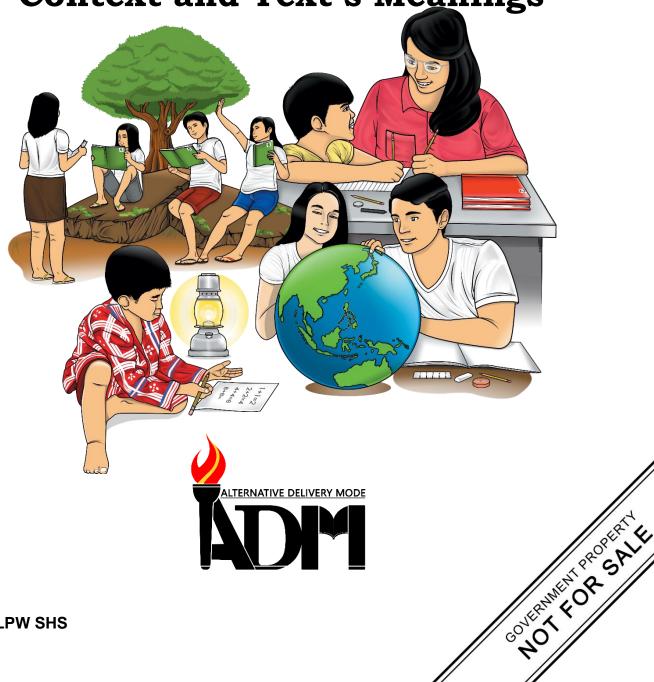


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### **Introductory Message**

This Self-Learning Module (SLM) is prepared so that you, our dear learners, can continue your studies and learn while at home. Activities, questions, directions, exercises, and discussions are carefully stated for you to understand each lesson.

Each SLM is composed of different parts. Each part shall guide you step-bystep as you discover and understand the lesson prepared for you.

Pre-tests are provided to measure your prior knowledge on lessons in each SLM. This will tell you if you need to proceed on completing this module or if you need to ask your facilitator or your teacher's assistance for better understanding of the lesson. At the end of each module, you need to answer the post-test to self-check your learning. Answer keys are provided for each activity and test. We trust that you will be honest in using these.

In addition to the material in the main text, Notes to the Teacher are also provided to our facilitators and parents for strategies and reminders on how they can best help you on your home-based learning.

Please use this module with care. Do not put unnecessary marks on any part of this SLM. Use a separate sheet of paper in answering the exercises and tests. And read the instructions carefully before performing each task.

If you have any questions in using this SLM or any difficulty in answering the tasks in this module, do not hesitate to consult your teacher or facilitator.

Thank you.



## What I Need to Know

This module was designed and written with you in mind. It is here to help you fully understand literary contexts and the text's meaning. The scope of this module permits it to be used in many different learning situations. The language used recognizes the diverse vocabulary level of students. The lessons are arranged to follow the standard sequence of the course. But the order in which you read them can be changed to correspond with the textbook you are now using.

MELC: Discuss how different contexts enhance the text's meaning and enrich the reader's understanding.

This module helps you specifically develop a skill to discuss how the different literary social and socio-cultural contexts enhance the text's meaning and enrich the reader's understanding.

After going through this module, you are expected to:

- 1. identify words, ideas, structure, and purpose of the text;
- 2. explore the different social and socio-cultural contexts to enhance and enrich the understanding of the text; and
- 3. appreciate the importance of understanding the literary context and its meaning to one's own life experiences.



