



## A SILENT SONG AND OTHER STORIES 83 ESSAYS

- 1) What parents do or even fail to do may negatively affect the lives of their children. Using relevant illustrations from the story 'The Sins of the Fathers' by Charles Mungoshi, write an essay in support of this statement.
- 2) Parents should desist from deeds that haunt their children. Using specific illustrations from "The Sins of the Fathers" by Charles Mungoshi, write a composition in support of this statement.
- 3) "Superstitious beliefs cause agony to those suffering from mental illness" With reference to the story "December" by Filemon Liyambo, write an essay to illustrate the truth of this statement
- 4) War causes a lot of harm and should be avoided at any cost. Validate this statement basing your illustration in Chimamanda Adichies "Ghost"
- 5) Drawing illustrations from Remy Ngamije 'The Neighbourhood Watch' Write an essay to shows how 'street life can be punishing for the weak'.
- 6) Citing illustrations from Silent Song by Leonard Kibera, write an essay to demonstrate the challenges faced by Mbane.
- 7) We have to be mindful of what we do because it has a way of coming back to haunt us in the future. Justify this assertion using the story Sins of The Fathers by Charles Mungoshi.
- 8) War is bad because it leaves its wake a host of painful experiences Referring closely to examples from Chimamanda's story Ghosts, write an essay to show the truth of this statement.
- 9) Survivors of war live with painful memories and experiences. Write an essay to support this statement citing illustrations from Chimamanda Adichie's Ghosts.
- 10) Failure to listen and heed good advice by people around us can result in suffering. Drawing your illustrations from Stanley Gazemba's "Talking Money," justify this assertion.
- 11) Humans are deceitful in nature and can live in pretense before revealing their true nature. Write an essay in support of this statement using "The Truly Married Woman."
- 12) "Many individuals struggle with ghosts from their past." Write a composition with clear illustrations from the short story Ghosts by Chimamanda Adichie to validate this statement.

- 13) Some people can misuse the power in their hands and end up regretting when they lose it. With close reference to Naguib Mahfouz's story *A Man of Awesome Power* write an essay to justify this statement. (20 marks)
- 14) Traditional practices are meant to create order and harmonious co-existence. When anyone defies them, they bound to suffer. Drawing illustrations from Ng'maryo's story *Ivory Bangles*, write an essay to show the truth of this statement.
- 15) Some people end up suffering after they refuse to pay attention to advice or warning. Using relevant illustrations from *Talking Money* by Stanley Gazemba, write an essay to support this statement.
- 16) Hostility meted by a parent against a child may end up destroying the child instead. Using the story *The Sins of the Fathers* by Charles Mungosi, write an essay in support of the above statement. (20 marks)
- 17) Sins that a father commits to a child can destroy their personality. Using relevant illustrations from the short story *The Sins of the Fathers* by Charles Mungoshi, write an essay in support of this statement.
- 18) People's cultural practices are hard to alter. Citing relevant illustrations from the story *Ivory Bangles* by Erick Ng'maryo, write a composition to illustrate this assertion.
- 19) In the face of hopelessness, what matters is the imagined freedom of our souls from this world of suffering. Using illustrations from the short story, " *A Silent Song* " by Leonard Kibera, write an essay in support of this statement.
- 20) Drawing illustrations from Leonard Kaberia's *A Silent Song* prove that our actions have more impact than what we say.
- 21) People commit unethical acts as a result of lack of care. Citing illustrations from *Incident in the Park* by Meja Mwangi, write an essay to validate this statement.
- 22) Drawing illustrations from the story ' *A Silent Song* ' by Leonard Kibera, write an essay demonstrating the plight of people living with disability.
- 23) Drawing illustrations from Meja Mwangi's *An Incident in the Park*, write an essay to discuss the problems of urbanization
- 24) Even in the face of challenges, we need to maintain our principles. Using Vrenker Pather's ' *Ninema* ', write an essay to support this statement. (20 marks)
- 25) Write a composition to illustrate effects of human-animal conflict drawing illustrations from Eric Ng'maryo's " *Ivory Bangles* ".
- 26) Basing your argument on ' *The Sins of the Fathers* ' by Charles Mungoshi, show how Rondo's scars are as a result of his father's wrongdoings. (20 marks)

