

GREENLAWNS SCHOOL, WORLI  
TERMINAL EXAMINATION : 2016  
ENGLISH LITERATURE

Std: VIII  
Date: 03/10 /16

Marks: 80  
Time: 2hrs

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A) Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: [30]

Calphurnia: I never stood on ceremonies,  
Yet now they fright me. There is one within,  
Besides the things we have heard and seen,  
Recounts most horrid sights seen by the watch.

- i) Where does the scene take place? At the beginning of this scene, what does Caesar say? Which device has been used? (3)
- ii) What is meant by, 'I never stood on ceremonies'? What is Caesar's opinion on such things? (3)
- iii) Mention any three signs enumerated by Calphurnia in her speech. (3)
- iv) Later, how does Decius convince Caesar to change his mind? (3)
- v) How does Decius give a contrary opinion of the dream? (4)

B) Antony: Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears;  
I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him.  
The evil that men do lives after them,  
The good is oft interred with their bones;  
So let it be with Caesar.

- i) Where does the scene take place? As Antony ascends the platform to speak, what did the citizens feel and say about Caesar, Brutus and Antony? (2½)
- ii) In what way does Antony repel their suspicion in the beginning of his speech? (2½)
- iii) Give the meaning of : (1)
  - a) 'The evil that men do lives after them,  
The good is oft interred with their bones;
- iv) State any two examples given by Antony at this point to disprove the notion that Caesar was ambitious. (2)
- v) At the end of this part of the speech, what reason has been given by Antony to take a pause? How does the first citizen react? (2½)
- vi) Later, a mantle is shown by Antony as he continues his oration, when does he say it was worn first? How does he prove that there was one, who inflicted the 'unkindest cut' of all? (3½)

QII Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: [11]

A] Holmes: 'Watson, it may surprise you to know that the man who is best-versed in this disease is not a medical man, but a planter'.

- i) Why was Watson taken aback when he saw Holmes? (2)
- ii) What information about Holmes was shared by the landlady with Dr Watson? (3½)
- iii) Which piece of information shared by Dr Watson was refuted by Holmes violently? (2)
- iv) Why would Mr Smith be holding a grudge against Holmes? How could he be persuaded to come and help him? (3½)

B] 'I don't think I like boys', answered the Swallow. 'Last summer, near the river there were two rude boys who were always throwing stones at me'. [10]

'But the Happy Prince looked so sad that the little Swallow was sorry.' It is very cold here', he said ; 'but I will stay with you for one night, and be your messenger'.

i) What had the Prince asked the Swallow to do this time? (3)

ii) Mention the 'remarkable phenomenon' witnessed by the Professor. What did he do immediately thereafter? (3½)

iii) What news did the Swallow give to the Prince after the Professor spotted him? (2)

iv) When the Mayor passed the Town square the next morning, what proclamation did he issue? What did he do next? (3½)

C] In the meantime, Marie was appointed as a Physics lecturer at a school for girls.

But her research continued.

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i) What had the couple discovered? How did they decide to name the elements? (3)

ii) Which award won by the two scientists assured them respect and fame in the world? State the practical uses shared by Marie with her colleagues. (3)

iii) How did Marie survive the difficult days of being a student? Mention the sacrifices she had to make. (3)

QIII Poetry

A) I wish I could see how the ocean is lashing [6]

The foam of its billows to whirlwinds of spray;

a) How does the poet feel awakened by the wind? Which are the feelings aroused in her? (2)

b) What are the blades of grass and the trees doing? How have they been described by the poet? (2)

c) Explain the second line of the given extract. (1)

d) Name the poet. (1)

B) 'You are frightened and thinking, [7]

'I know not where we have come to'.

a) Who are the characters being referred to as 'we' ? Where are 'we' at this point? How is the place described by the poet? (2)

b) What did the Palanquin bearers do when they spotted the villains? (1½)

c) How has the meadow and the place suddenly become unknown and dangerous to 'we'? (3½)

QIV Rapid Reader;

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A]

a) Why does the author remark that half the enchantment of the place was due to the fact that it did not have the benefit of the municipal lighting? (2)

b) How much money had been demanded by the astrologer at the onset when he bargained with Guru Nayak? What did they finally agree upon? (1)

B] With reference to the story, 'Forty Five a Month' and 'A Shadow', answer the following:

a) How did Shanta get her own way after an argument with her mother? (1½)

b) Where was Shanta's father's employed? (½)

c) How was this Tamil film, 'Kumari' different from all other Tamil movies? (2)

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