# Choose the letter of the best answer. Write the chosen letter on a separate sheet of paper.

- 1. Dom Caruso is a trained sniper. He used a *Mauser* during his training and in his real combat. *Mauser* is used for the long-range target. Mauser is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. long rifle
  - b. automatic rifle
  - c. high-velocity automatic rifle
  - d. German high-velocity automatic rifle
- 2. Park Seo Joon **starred** in a Netflix series, Itaewon Class.
  - a. The actor who was chosen for the sub-role
  - b. The actor that performed outstandingly
  - c. The principal actor who played the chief role
  - d. The principal actor who played the second lead role
- 3. After the birth of Jesus, the Three Wise Men followed a guiding *star* to Bethlehem.
  - a. A natural luminous celestial body visible in the sky at night
  - b. A waning fortune or fame
  - c. A prominent spark at night
  - d. A figure with many sides
- 4. Roman Catholic Christians believe that souls of those who die in God's grace went to *purgatory* for cleansing of past sins.
  - a. A place where intense sufferings are being experienced
  - b. A place which is humid and dry
  - c. Intermediate state after death for expiatory purification of souls
  - d. A state of after death where hopes grow
- 5. Mt. Everest, located at Mahalangur Himal, a **subrange** of the Himalayas, with its height of 29,029 ft is the roof of the world.
  - a. An extended limit
  - b. the highest point
  - c. an upper limit
  - d. extremely high point

- 6. A virus like Covid-19, can be easily transmitted to another person who has close contact with the carrier. A person who has weak immunity and pre-existing health conditions may experience a *bitter* death. Covid-19 patients can recover if he/she is not immune-compromised. Which statement must be true?
  - a. A Covid-19 virus is not fatal.
  - b. Not all Covid-19 patients die.
  - c. All patients can recover.
  - d. Bitter death is an easy death.
- 7. Almost all companies send employees to an all-expense-paid seminar. But the year 2020, a travel and seminar plan is a *blur* to every company. Until 2021, travel plan is vaguely known to be allowed. Which statement must be false?
  - a. When a company sends you to a seminar, you do not pay for it.
  - b. In the year 2020, any travel for leisure is not allowed.
  - c. In the year 2021, it is clear that travel will be allowed.
  - d. Travel tourism will suffer in 2020.
- 8. Korean food lovers love the smooth and *ruddy* crimson color of the chili paste called, *gojuchang*. All ripe chilies are ruddy. Red tomato is ripe. Tomato is \_\_\_\_.
  - a. Reddish-brown
  - b. Orange
  - c. Red-orange
  - d. Ruddy
- 9. Covid-19 virus brought chaos to the world. People were ordered to stay at home during the lockdown. During this time, many felt that they were in *purgatory*. The situation makes them feel temporary suffering and misery. Which statement must be true?
  - a. Covid-19 brought disorder to the world.
  - b. Covid-19 virus forced the people to stay home.
  - c. Lockdown brought suffering and misery.
  - d. Purgatory, in that sentence, depicts cleansing from sin.
- 10. Padre F. Faura founded the Manila *Observatory*, where celestial and astronomical events were observed. All modern structures are made of concrete. Observatory is a structure. Observatory is made of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. structure
  - b. concrete
  - c. light material
  - d. modern design
- 11. Zamboanga Hermosa Festival is a month-long religious celebration. The opening ceremony is the annual Regata de Zamboanga, where 200 Vinta paddlers compete. As the vintas' move the sail **shiver**. What makes the sail shiver?
  - a. The force of the paddle
  - b. The gust of the wind
  - c. The movement of the paddler
  - d. The wave of the sea

- 12. The little children of Arnulfo family played inside the receiving area. The receiving area was a house to the antique collection. They played a touching ball. In an attempt to strike the opponent, the ball hit the jar on the corner stand. What do you think happened?
  - a. The ball hit the ceiling.
  - b. The vase punctured the ball several times
  - c. The ball went into the mouth of the vase.
  - d. The antique was knocked down and shattered into many small pieces.
- 13. The statements of the two Cabinet Secretaries *collided*. The first gave a point of view, which was opposing view of the latter. What would be the impact on the readers of the report?
  - a. The readers applause the Secretaries for the job well done.
  - b. The readers got confused about the clashing of ideas.
  - c. The readers felt that there is harmony between the two.
  - d. The readers realized that the ideas blend well.
- 14. The Narra trees planted on both sides of the national highway in Pangasinan **roofed** the entire stretch of the highway. The shade gives a cool ambiance to the motorists. How does this look?
  - a. It looks like a garland hanging on the road.
  - b. The canopy of leaves and branches appear embracing.
  - c. The leaves and branches look like a hot air balloon.
  - d. The leaves and branches appear praying.
- 15. The red sports car was running at high speed along the expressway in Batangas when suddenly a group of cows appeared from somewhere. The car swerved hard and went- off the road. What do you think happened next?
  - a. The car rested safely on the side of the road.
  - b. The car stopped and continued to travel
  - c. The car flew and collided with a tree.
  - d. The car flew, bounced, and ran again.

