

GREENLAWNS SCHOOL, WORLI  
Terminal Examination 2017  
ENGLISH LITERATURE

Std: X  
Date: /10/17

Marks: 80  
Time: 2 hrs

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*Answers to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.  
You will not be allowed to write during the first fifteen minutes.  
This time is to be spent in reading the question papers.  
The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.*

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Attempt **five** questions in all.

You must attempt **one** question from each of the Sections A, B and C and any **two** other questions.

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**SECTION A - DRAMA**

**The Merchant of Venice**

Question 1

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Nerissa: If he should offer to choose, and choose the right casket, you should refuse to perform your father's will, if you should refuse to accept him.

- i. Identify 'him' in the above lines. What is Portia's opinion about this suitor? (3)
- ii. What was Portia's response to this remark made by Nerissa? (3)
- iii. Why was the fourth suitor unable to win Portia, inspite of Portia admitting that he is a 'proper man's picture' ? (3)
- iv. Who arrives at the end of this scene? What message does this person give? (3)
- v. Which remark passed by Portia at the end of this scene proves that she harbours racist views? (4)

Question 2.

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Duke : Sir, I entreat you home with me to dinner.

Portia : I humbly do desire your grace of pardon

I must away this night to Padua

and it is meet I presently set forth.

Duke : I am sorry that your leisure serves you not—

Antonio gratify this gentleman;

For, in my mind, you are much bound to him.

- i. Where are Portia and the Duke at this time? On what grounds had Portia and Nerissa gained admittance to this place?  
(Answer with reference to the contents of the letter presented by Nerissa to the Duke) (3)
- ii. Why did Portia wisely decline the Duke's invitation? How was her absence in Belmont accounted for? (3)

- iii. How did Portia interpret the conditions of the bond to save Antonio? (3)
- iv. What excuses did Bassanio give for refusing to part with his wedding ring?  
Comment on the dramatic irony of the situation. (3)
- v. Mention the Venetian law Portia enforced on Shylock, which made him plead for his own life to the Duke of Venice. (4)

**SECTION B – POETRY**  
**A Collection of Poems**

**Question 3**

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

‘I don’t recall what happened then, I think I must have cried;  
I put my arms around him and I pulled him to my side  
And, as I held him close to me, I could feel our wounds were pressed  
The large one in my heart against the small one in his chest.’

- i) What did the soldier say to the poet narrator when he beckoned him? (3)
- ii) What had caused the large stain on the soldier’s shirt? (3)  
Explain why the soldier feels cold inspite of the sun shining brightly.
- iii) Why is the soldier embarrassed to think of his wife’s and mother’s reaction to his state? How has the poet narrator justified the title of the poem? (3)
- iv) What has the soldier revealed about his comrades? Why does he feel that he is lucky? (3)
- v) What does ‘Asian dirt’ refer to? How has the poet stressed on the plight of the soldiers? What is the significance of the last line of the given extract? (4)

**Question 6**

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

“ Canst hear,” said one, “ the breakers roar?  
For me thinks we should be near the shore.”

- i) Which fact made the Inchcape Rock hazardous to the sailors? How were they helped? And by whom? What was gained by this person who had helped them? (3)
- ii) Where does Sir Ralph decide to go, when he spots a ‘dark speck’ on the ocean? What did he command his sailors to do? What did he do once he reached this ‘dark speck’? (3)
- iii) Explain the following terms: [4]
  - a) ‘Breaker’s roar
  - b) Scour’d the seas
  - c) plunder’d store
  - d) knell

- iv) Describe the weather conditions prevailing when the Rover was sailing. How do the weather conditions predict the Rover's final fate? (3)
- v) Compare the character of the Abbot to that of the Rover. (3)

**SECTION C –PROSE**  
**Collection of Short Stories**

Question 7

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

In all this I bear Todd no grudge. I have simply added him to the list of men who owe me a dollar and who have forgotten it. There are quite a few of them now. I make no difference in my demeanour to them, but I only wish that I could forget.

- i) Which trip is being referred to here? How long did it last? When and why did Todd need a dollar? What was the response given by Todd when asked about the cost of the trip? (3)
- ii) Give the meaning of: (3)
- a) demeanour
- b) expansion
- c) On this side of the grave
- iii) Why does the narrator mention the currency? Did it have the desired effect? Give evidence to support your answer. (3)
- iv) Why did the narrator wish to start a 'Back to Honesty' movement? What does he intend to achieve? (3)
- v) Mention the people whom the narrator does not wish to repay. Why? Justify the title of this story. (4)

Question 8

The financial depression which the individuals are suffering is set against the economic boom in the oil rich country. Discuss this in relation to the story: Hunger. (16)

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