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- 27) Using specific examples from Ng'ũgĩ's story *Ivory Bangles*, write an essay to show that defiance can be a costly affair.
- 28) Ninema serves as an example of a virtuous woman who should be emulated in the society. Using illustrations from the short story "Ninema" by Vrenika Pather, discuss this assertion.
- 29) War is a social evil that should be avoided at all costs owing to its adverse consequences. Validate this statement basing your illustrations from Chimamanda Adichie's 'Ghosts' (20mks)
- 30) Using specific examples from Meja Mwangi's short story, *Incident in the park*, write an essay to show that urban life can be uncaring and unjust.
- 31) Humans are deceitful in nature and can live in pretence before revealing their true nature. Write an essay in support of this. Use the story *The Truly Married* by Aboise Niol.
- 32) With the growth of cities comes a fair share of challenges. Drawing specific examples from Meja Mwangi's *An Incident in the Park*, write a composition to show the truth of this statement
- 33) With reference to Filemon Liyambo's tale "December", discuss how the characters thrive in concealing information.
- 34) With reference to "Talking Money" by Stanley Gazemba, justify the truth of the statement that Mukidanyi is a classic example of one who shoots himself in the foot when he does not heed to wise counsel. (20 marks)
- 35) Will determination and hard work always triumph over obstacles? Referring to Ninema in the anthology *A Silent Song*, explain this statement. (20 marks)
- 36) "People who live in the street face a lot of challenges." With reference to "The Neighbourhood Watch" by Remy Ngamiye, validate the truth of the given statement.
- 37) Using illustrations from the story "Ghosts" by Chimamanda Adichie, write an essay on the effects of war. (20 marks)
- 38) Life in urban areas is full of challenges for most people. Support this claim by drawing clear illustrations from Meja Mwangi's 'Incident in the Park'. (20 marks)
- 39) "Life in the streets, as a physically challenged beggar, is not a walk in the park" show the truthfulness of this statement using clear illustrations from Leonard Kibera's 'A Silent Song' (20 marks)
- 40) "Every community is governed by its own unique traditions; some are progressive and others retrogressive: Support this claim using illustrations from 'Ivory Bangles.' (20 marks)

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- 41) "Do not judge people by the colour their cloaks but by the nature of their actions.' Show the truthfulness at this statement using illustrations from Abioseh Nicol's . 'The Truly married woman.' (20 marks)
- 42) "Failure to heed to good advice can be disastrous," Using illustrations from talking money by Stanley Gazemba, support this statement. (20 marks)
- 43) "Fate has a way of punishing or rewarding the victims based on their actions." Support the above claim using illustrations from Leo Tolstoy's 'God sees the truth, but waits.' (20 marks)
- 44) "Many street dwellers show incredible resilience in the face of unspeakable hardships. Justify this statement using clear illustrations from Renig Nganuje's. 'The Neighborhood Watch.' (20 marks)
- 45) " Mental illness affects not only the victims but also the people close to them. Support this statement using clear illustrations from Filemon Liyambo's 'December.' (20 marks)
- 46) "War has devastating effects." Show the validity of this statement using clear illustrations from Gloria Mwaninga's story 'Boyi' (20 marks)
- 47) " Greed can blind ones eyes." Justify this statement using illustration from Kevin Baldeosing's story 'Cheque Mate.' (20 marks)
- 48) Street life is sometimes the best home for people helpless in the hands of society. Support this statement using illustrative facts from the A Silent Song by Leonard Kibera. (20 marks)
- 49) Marriage is a valued cultural and religious practice in most African communities. (20 marks)
- 50) Using relevant illustrations from The Truly Married Woman by Abioseh Nicol, write an essay in support of this statement.
- 51) Ninema is a short story about challenges of women in life. By referring to the life of Ninema, support this assertion.
- 52) Discuss the theme of religion as brought out in A Silent Song by Leonard Kibera. (20 marks)
- 53) Misuse of power leads to regret. Write an essay in support of the statement with illustrations from A Man of Awesome Power by Naguib Mahfouz. (20 marks)
- 54) Godwin Siundu's A Silent Song and Other Stories Misuse of power leads to regret. Write an essay in support of the statement with illustrations from A Man of Awesome Power by Naguib Mahfouz.
- 55) Discuss the theme of tradition as shown in Ivory Bangles by Eric Ng'maryo. (20 marks)