### Lesson

# Context and Text's Meaning

Reading literary pieces becomes a challenge to a student like you. But as the years go by, changes happened even in the literary genre. Understanding the selection you read takes time, but if you will familiarize yourself with the context of the literary piece, appreciation comes along.



### What's In

Let us recall the previous lesson you have studied in Module 2. From the conventional and modern genre of literature: poetry, drama, fiction, non-fiction, 21st-century literary genres were presented to you.

Directions: Fill out the organizer by writing LETTERS only under columns 2 & 3. Under column 4 write the sample title. Note: two letters may be repeated as you answer the grid.

GENRE	SIMILARITY/IES	DIFFERENCES	SAMPLE (write the title/words)
1	2	3	4
1.Manga			
2.Graphic novel			
3.Blog			
4.Doodle fiction			
5.Hyper poetry			
6.Text-talk novel			

- a. Make use of web or internet connection.
- b. A website containing short articles called posts updated regularly by the same person or by people interested in the same topic.
- c. Involved set of words, phrases, lines, etc. presented in a variable, sits on the page much as traditional poetry does, or may contain parts of the poem that move and mutate.
- d. All make use of illustration in presenting stories.

- e. An artistic storytelling style originated in Japan.
- f. Encompasses non-fiction works and thematically linked short stories as well as fictional stories across a number of genres.
- g. Literary presentation where doodle writing, and drawings are incorporated.
- h. Stories told almost completely in dialogue simulating social network exchanges.



### What's New

Below is a poem written by Danton Remoto, a Filipino author. Read and try to discover what this poem wants to convey. Then, answer the essential questions that follow.

### Padre Faura Witness The Execution of Rizal

Author: Danton Remoto (Poetry)

I stand on the roof
Of the Ateneo municipal,
Shivering
On this December morning.
Months ago,
Pepe came to me
In the observatory.
I thought we would talk
About the stars
That do not collide
In the sky:
ead, he asked me about purg
(His cheeks still ruddy

Instead, he asked me about purgatory
(His cheeks still ruddy
From the sudden sun
After the bitter winter

In Europe

And on this day
With the years beginning to turn,

Salt things my eyes.

I see Pepe,

A blur

Between the soldiers With their Mausers raised And the early morning's

Star:

Still shimmering
Even if millions of miles away,
The star itself
Is already dead

### **Essential Questions**:

1.	Who are the characters in the poem? Write a piece of short information about each character.
2.	Who speaks in the poem? Extract a sentence from the poem to prove your answer.
3.	Discuss the form/structure of the poem.
4.	What was the situation when Padre Faura stood in the balcony of Ateneo de Manila?
5.	What was the situation of our country based on the poem? Prove your answer by extracting a line from the poem.
6.	To whom the poem is addressed? Explain your answer.
7.	How do you feel while reading the poem, that Padre Faura witnessed the execution of his former student?
8.	What was the feeling displayed by the author in the poem?
9.	What was the message that Danton Remoto wanted to convey in this poem?



Context originates from the notion of weaving together. It is defined as the circumstances that form the setting of events, statements, or ideas and in the way of which it can be fully understood and assessed. Reading a literary piece may contribute to the production of the author and the reception of the reader as they appreciate and explore.

- The writer's context is knowing about the writer's life, values, assumptions, gender, race, sexual orientation, and the political and economic issues related to the author.
- Reader's context is about the reader's previous reading experience, values, assumptions, political and economic issues.
- The text's context is about its publishing history. It is part of the larger text such as newspaper, history, events, translated in it.
- Social context and socio-cultural of a text feature the society in which the characters live and in which the author's text was produced.

In this lesson, you will unravel what goes with the poem.

The structure of the poem refers to words that are put together or arranged such that they make sense.

**Imagery** is creating a picture in the reader's mind by using words that appeal to the senses. There are types of Imagery that are used in this module. (Menoy 2016))

- **Visual imagery** produced by the use of words that appeal to the sense of sight.
- **Auditory Imagery** produced by the use of words that appeal to the sense of hearing.
- **Kinesthetic imagery** produced by the use of words that appeal to the actions and movement.

