
16. Pieros = paintings by Italian painter Piero della Francesca (1410 or 1420 - 1492)
17. Baldovinetti = painting by Florentine painter Allessio Baldovinetti (1425 - 1499)
18. Cassoni = name of a painting by Francesco Pesellino, an Italian Renaissance painter
19. quaint = attractively odd or old fashioned, strange
20. untinged = unaffected. In this context, ‘not untinged’ means slightly affected
21. nasal twang = nasal quality or tone in speech.
22. cautiously = carefully to avoid danger
23. stimulate = arouse the interest of somebody
24. conventional = based on customary practice
25. civilities = politeness
26. mortification = shame or embarrassment
27. congenial = agreeable or pleasant
28. lucrative = monetarily profitable
29. subtleties = deep ingenious, refined or sensitive presentations
30. controversy = public discussion or argument
31. curatorship = post held by the person in charge of a museum, art gallery etc.
32. provincial gallery = a building or room in a province (administrative division) showing works of art
33. impulse = urge, inclination, wish
34. Virgil = Classical Roman Poet (70-19 B.C.)
35. Moliere = French dramatist (1622-1673)
36. Botticelli = Italian Renaissance painter (1445?1510)
37. embroiled = got oneself involved (in a quarrel or difficult situation)
38. chased = pursuit
39. scornful = showing disrespect
40. Certain = sure not doubting
41. Handsome = dexterous; skillful

Is life but a dream (poem):

1. lingering onward dreamily = going forward slowly, in a dreamy state, reluctant to leave
2. nestle near = settle down comfortably
3. long has paled that sunny sky = long after the sun has lost its glow; late in the evening (this could also mean that many years have gone by since the story was told to the little girls)
4. echoes fade and memories die = this denotes the passage of time, how it has become very silent and memories have been forgotten
5. Autumn frosts have slain July = though it is July when the weather is generally pleasant, Autumn has set in early bringing with it the cold and frosts
6. she haunts me phantom wise = being disturbingly present in the mind like a ghost (though the fairy tale was spun years ago, the character of Alice still haunts the author)
7. athwart Time’s dark resistless stream = across ‘Time’ which is compared to a powerful stream (Life, here, is compared to a boat-ride across ‘Time’)
8. bowed to the earth with bitter woe = bent with troubles or worries; burdened by great sorrow or distress
9. raree-show = a form of street entertainment, especially one carried in a box, such as a peep show
10. flutter idly to and fro = to go about lazily, without any aim or purpose

The road to success
1. Gin = trap
2. par excellence = by way of special eminence
3. persona grata = one who is held in special favour
4. outcome = the effect or result of an action
5. assign = give as their share of work or responsibility
6. concise = brief, in a few words
7. feedback = the information got back
8. reinforcement = strengthening
9. withdrawn = (of a person) not wanting to communicate with others
10. shortcoming = a fault in somebody’s character, plan or system
11. monitor = watch and check something over a period of time
12. poised = in a state of balance
13. renown = fame
14. toil (n) = hard work
15. boon = a benefit, an advantage
16. bounty = money, etc., given as reward
17. adieu = a word of farewell
18. eliminated = destroyed
19. incompatible = unsuited
20. outcomes = results
21. mitigate = reduce
22. paucity = meagreness
23. deteriorating = worsening
24. apathy = lack of concern
25. pragmatic = realistic
26. emanipation = setting free
27. exoneration = declared free
28. annihilate = destroy
29. congenial = suitable
30. inimical = harmful

Be the best(poem)
1. scrub = bushes and small trees
2. bass = an edible fish
3. rill = a small stream
4. muskie = a type of rose that smells like musk

Vision for the nation
1. enhanced = increased
2. harness = to use a natural source of energy to produce power
3. optimal = most favourably
4. niche = comfortable and suitable area
5. transcend = to go farther than normal human experience
6. endogenous = produced from within
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**O captain, my captain** (poem)

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<td>bleeding drops of red</td>
<td>= captain’s bleeding wound and the speaker’s wounded heart</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>bells</td>
<td>= bells rung in celebration of victory (they also symbolise funeral bells)</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>weathered</td>
<td>= came safely through</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>dear father</td>
<td>= Lincoln is exalted to the position of father of the post-slavery nation</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>exult</td>
<td>= show jubilation (over victory)</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>tread</td>
<td>= walk softly</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>trill</td>
<td>= produce a quivering or warbling sound</td>
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**Julius caesar**

