

GREENLAWNS SCHOOL, WORLI

Final Examination -2017

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Std: VIII
Date: / 02/17

Marks:80
Time:2 hrs

You will not be allowed to write during the first Fifteen minutes.

This time is to be spent on reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Attempt all questions.

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

DRAMA

[32]

Antony: 'But yesterday the word of Caesar might
Have stood against the world; now he lies there,
And none so poor to do him reverence.
O masters! If I were dispos'd to stir
Your hearts and minds to mutiny and rage.....'

- a) Till the death of Caesar, his word was powerful. Mention an incident in which Caesar overruled the request of all the major conspirators. Why does he refer to the words, 'unassailable' and 'firmament' ? (3)
- b) After the conspirators had murdered Caesar, what command is given by Brutus to the conspirators? What else does he say? (3)
- c) Mention the tactics Antony uses to stir the mob to mutiny. To which aspect of the mob's behaviour does he appeal? How? (3)
- d) Later when the civil war begins, what was Antony's reply to the condition put forth by Lepidus? What does Antony ask Lepidus to do then? Why? (4)
- e) What does Octavius say about Lepidus? What is Antony's response to it? (3)

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

Brutus: Are yet two Romans, living such as these?
The last of all the Romans, fare thee well!
It is impossible that ever Rome
Should breed thy fellow.

- a) Name the two Romans who have recently died. Give the meaning of, 'The Last of all the Romans'. (3)
- b) Mention the most eloquent tribute paid by Brutus to Cassius at his death. How does it reflect on Brutus' character? (3)
- c) What are the specific instructions given by Brutus concerning the burial of the deceased? (3)
- d) Later in the story, name the two friends who refuse to kill Brutus when he commands them. What does one of them say for disagreeing to carry out his wish? (3)
- e) How did Antony pay tribute to Brutus? (4)

QIII Prose: Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: [32]

Preparations to receive this distinguished visitor began. The hospital was given an extra scrubbing.

- a) How has the author described the place around the hospital? (4)
- b) Who was 'this distinguished visitor'? Which place was he visiting? What did the PO's wife find surprising about the visitors in general? (3)
- c) Mention the various measures taken by the staff to welcome this 'distinguished visitor'? (3½)
- d) What did 'this visitor' say when the things that had been painted in yellow were re-painted in red? (4)

QIV

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

Bauhinias are still in flower, though now with leaves around them.
Mango trees are covered with a powdery cluster of blossoms.
In March both birth and death are much in evidence.

- a) Explain the last line of the given extract. (3)
- b) Which are the two birds likely to be seen at the Lodi Gardens? (1)
- c) Name the distinguished author of this lesson. Mention his contribution to literature. (2½)

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

As Michelangelo watched the man, he realized that this was how the man tricked people for food:

- a) What was the important task given to Michelangelo by Pope Julius? (2)
- b) Describe this 'man's' appearance. How did he 'trick people'? (3)
- c) How did Michelangelo find the inspiration to paint the Virgin Mary? (3)
- d) How did Michelangelo discover the man's name at the end of the story? (3)

QVI Poetry: Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow [12]

I will make inseparable cities, with their arms about each other's necks;
By the love of comrades,
By the manly love of comrades.

- a) How does the poet relate mother nature and women? Which inborn trait is explicit in the above lines? (2)
- b) How has the poet described America's landscape? (2)

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

'Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

- a) Identify the figure of speech in the first line of the given extract. Explain the significance of the same. (2½)
- b) How do you conclude that the poet is 'unafraid'? What are his circumstance that he has spoken about? (3)
- c) Explain the following lines: (2½)
 - a) 'How charged with punishments the scroll'
 - b) 'under the bludgeonings of chance'

.QVIII Rapid Reader: (4)

- a) How did Swami portray Samuel in front of his father? (2)
- b) Why did Swami wait till the end of the day to give the letter to the headmaster? (2)