**Literary Techniques** are methods the author or writer of a literary piece used to convey what they want to impart to the reader, such as **Flashback** where the events have taken place before the present time the narration is following.



### Activity 1. Understanding the Text

To understand a piece of literature, answering the given questions enable the readers to appreciate literature more.

# Multiple Choice. Read each question. Choose and write the letter of the best answer on a separate sheet of paper.

- 1. Who was Fr. F. Faura to Jose Rizal?
  - a. His godfather
  - b. His uncle
  - c. His teacher
  - d. His friend
- 2. What was the nickname given to Jose Rizal mentioned in the poem?
  - a. Star
  - b. Mauser
  - c. Ruddy
  - d. Pepe
- 3. Why Padre Faura expected that they would talk about the stars?
  - a. Because Padre Faura worked in the observatory
  - b. Because Pepe was a star
  - c. Because Pepe just arrived from Europe
  - d. Because Pepe was fascinated in the observatory
- 4. Why Padre Faura was in the observatory when Pepe visited him?
  - a. It was the only place where they could talk.
  - b. He was in-charged in the observatory.
  - c. The observatory was near the Ateneo De Manila
  - d. The observatory was near Bagunbayan.
- 5. Why instead of stars, Pepe asked about purgatory to Padre Faura. Purgatory is\_\_\_
  - a. is a state where the souls can pass by to rest before going up to heaven.
  - b. is the place for eternal rest
  - c. is a place where souls rest.
  - d. is a state where souls go through a process of cleansing, by suffering for a time after death on account of their sins, so as to attain final union with God.

### Assessment 1. Getting familiar with texts' meaning

Direction: Read the poem and make the necessary responses to the following instructions given below.

### Earnest wish

by Lydia S. Villanueva

I will

Count the multitude of stars
The leaves in all the branches
The flock of birds perched in the loft
The blades of grass in the meadow
And the cogon flowers in the air.

I will

Listen to the sound of breeze
To the rustling of leaves
To the chirping of birds
To the buzzing of the bees
To the flapping of butterfly's wings.

I will
Tend the garden
Rearrange the stones in a pile
Weed the grass in the field
Harvest the fruits in season
And do again all of these.

Let us
Bring the front liners back home
Fight the unforeseen enemy
Help the new beginning
Contribute to the humanity
Flatten the curve
Stay at home!

- 1. A *multitude* gathered along with Wan Chai District in Hongkong to protest the new policy there and to call to ban some products. Thousands of protesters were arrested. Multitude in this sentence means\_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. A few in number of people
  - b. A great number of people
  - c. Some people
  - d. Several numbers of people
- 2. In the poem, Earnest Wish, identify the words that suggest the meaning of the word, multitude.

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Visual Imagery	
Auditory Imagery	
Kinesthetic Imagery	
4. Discuss the structure of the	poem, the stanza, lines, rhyme scheme.
5. Discuss how the author pres the message was presented.	ented the ideas of the poem up to the point where

### **Activity 2. Understanding the Context**

Directions: Look at each picture below. In Column A, each picture depicts the event presented in the poem. In Column B, based on your understanding of the poem, write what event happened in each picture and how do you feel about it.

A	В

### Assessment 2. Finding the Purpose

1.	What was the situation when the author wrote this poem?

2.	How did the author present the events in the poem?
3.	How did the author present her willingness to attain her fervent wish?
4.	What nearly impossible things or difficult tasks the author was willing to do?
5.	What do you think was the main reason why the author wrote this piece?