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Lovers</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Censure</td>
<td>= judge</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>senses</td>
<td>= reason (Brutus appeals to the head and not to the heart, as Antony does)</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>valiant</td>
<td>= very brave and determined</td>
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<td>slew</td>
<td>= killed</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>base</td>
<td>= depraved; mean</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>vile</td>
<td>= morally base, disgusting</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>I have the same dagger for myself</td>
<td>= I will kill myself (Brutus later dies by his own sword)</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>oft</td>
<td>= often</td>
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<td>10.</td>
<td>interred</td>
<td>= buried, i.e. let the good qualities of Caesar rest with him in his grave</td>
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<td>11.</td>
<td>grievous fault</td>
<td>= serious mistake</td>
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<td>12.</td>
<td>Caesar answer’d it</td>
<td>= Caesar paid for it (his mistakes) with his life</td>
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<td>13. under leave</td>
<td>= under permission</td>
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<td>14. honourable</td>
<td>= honest, upright. Notice the repetition of the word in his speech. From a compliment it turns into a taunt.</td>
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<td>15. captives</td>
<td>= prisoners</td>
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<td>16. ransoms</td>
<td>= payment for the release of prisoners</td>
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<td>17. coffers</td>
<td>= state treasury</td>
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<td>18. Ambition should be made of sterner stuff</td>
<td>= an ambitious person would be strict (but Caesar, points out Mark Antony, was one with the masses)</td>
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<td>19. Lupercal</td>
<td>= Lupercalia—an ancient fertility festival in honour of Pan, the god of the shepherds</td>
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<td>20. cause</td>
<td>= reason</td>
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<td>21. what cause withholds you, then, to mourn for him?</td>
<td>= what prevents you from mourning for Caesar?</td>
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<td>22. judg’ment! Thou art fled to brutish beasts</td>
<td>= men have lost their capacity to judge and reason</td>
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<td>23. methinks</td>
<td>= it seems to me (that)</td>
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<td>24. I fear there will a worse come in his place</td>
<td>= a person worse than Caesar might rule</td>
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<td>25. Mark’d ye his words?</td>
<td>= Did you pay attention to his (Antony’s) words?</td>
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<td>26. abide it</td>
<td>= pay for it (someone will have to pay for Caesar’s death)</td>
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<td>27. mark him</td>
<td>= listen to him</td>
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<td>28. so poor</td>
<td>= lowly in rank; even in death the lowly placed citizen does not honour Caesar</td>
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<td>29. mutiny</td>
<td>= revolt</td>
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<td>30. parchment</td>
<td>= animal skin used as writing surface</td>
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<td>31. his will</td>
<td>= Caesar’s will</td>
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<td>32. napkins</td>
<td>= handkerchiefs</td>
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<td>33. bequeathing</td>
<td>= leave to a person by a will</td>
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<td>34. legacy</td>
<td>= gift left in a will</td>
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<td>35. issue</td>
<td>= children</td>
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<td>36. mantle</td>
<td>= cloak. Antony displays the bloodstained cloak of Caesar.</td>
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<td>37. Nervii</td>
<td>= The battle of the Sambre, 57 B.C. Caesar defeated the Nervii, a tribe of Gaul</td>
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<td>38. Rent</td>
<td>= tear; cut (Note: Antony was not there when Caesar was murdered but he uses his imagination.)</td>
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<td>39. pluck’d his cursed steel away</td>
<td>= pulled out the cursed sword</td>
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<td>40. as</td>
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<td>41. resolved</td>
<td>= informed</td>
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<td>42. unkindest cut</td>
<td>= cruel, unnatural because Caesar loved”’Brutus</td>
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and Brutus repaid his love by stabbing him. (Pay attention to Shakespeare’s language - most unkindest cut)

43. vanquished = defeated
44. Then burst his mighty heart/And, in his mantle muffling up his face = When Caesar saw Brutus with the sword, he did not resist; instead he covered his face with his mantle.
45. Pompey = the Roman general whom Caesar had defeated
46. wit = intelligence
47. worth = reputation.
48. to stir men’s blood = to stir up emotions
49. poor poor dumb mouths = as the wounds cannot speak Antony expresses their agony.
50. ruffle = disturb, upset
51. Assembly = crowd / gathering
52. Valiant = brave
53. Pause = stop
54. Entreat = request
55. Grieved = serious
56. Captives = prisoner
57. Sayings = proverb
58. Sacred = holy
59. Compel = force someone to do something
60. Inflame = provoke

A psalm of life:
1. Psalm = song or poem
2. Number = poetic metres, rhythms
3. slumbers = sleeps
4. dust = Refer to Genesis (The Bible) 3:19. “Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.”
5. destined end = goal
6. fleeting = passing/brief
7. stout = strong
8. muffled = not easy to hear
9. the bivouac of life = simple temporary camp made by soldiers. Here it refers to the temporary stay (sojourn) in this world.
10. forlorn = lonely and sad

