#### 3.3 the Road not taken

### ... Warming up!...

1. After your SSC Exams/Result you may have to take a decision regarding the choice of a career. What factors will you consider? Choose from the block below and complete the web-diagram.

### Ans. (Answer are given Directly) Decision - making

- 1. My Capability
- 2. My likes/dislikes
- 3. My skills/inborn talents
- 4. Study the job profile carefully
- 5. Possible difficulties
- 6. My ultimate aim
- 2. Form pairs or groups of four. Think of the situations when you have to choose between two things. Make a list of those situations. Some of them may be minor or trivial things for example, what to wear when going out. Some choices may be related to important things, for example, having to decide between games and studies, whether to confront a close friend about something that he/she did, owning up to your mistakes, etc.

List of situation:

- 1. Choose the collage between the nearest one or the better collage but far from home.
- 2. To join a tuitions or study with the help of internet.
- 3. To join a part time job with fixed salary or the work under someone's team to learn what you like to do.
- (a) Discuss how to decide what to choose.

**Ans.** Ask parents - I asks parents, to takes advice and suggestions and the teachers how know my potential and guide me till the date. I collects information about the things which I should know to take decision by reading article and watching videos on internet. At the end I think carefully before going to bed. Than take decision.

(b) Write what you feel when your decision proves right.

**Ans.** I feels satisfied with my decision

(c) Write what you feel when you regret the decision.

**Ans.** I don't regret for the decision taken by me because that was my decision, I would regret only If someone made me to take that decision forcefully. And if that decision is wrong. I don't feel that bad becomes once a vise man Sade there can be hundreds of wrong decision behind one right decision.

#### ...ENGLISH WORKSHOP...

1. Read the poem again. Does it have a uniform rhyme scheme throughout? Write down the rhyme scheme of every stanza separately.

1st stanza

Ans. abaab

2nd stanza

Ans. abaab

3rd stanza

Ans. abaab

4th stanza

Ans. abaab

- 2. Write the symbols that are used in the poem to represent the following ideas.
- (a) Choice of two options

Ans. two roads diverged.

(b) I made a rare choice

Ans. I took the one less travelled by.

(c) Equally good options

**Ans.** just as fair.

(d) It was tempting and needed to be tried

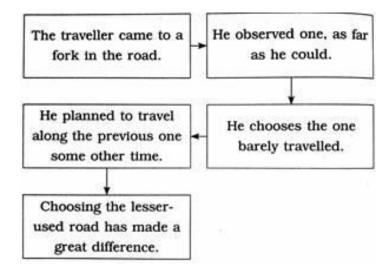
Ans. It was grassy and wanted wear.

(e) Some other time

**Ans.** Another day.

- 3. Rearrange the following facts in the proper order and fill in the flow chart:
- (a) He chooses the one barely travelled.
- (b) Choosing the lesser-used road has made a great difference.
- (c) He observed one, as far as he could.
- (d) The traveller came to a fork in the road.
- (e) He planned to travel along the previous one some other time.

Ans.



### 4. Think and write in your own words.

## (a) In which season does a greenwood turn to a yellow wood? Which stage in our life can be compared to that season?

**Ans.** A greenwood turns to a yellow wood in autumn. The stage in our life that can be compared to that season is middle age.

### (b) Why did the traveller choose the road less travelled? What attribute of the traveller does it bring out?

**Ans.** The traveller chooses the road less travelled because it seemed just as good as the other one and he felt it needed to be used. The traveller seems to be adventurous. He has an independent mind and does not want to follow what others have done.

### (c) Why does the traveller doubt that he shall ever come back?

**Ans.** The traveller feels that he will be so busy in his life with one thing leading to another, that he may not be ever able to come back.

### (d) If you were in the traveller's place, which road would you choose? Justify your choice

**Ans.** If I were in the traveller's place, I would choose the road that was more travelled. I would not want to go on a strange road which many have not travelled by. I am not adventurous. I feel that there is safety in doing what others are doing or have done.

# 5. From any collection of classic poetry or the internet, find another famous poem by Robert Frost titled 'Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening'. Try to understand the symbolism used in that poem in 8-10 lines.

**Ans.** Robert Frost's poem 'Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening' symbolizes the journey of life and a movement towards death. Almost every single element in the poem in that sense is symbolic of something. The undefined traveller on horse-back reminds us of the knights of the Middle Ages in the course of a heroic adventure. The cold and the dead of night and the frozen lake in the woods, the 'darkest evening of the year' - all these elements build an ambience where the immanence of death is at odds with the indomitable spirit of

love, as exemplified by the traveller.

The owner of the woods is referred to but his name has not been mentioned. This can be a reference to the mystic and almost unnamable presence of God. The oath of the traveller to go on come what may, keeping his promises before he has to submit to the final call of death, an eternal sleep of sorts. The end of the poem is thus replete with philosophical symbolism.

6. Write a letter to your friend or cousin telling him/her about a difficult choice you have recently made, for example, pursuing one sport or hobby rather than the other or choosing between your studies and hobbies.

Tell your friend/cousin how his/her example helped you to take a decision.

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Dear Sandeep,

Hi! How are you? I tried calling you, but your number seems to have changed. Do let me have your new number.

Last week I had to make a rather difficult choice. I had to choose between football and my studies. No guesses which one I chose - my studies, of course! I have made up my mind to give up football for the next two years. I will play in friendly, casual matches, but nothing serious. I will also stop my regular daily practice.

It's been a very difficult decision to make, but then I remembered what you had done. You too had given up cricket for two years, hadn't you? And then you picked up the threads again in college, when you had more time. This is what has inspired me to make my decision. Thanks, Sandy.

Will tell you more details when I meet you next. Your loving friend,

Deep

7. Collect quotations on the topic 'choice'. Example:

'Decisions are the hardest thing to make, especially when it is a choice between where you should be and where you want to be."

Present the quotations in a beautiful hand on cardpaper.

**Ans.** 1. The last of the human freedoms is to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances. -Victor Frankl

- 2. Right now you are one choice away from a new beginning—one that leads you toward becoming the fullest human being you can be. -Oprah Winfrey
- 3. Every choice you make has an end result. -Zig Ziglar
- 4. Happiness or unhappiness is often a matter of choice. -Anonymous
- 5. Happiness is not by chance; but by choice. -Jim Rohn

- 6. It is always your next move. -Napoleon Hill
- 7. My mother's menu consisted of two choices: Take it or leave it. -Buddy Hackett
- 8. Look for your choices, pick the best one, and then go with it. -Pat Riley
- 9. If you choose not to decide, you still have made a choice. -Neil Peart
- 10. For what is the best choice, for each individual is the highest it is possible for him to achieve. -Aristotle
- 11. The strongest principle of growth lies in human choice. -George Eliot
- 12. A man is happy so long as he chooses to be happy. -Alexander Solzhenitsyn
- 13. What we call the secret of happiness is no more a secret than our willingness to choose life. -Leo Buscaglia