

GREENLAWNS SCHOOL, WORLI
Terminal Examination 2018
ENGLISH LITERATURE

Std: VIII
Date:21/09/18

Marks: 80
Time: 2 hrs

You will not be allowed to write during the first ten 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

DRAMA—JULIUS CAESAR

Question 1 [28]

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

Marullus: Wherefore rejoice? What conquests brings he home?

What tributaries follow him to Rome,
To grace in captive bonds his chariot wheels?

- i) At the onset of this scene, why does one of the tribunes reprimand the citizen? Who is he? What does he say? (3)
- ii) How does the cobbler give a befitting reply to the tribune? Mention the devices used by him to show his wit. (3)
- iii) With reference to the given extract, elucidate how Marullus reasons with the citizens that they are showing disloyalty to Pompey? (3)

Question 2

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow

Caesar : Cowards die many times before their deaths;

The valiant never taste of death but once.

- i) How had the weather been described at the onset of this scene? What did the speaker say? (2)
- ii) Who enters the scene at this juncture? What does Caesar say to this person? (2)
- iii) How does Decius use flattery and reason to convince Caesar to accompany him to the senate House? (4)
- iv) Give an account of the 'horrid sights' seen and heard by Calphurnia just before the above dialect. (3)
- v) Later, Caesar remarks that 'he is as constant as the northern star'; Highlight the irony in the speech giving a detailed account of the same. (4)
- vi) After the conspirators make their exit, executing the assassination; what does Antony say before the arrival of the servant. What does the servant announce? (4)

PROSE

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Question 3

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow

'Unsurprisingly, the majority of these idioms contain references to rain!

The weather can be powerful and dramatic.'

- i) Mention a few idioms containing references to the weather. List any two bizarre events around the world. (2)
- ii) Elucidate vital details of the ' wettest place on earth'. (3)
- iii) How does the continent of Antarctica reveal a contrasting picture? (3)

Question 4

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

'Holmes!', he cried. 'Can't you hear me, Holmes?' There was a rustling , as if he had shaken the sick man roughly by the shoulder.

- i) At the onset of the story, why was the landlady alarmed? What did she reveal about Holmes' condition? (3)
- ii) What did Sherlock Holmes disclose about the disease and Mr. Culverton Smith to Watson? What did he instruct him to do? (3)
- iii) Identify 'he' in the above lines. What did 'he' divulge about his nephew at this juncture? (3)
- iv) Mention the ways in which Holmes had worked on his appearance to play the part. (2)

POETRY

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

Q5 'Canst hear', said one, 'the breakers roar? [11]

For methinks we should be near the shore'.

- i) Compare the character of the Abbot to that of the Rover. (3)
- ii) Describe the weather when Rover and his sailors were going towards the shore of Scotland. (2)
- iii) State the meaning of the following lines: (2)

'Canst hear', said one, 'the breakers roar?
For methinks we should be near the shore'.

- iv) Give the meaning of the phrase, 'plundered store'. How does it reveal the Rover's occupation? (2)
- v) Explain the last two lines of the poem;
 'A sound as if with the Inchcape Bell,
 The Devil below was ringing his knell.' (2)

Question 6

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

'The poetry of earth is never dead:
When all the birds are faint with the hot sun,
And hide in cooling trees, a voice

- i) Elucidate the first line of the given extract. (2)
- ii) Why does the poet remark that he 'takes the lead in summer luxury'? (2)
- iii) Why has the poet compared the cricket and the grasshopper?
Bring out the significance of this comparison. (2)

Question 7

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

Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;

Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way....

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- i) Elucidate the above lines in your own words. (2)
- ii) What has been compared to the 'desert sand'? Mention the device used. (2)
- iii) What does the poet mean by the phrase, 'fragments by narrow domestic walls'? (2)

RAPID READER

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Question 8

Answer the following questions:

- a) What did Swami say to his mother in order to miss school? What was her response? (2)
- b) Describe the character of Mr. Samuel as portrayed by Swami to his father? (2)
- c) What did Swami do to justify the letter? Did he succeed? Give reasons to support your answer. (2)
- d) How does the author justify the astrologer's choice of the place and the lighting it had, to be perfect to practice his profession ? (2)
- e) What did the astrologer's wife decide to do with the money she received? (2)
