

GREENLAWNS SCHOOL WORLI
Terminal Examination - 2016
ENGLISH LITERATURE

Std: VII
Date: 03.10.16

Marks: 80
Time: 2 hours

PROSE SECTION (30 marks)

Q.1. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.

1. He undid it, and to my astonishment, half a dozen tortoises tumbled out into the dusty road. The one that particularly took my fancy.
 - a. Who is 'he'? What had 'he' done to the tortoises? (2½)
 - b. What did the tortoises do when they tumbled out? What did they tumble out of? (2)
 - c. What does the phrase 'took my fancy' mean? To whom did the narrator take a fancy and why? (3)
 - d. What did the narrator convince himself of? (1)
 - e. Why was the narrator not worried about the fact that he did not have money to buy the tortoise? (2)

2. It was not that my uncle did not rise early enough; it was that troubles came to him at the last moment.
 - a. What would Uncle Podger lose after breakfast? How did everyone know that he had lost something? (2)
 - b. What were the things Uncle Podger should have said to himself but never did? (3½)
 - c. What had Uncle Podger convinced himself of? (1½)
 - d. What did Uncle Podger's tone indicate? (1½)
 - e. Which places did Aunt Maria suggest to Uncle Podger, where he could have left his newspaper? (1)

3. Ants also exchange information with their antennae, which serve as both nose and fingertips.
 - a. How do ants behave when they meet on a trail? (2½)
 - b. What do ants search for when they encounter each other? (1½)
 - c. In what way do sister ants assist each other? (3)
 - d. How do ants communicate? Who suspected this notion that they do communicate with each other? (1½)
 - e. Why does the narrator say 'This great spirit of cooperation keeps them marching'? (1½)

POETRY SECTION (30 marks)

Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow.

1. What do you weigh,
O' ye vendors?

- a. List the things that are being weighed by the vendors. (1½)
- b. How do the maidens in the bazaar keep themselves busy? (2)
- c. What are the pedlars doing in the bazaar? (1½)
- d. Mention the different pieces of jewellery made by the goldsmiths. (2½)
- e. Identify and explain the figure of speech in the stanza about the goldsmiths. (2)
- f. For whom are the girdles and scabbards made? (1)
- g. Which two precious stones has the poet mentioned in the poem? (1)
- h. Name the poet. (½)

2. He thinks they're wings,
To let him roam
Away from home,
Breaking all bonds.

- a. Identify and explain the figure of speech in the above lines. (2)
- b. What does the palm tree think of as its wings? Why does he think so? (2)
- c. When does the palm tree believe that it is flying? Why does he think so? (2½)
- d. Where has the palm tree flown to, in his own mind? (1½)
- e. To what do the palm tree's thoughts return when the wind is still? (1½)
- f. Name the poet. (½)

3. My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near

- a. Where has the poet stopped? (1)
- b. Which day of the year it is? (1)
- c. What does the horse do to express its surprise? What does it seem to ask? (1½)
- d. Name the other sounds heard at this time by the poet? (1)
- e. Why does the poet not wait for a longer time in the woods? (3½)

RAPID READER SECTION (20 marks)

Q.1. Fill in the blanks. (3)

- a. Rehman lived in the village of _____
- b. Pandit Motey Ram Shastri's youngest son was _____ who was pretending to be the son of _____
- c. Rehman owed _____ rupees to Lala Daudayal and wanted to borrow _____ rupees more when his mother died.
- d. Pandit Motey Ram had been invited for a feast by the Rani Sahib of _____

Q.2. Who said these words and to whom. (4)

- a. "I see you are all set to go somewhere with the entire family! Where is the big feast?"
- b. "Hold my hand and take me where the guests had their food."
- c. "The interest will go up to thirty two rupees per hundred."
- d. "It seems we were invited here not to be fed, but to be insulted."

Q.3. Pick the odd one out and explain why it is the odd one. (3)

- a. Algu, Beni Ram, Chhedi Ram, Chintamani.
- b. Dhokla, puris, kachoris, spiced curd
- c. flood, heavy rain, volcano, fire

Q.4. Answer in one sentence only. (6)

- a. What kind of a money lender was Lala Daudayal?
- b. Why did Pandit Motey Ram wait till Rani Sahib sent someone to call him for the feast?
- c. How much sugarcane was Rehman hoping to sell? What amount did he hope to make from the sale?
- d. Why was Rani Sahib disappointed about the large amount of food prepared for the feast?
- e. What did Ladli carry to Kaki's room late at night? In what did she carry it?
- f. How did Buddhi Ram's sons treat Kaki?

Q.5. Answer in brief. (4)

- a. How was Rehman's sugarcane field destroyed?
- b. Which bad omen spoiled Motey Ram Shahstr's feast? How was it spoiled?
