

GREENLAWNS SCHOOL WORLI

Final Examination-2017

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Std: VII

Date: 13.02.17

Marks: 80

Time: 1½ hour

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Attempt all the questions

PROSE SECTION (30 marks)

Q.1. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow:

- 1. His replies did not gladden our hearts. Nonetheless, we learnt that it is important not to measure personal success and the sense of well being through material possessions. [15]**
- a. What were the questions that the author and his siblings asked their father? Why did they ask these questions? (2½)
 - b. Why were the father's replies unable to gladden the hearts of the children? What were the replies? (3)
 - c. How did the author and his mother go about making a change in the appearance of the house they stayed in? (2)
 - d. How did the author's mother set an example of doing good deeds without any selfish gains? (2)
 - e. What did the author learn from his mother's noble deed which became his first lesson in success? (2)
 - f. Which eye defect did the author's mother suffer from? Where did she have to move to at this time and why? (2)
 - g. Which new experience did the author enjoy at this time? (1)
 - h. What was the situation in the country that year? (½)
- 2. You are welcome, young Balthazar. Are you familiar with the dispute the court is trying to settle today? [9]**
- a. Who is the speaker? Which dispute is he referring to? (3½)
 - b. Why has Dr. Balthazar appeared in the courtroom? What is his true identity? (3)
 - c. What is the first request that Dr. Balthazar makes to Shylock? Why is this request made? (2½)
- 3. Most people in the village were a little envious of Binya's blue umbrella. [6]**
- a. Why were the villagers envious of Binya? (1)
 - b. How did most people console themselves when they saw Binya's umbrella? (Mention any three things) (3)
 - c. What effect did the passing seasons have on the umbrella? Name the person who wanted to have the umbrella in spite of these effects? (2)

POETRY SECTION (30 marks)

Q.1. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow.

- 1. The maps were redrawn on the classroom wall;
His name forgotten, he faded away.** [11]
- a. Whose name was forgotten? Why did his name fade away? (2½)
 - b. Where did this person long to go? What kind of a house did he own? (3)
 - c. According to the poet what does the phrase 'mind's eye' mean? What could this person see with his mind's eye? (3)
 - d. What was the poet unable to understand about this person? How would you explain it? (2½)
- 2. If you can dream – and not make dreams your master;
If you can think and not make thoughts your aim;** [11]
- a. What does the phrase 'make dreams your master' imply? Why should we not make dreams our master? (2½)
 - b. 'And treat those two imposters just the same' Explain the figure of speech in the above line. Who are the imposters? (2)
 - c. What does the poet ask his son 'to bear' in the given stanza? How would the son benefit from doing so? (2½)
 - d. Explain the last two lines of the second stanza of the poem. (3)
 - e. Name the poet. (1)
- 3. Words are easy, like the wind;
Faithful friends are hard to find.** [8]
- a. Explain the figure of speech in the above line. (2)
 - b. How does the poet describe a flatterer? (2½)
 - c. What does the phrase 'crowns grow scant' mean? How does it affect friendship? (2½)
 - d. Why does the poet say, 'faithful friends are hard to find'? (1)

RAPID READER SECTION (20 marks)

Q.1. Fill in the blanks. [5]

1. The boys _____ and _____ refused to name the culprits when their headmaster Munshi Sahai asked them who destroyed the garden.
2. Srikant Singh used to come home from _____ on Saturdays.
3. The government officials of Benaras were busy organizing a welcome for the _____ while the _____ had announced a citywide strike.
4. Anandi's father _____ met Srikant and took a liking to him.
5. Prominent citizens like _____ and _____ were more worried about the strike in Benaras than the government. (Mention any two names)
6. The brothers _____ and _____ attacked Baz Bahadur with a branch from a guava tree.

Q.2. State whether the following statements are True or False. [5]

1. Pandit Motey Ram's wife was very happy to hear the news about his fast-
2. Baz Bahadur was an honest and intelligent boy –
3. Anandi was brought up in a noble family-
4. It was past 7 p.m. when Motey Ram began to scan the area for a roadside food vendor –
5. Munshiji remained calm and composed when he saw the wanton destruction of the garden -
6. Anandi neither ate nor drank anything for five days after the fight with her brother-in-law –
7. Pandit Motey Ram stood up and pushed the policeman who was being rude to him
8. Most of the boys of Munshiji's school felt sorry for Jagat Singh after he was punished by Munshiji-
9. Pandit Motey Ram's fast had a greater impact on the Congress workers than the traders of Benaras –
10. Srikant had rebuked many of his friends for rebellious remarks against their family

Q.3. Answer the following questions. [10]

1. Which impossible feats did Pandit Motey Ram claim he could accomplish without much difficulty?
2. Why was Anandi's marriage a matter of concern for her father?
3. What did the sons of zamindars decide to do to Munshiji's garden? Why did they make this decision?
4. How was Lal Behari different from his brother Srikant?
5. Why was Pandit Motey Ram Shastri considered to be a good choice to go on a fast?