The ceaseless crusader:
1. crusader = one who fights for a cause with determination
2. frailty = weakness of character or behavior
3. entourage = people who surround and follow
4. advent = arrival
5. Patronizing = supporting
6. complement = that which completes another
7. seer = visionary
8. adherence = sticking to
9. superstition = a belief not based on reason or scientific knowledge
10. subjugation = suppression
11. subservient = being slavish
12. pertinent = relevant
13. libel = a printed or written statement in bad taste about persons
14. dormant = inactive
15. preponderance = the state of being more in number
16. nectar = a sweet liquid produced by flowers
17. armament = weapon
18. unadulterated = not spoilt, pure
19. conviction = belief or fixed opinion
20. chauvinistic = feeling strongly and unreasonably in favour of something
21. personification = perfect example
22. ceaseless = untiring
23. emerged = arose
24. construed = interpreted
25. intuition = insight
26. cultivate = develop

women’s rights (poem):
1. cherish = love, hold dear
2. portray = be a representation of
3. seclusion = being away from others
4. strife = conflict
5. jarring = unpleasant
6. Aloof = distant in feeling or interest
7. inane = meaningless or stupid
8. abstraction = being absent-minded; state of not noticing what is happening
9. hedgerows = rows of bushes or low trees along the side of a road
10. unobtrusive = not easily seen

To the land of snow:
1. pursuit = act of trying to achieve something in a determined way
2. entrepot = warehouse, commercial centre where goods are received for distribution, transshipment, repackaging
3. trail = rough path
4. mosey = walk somewhere in a slow relaxed way
5. gorge = a deep narrow valley with steep sides
6. recourse = something that is used to help in a difficult situation
7. truant = one who stays away from school without permission
one who avoids doing hard work
8. obeisance = an act of showing respect and obedience
9. detour = a roundabout course, different from the direct or intended route
10. glacier = a huge mass of ice
11. fissure = deepcrack
12. Rubble = small pieces of stone
13. surreal = strange
14. transfix = impress or frighten or fascinate
15. menacing = threatening
16. hearten = to make someone feel happier or more confident
17. icicle = a tapering mass of ice formed by the freezing of dripping water
18. bizarre = very unusual or strange
19. ensconce = put oneself in a comfortable and safe place
20. intrepid = resolutely fearless
21. métier = a field of work, occupation, trade or profession
22. Crevasse = deep open crack, in glacial ice, earth’s surface, etc.
23. Etch = reproduce a picture by engraving; make a strong impression by using a sharp object
24. visage = face
25. stark = harsh or unpleasant
26. awakened = roused
27. stranded = marooned/ unable to move
28. delicately = carefully
29. consummate = complete
30. retained = continued to possess

A noise less patient spider (poem):
1. promontory = high point of land standing out from the coastline
2. launch’d = sent out
3. Ceaselessly = endlessly
4. musing = contemplating
5. venturing = entering
6. fling = throw

A dictionary of the English language
1. censure = strong criticism, blame
2. doomed = condemned
3. miscarriage = failure of a plan, hope etc.,
4. drudge = a person who has a long hard boring job
5. lexicographer = who compiles dictionaries
6. negative compense = a compensation that does not provide improvement
7. wild exuberance = strong, uncontrolled excitement
8. caprices = sudden change in attitude or behaviour with no cause.
9. innovation = introduction of new ideas and techniques
10. copious = plentiful, abundant

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11. perplexity = complication, bewilderment, confusion
12. disentangled = simplified, unravelled
13. suffrages = rights to vote
14. perusal = reading carefully or thoroughly
15. analogy = process of reasoning based on partial similarity
16. obscure = not clearly seen or understood
17. longevity = long life
18. philology = study of the development of a language
19. trifled away = spent worthlessly
20. propagators = one who widely spreads knowledge
21. repositories = book or person that stores information
22. animated = inspired, motivated
23. risible = ridiculous, laughable
24. absurdist = something unreasonable or foolish
25. syntax = rules for arrangement of words, phrases, sentences
26. etymology = study of the origin and history of words and meanings
27. inadvertency = unintentional actions
28. avocation = distraction
29. seduce = tempt
30. solicitors = concerned, anxious
31. gratify = satisfy
32. patronage = support and encouragement give by persons, things
33. obscurities = things not clearly understood
34. repress = restrain, suppress, check
35. delusive = misleading
36. embodied = given expression or form to ideas, feeling, etc
37. economy = organization
38. protracted = prolonged
39. frigid = unfeeling, cold, unfriendly, indifferent
40. tranquility = quiet, calm, undisturbed condition
41. Censure = criticism
42. Perplexity = complication
43. Seduce = tempt
44. Repress = restrain/ control
45. Animated = encouraged/ excited