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- 56) Ivan Dmitritch's misfortune is as a result of his insatiable obsession/desire. Write an essay to qualify this statement making reference to God Sees the Truth, but Waits in A Silent Song and Other Stories.
- 57) In the face of affliction, faith is essential for man's survival. Write an essay to validate this statement in reference to Leo Tolstoy's God Sees the Truth, but Waits.
- 58) Ninema is an admirable character. Support this from Vrenika Pather's 'Ninema' 20marks.
- 59) When one is given power, he/she should use it only for good but more often than not people use it for wrong purposes. Support this statement basing your argument from Naguib Mahfouz's 'A Man of Awesome Power'
- 60) Some cultural practices do not add value hence should be done away with. Show the truthfulness of this assertion basing on Eric Ng'anyo's 'Ivory Bangles'.
- 61) War causes a lot of harm and thus should be avoided at any cost. Validate this statement basing your illustrations from Chimamanda Adichie's 'Ghosts'
- 62) Lack of courtesy between the police and civilians leads to lethal conflicts. Justify the validity of this statement using illustrations from Meja Mwangi's Incident in the park. (20 marks).
- 63) Action speaks louder than words. Discuss the truth of this saying using illustrations from Leonard Kibera's A Silent Song. .
- 64) Failure to heed advice results to consequences. Discuss the truth of this statement based on ivory of bangles by Eric Ng'anyo
- 65) The society today is filled with many evils that cause suffering to individuals. Discuss referring to the short story by Chimamanda Adichie, Ghosts
- 66) People in the society use pretence as a tool to portray a particular image. Discuss this claim based on Abioseh Nical's The Truly married woman.
- 67) War ruins both society and the community. Basing your argument from Gloria Mwangi's Boyi, validate this Assertion.
- 68) People living on the streets apply wisdom in order to survive the difficult conditions. Write an essay to qualify this statement citing illustrations from Rem'y Ngamije's the Neighbourhood Watch.
- 69) People with admirable traits stand out. Basing your illustrations on Vrenika Pather's Ninema, write an essay to validate this assertion.
- 70) Love and friendship is a driving force among members. Discuss this claim using illustrations from Sins of fathers by Charles Mungoshi

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- 71) Lack of sound judgement results to regrets. Making reference to A man of awesome power, justify this claim
- 72) Write an essay to show the relevance of the title "Silent song" by Leonard Kibera.
- 73) Action speaks louder than words. Discuss the truth of this saying using illustrations from Leonard Kibera's A Silent Song.
- 74) In Leonard Kibera's 'A Silent Song', Mbane's life is one of pain and hopelessness that death is seen as a welcome relief. Validate the truth of this statement
- 75) "Parents' attempts to control aspects of their children's lives cause more harm than good." With reference to Rwafa and Rondo in Charles Mungoshi's story, "The Sins of the Fathers", discuss the truth of this statement.
- 76) With reference to Abioseh Nicol's "The Truly Married Woman", discuss how events have been presented comically.
- 77) "Ninema is an epitome of a good businessperson that deserves to be emulated." Validate the given statement, making reference to the story "Ninema" by Vrenika Pather. (20 marks)
- 78) "The militia cause untold havoc in the lives of the natives as they subject them to suffering." Basing your argument on Gloria Mwaninga's story, "Boyi", discuss
- 79) In the story, "Incident in the Park", by Meja Mwangi, it can be concluded that luck is never on a poor man's side. Validate the truth of the statement.
- 80) In Kevin Baldeosingh's story, "Cheque Mate", we can conclude that money is a tool that enhances corruption of morals. Discuss.
- 81) "Bad things happen to good people." With reference to "God Sees the Truth, but Waits" by Leo Tolstoy, validate the truth of the statement.
- 82) Referring to "Ivory Bangles" by Eric Ng'anyo, discuss the aspects of tradition presented in the story. (20 marks)
- 83) "Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Write an essay in support of this statement, drawing illustrations from the story, "A Man of Awesome Power" by Naguib Mahfouz.

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