### **Activity 3. Knowing Author's Context**

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Reflec	t on th	ne importance of a biographical context in understanding a text.				
		iss the environment that surrounds the author while writing the poem. your answer.				
2.		ass the occurring event in the society during that time that influences the or in writing the poem.				
3.	Discu	ass the message of the author in the poem.				
		What I Have Learned				
	_	d appreciating literature can be made possible by understanding the text's meaning.				
•		ng the reading, there was recognition and recall.				
		I recall that Dr. Jose Rizal was shot in (place)				
	0	During this time, the Philippines was under the government.				
	0	The purpose of the poem was to				
	0	The author wrote the poem for the				
	0	The poem was based on the historical perspective. Recalling our past as Filipinos, what was the most trying moment of Jose Rizal during those time?				
	0	With that challenging situation, Dr. Jose Rizal was able to write two novels				
	0	As you read the poem, what experiences in life can you consider				

• Values, assumptions, political and economic issues, and events related to the author and reader play a significant role in understanding context and the text's meaning in a literary piece.

challenging and why?\_



Directions: surrounding		_	_		Describe	you
		- <u>-</u>				
		_				
		- <u>-</u>				

### **Rubrics for Poem**

	Beginning 1	Developing 2	Accomplished 3	Exemplary 4	Score
Form	Uses an inappropriat e poetic form.	May use an appropriate poetic form.	Effectively uses an appropriate poetic form.	Creatively uses an appropriate poetic form.	
Word Usage	Student's use of vocabulary is very basic.	Vocabulary is very basic. Student's use of vocabulary is more telling than showing.	Student's use of vocabulary is routine and workable.	Student's use of vocabulary is precise, vivid, and paints a strong clear and complete picture in the reader's mind.	
Menta 1 Image	Uses few mental image.	Uses some mental image	Uses mental image to reinforce the theme.	Effectively uses mental to reinforce the theme.	



# Multiple Choice. Read each statement. Choose and write the letter of the best answer on a separate sheet of paper.

1.	The persona in the poem "Padre Faura Witness The Execution of Rizal" was
	a. Danton Remoto b. Dr. Jose Rizal c. Padre Faura d. You
2.	The mood of the poem was
	<ul><li>a. Mournful</li><li>b. Delightful</li><li>c. Joyful</li><li>d. Mysterious</li></ul>
3.	The speaker was shivering while standing in the roof because
	<ul><li>a. He was dizzy.</li><li>b. It was cold.</li><li>c. It was December.</li><li>d. It was high.</li></ul>
4.	In stanza 2 & 3 the persona recalled what transpired between him and Pepe. This literary device is called
	<ul><li>a. Prophecy</li><li>b. Symbolic</li><li>c. Flashbacking</li><li>d. foreshadowing</li></ul>
5.	Pepe came from Europe where winter was bitter. His face became ruddy because
	<ul><li>a. He was exposed to humiliation</li><li>b. He was exhausted.</li><li>c. He was not accustomed to the weather</li><li>d. He was exposed to sudden sun.</li></ul>
6.	The characteristics of the star were used to compare with Jose Rizal was shimmering because
	<ul><li>a. he was well-known</li><li>b. he was about to die</li><li>c. he studied astronomy</li><li>d. his teacher was in the observatory</li></ul>

- 7. Months before Pepe's execution, he visited Padre Faura. Pepe talked about purgatory instead of colliding star maybe because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Padre Faura was sick
  - b. Pepe was terminally ill
  - c. Pepe knew he would be executed
  - d. Pepe did not believe in the afterlife
- 8. Padre Faura witnessed the execution of Rizal from the Azotea of Ateneo because
  - a. there was no building in between Bagumbayan
  - b. the old Ateneo de Manila was in Intramuros
  - c. the Observatory was part of Ateneo
  - d. he was invited
- 9. The author in the poem below expressed her willingness to do some impossible tasks stated below. What makes the tasks impossible to do?

I will

Count the multitude of stars
The leaves in all the branches
The flock of birds perched in the loft
The blades of grass in the meadow
And the cogon flowers in the air.

- a. The tasks were impossible to do because birds are flying high.
- b. The tasks were impossible to do because the birds are perched on a loft.
- c. The tasks were impossible to do because quantifiers are needed.
- d. The tasks were impossible to do because nouns there are uncountable.
- 10. In this stanza, the author used auditory imagery which appeals to the sense of hearing. Among the sounds, which could not be heard clearly?

I will

Listen to the sound of breeze
To the rustling of leaves
To the chirping of birds
To the buzzing of the bees
To the flapping of butterfly's wings

- a. Rustling
- b. Buzzing
- c. Flapping
- d. Chirping
- 11. Dr. Jose Rizal was being compared to a shimmering star in the poem. In the line, the star itself is already dead means \_\_\_\_\_.