English words
1. leech craft = ancient medical remedy of using leeches to remove the impure blood
2. bleached = made white, (here) cleaned
3. tempestuous = violent
4. drearier = gloomier
5. devouring = consuming large quantities
6. enmesh = to catch, as if, in a net
7. furrowed = deep and wavy
8. nestle = settle comfortably
9. nascent = beginning to develop
| 10. homing | = of the ability to find one’s way home |
| 11. aeons | = ages, infinitely long periods |
| 12. burthen | = burden |
| 13. gospel | = good news |
| 14. waneless | = not growing smaller |
| 15. fathomless | = too deep to be measured or understood |
| 16. Indo-Aryan | = referring to the branch of the Aryans who came to India through Iran (English belongs to Germanic, an Indo-Aryan language) |

**The mark of Vishnu**

| 1. contempt | = total lack of respect |
| 2. patronage | = support or encouragement |
| 3. methylated spirit | = type of alcohol used for preserving dead insects and animals in the lab |
| 4. Russel's viper | = a type of poisonous snake |
| 5. forceps | = pincers or tongs used for gripping things |
| 6. battered | = hit hard and often |
| 7. anti-snake-bite serum | = a medicine for treating snake bite victims produced with the help of the snake's poison |
| 8. udders | = bag-like organs of a cow or female goat which produce milk |
| 9. squashed | = silenced or subdued |
| 10. basking | = sitting or lying enjoying warmth |
| 11. new-fangled | = newly introduced into fashion |
| 12. sanctity | = holiness |
| 13. vile | = evil |
| 14. petrified | = motionless with fear |
| 15. slithered | = slid unsteadily |
| 16. teem | = be present in great numbers |
| 17. littered | = scattered |
| 18. slithered | = slid unsteadily |
| 19. clambered | = climbed with difficulty |
| 20. krait | = a type of poisonous snake yellow in colour with black spots |
| 21. spattered | = splashed, scattered or sprinkled in drips |
| 22. sullen | = silent, bad-tempered |
| 23. suspicious | = showing doubt or mistrust |
| 24. slithered | = slid unsteadily |
| 25. indifferent | = showing no interest |
| 26. banded | = striped |
| 27. krait | = a type of poisonous snake yellow in colour with black spots |
| 28. embers | = small pieces of burning or glowing wood or coal in a dying fire |
| 29. petrified | = motionless with fear |
| 30. hysterically | = with uncontrollable emotion |
| 31. surveyed | = looked carefully from a distance |
| 32. plop | = sound of a smooth object dropping onto the floor |
33. battered = thrashed  
34. vile = evil  
35. petrified = immobile  

**Poem: snake**  
1. pitcher = large earthenware container for liquids  
2. trough = long narrow open container for animals to feed or drink from  
3. fissure = a long deep crack in rock or in the earth  
4. Etna = a volcanic mountain in Sicily  
5. perversity = unacceptable behaviour  
6. convulsed = caused sudden violent, uncontrollable movements  
7. paltry = unimportant  
8. expiate = accept punishment for a wrong and do something to show one is sorry; make amends for, atone for  
9. albatross = a sea-bird common in the Pacific and Southern Oceans. Here, the reference is to Samuel T Coleridge’s 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner'. The mariner shoots the albatross, a traditional symbol of good luck

**Hiroshima**  
1. unleash = let loose  
2. postulate = put something forward as a fact or accept as true  
3. sanguine = hopeful, optimistic  
4. eminence = state of being famous or distinguished  
5. catastrophe = sudden great disaster or misfortune  
6. proliferate = produce new growth rapidly, multiply  
7. dilemma = situation in which one has to choose between two undesirable things or courses of action  
8. protraction = extending; making something last longer  
9. bestial = brutish; of or like a beast  
10. protagonist = leader or advocate of a cause  
11. facile = easily stated but superficial or of poor quality  
12. embodiment = a person or thing that gives a visible form to a thought or feeling  
13. enigma = mystery  
14. serenely = calmly  
15. ironically = sarcastically  
16. futility = a state of having no effect or achieving nothing  
17. disseminating = spreading  
18. incandescent = shining when heated  
19. infinitesimal = extremely small  
20. ominous = suggesting that something bad is about to happen  
21. poignant = affecting one’s feelings deeply  
22. sloughing = falling off  
23. suppurating = forming pus due to infection
24. atrocity = great wickedness or cruelty
25. unheralded = unannounced
26. accelerated = increased
27. harness = control
28. stench = stink
29. industrious = hard working

**poem: The man he killed**
1. nipperkin = a small glass for beer or wine
2. ‘list = enlist
3. Traps = two-wheeled horse carriage (reference to this is to indicate that there is perhaps no justifiable reason or joining the army)
4. quaint = strange
5. half-a-crown = former British coin. A crown was worth five shillings (twenty five pence)