Star:

Still shimmering
Even if millions of miles away,
The star itself
Is already dead.

- a. Dr. Jose Rizal was no longer shimmering.
- b. Dr. Jose Rizal was not a star.
- c. Dr. Jose Rizal was sent to the sky.
- d. Dr. Jose Rizal was sent down.
- 12. In the poem, Preludes by T.S. Eliot, imagery is used. Which line appeals to the sense of touch?
  - 1. The winter evening settles down
  - 2. With smell of steaks in passageways.
  - 3. Six o'clock.
  - 4. The burnt-out ends of smoky days.
  - 5. And now a gusty shower wrap
  - 6. The grimy scraps
  - a. 4
  - b. 5
  - c. 6
  - d. 2
- 13. In the poem below, which word is used to refer to snow?

"Kissed by Snow" - Kelly Roper

- 1. Standing in darkness with face upturned as
- 2. Frosty, feathery stars drift down from the sky
- 3. And land like gentle kisses from cold lips
- 4. On my cheeks, my nose, my lips and closed eyes
- a. Sky
- b. Eves
- c. Lips
- d. stars
- 14. Using the same poem, Kissed by Snow, which line used metaphorical language?
  - a. 1
  - b. 2
  - c. 3
  - d. 4
- 15. In the poem, "Man Versus Pepper- Kelly Roper, what situation is expressed?

One sniff gives a clue of the heat within.

First bite feels like swallowing a lighted blow torch,

And tears stream from his eyes like a flash flood

As the dying ghost pepper delivers its savage revenge.

- a. The persona in the poem shares his great time eating spicy food.
- b. The persona in the poem expresses his experience eating spicy food.
- c. The persona in the poem describes how he feels while eating spicy food.
- d. The persona in the poem warns the reader not to eat spicy food.

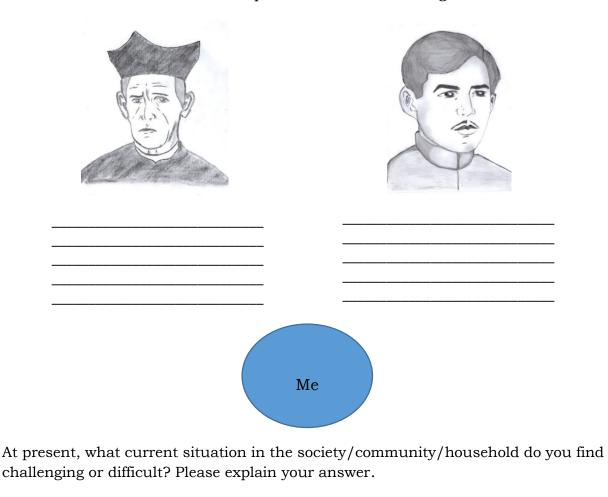


Let us try to test your prior knowledge in the events that happened hundreds of years back and how you will relate it with your current situation.

### **Talking Heads**

Based on your understanding of the poem and the Philippine history, what kind of society does each character live? How does each character struggle in this situation?

Situation: Padre Faura was telling the story before and during the execution of Pepe. How did he feel during those times?



**NEGATIVE VS. POSITIVE** - Write first the bad situation that happened and then write a positive outcome that emerged from it.

NEGATIVE SITUATION	POSITIVE EFFECT
In the poem:	
In your current situation:	



# Answer Key

1. C 2. A 3. B 4. C 5. A 10.B 11.A 12.C 9. D 10.B 11.A 12.C 13.B 11.A 12.C
Assessment
1. D E 2. A B 3. A B 5. A C
What's In
1. D 2. C 3. A 4. C 5. B 6. B 7. C 9. A 10.C 11.D 12.B 13.B 12.B 12.B 12.B 12.B
What I Know

answer
Bagumbayan =Free
Ateneo overlooking
Picture 3 -Azotea de
execution - free answer
witnessed Dr. Rizal
Picture 2- Padre Faura
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Observatory - Free
Picture 1- Manila
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Kinesthetic- tend, re-
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psck home
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due to pandemic due
quarantine/lockdown
community
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