

GREENLAWNS SCHOOL, WORLI  
FINAL EXAMINATION 2018  
ENGLISH LITERATURE

Std : VIII  
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Marks : 80  
Time: 2 Hours

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**NOTE:** 1. All questions are compulsory.  
2. Number your questions correctly.

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**SECTION A – DRAMA – 30 MARKS**

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

**Q.I A] Cassius: *Hear me, good brother.***

***Brutus: Under your pardon. You must note beside,  
That we have tried the utmost of our friends,  
Our legions are brim-full, our cause is ripe.***

- 1) Explain the metaphor that Brutus uses to explain why their army must make use of their 'brim-full legion'. (3)
- 2) Why does Cassius believe that they should wait for their enemy at Sardis? (3)
- 3) Highlight the reasons that make Cassius wish that his enemies must seek their revenge on him alone. (3)
- 4) In what way is Brutus untouched by Cassius' angry threats? (2)
- 5) What was the accusation put forth by Brutus against Cassius? (2)
- 6) According to Lucilius, how had Cassius changed his behaviour towards him? (2)

**Q I B] Brutus: ....*The ghost of Caesar hath appear'd to me  
Two several times by night.***

- 1) Where does the scene take place? Identify the characters present in the scene.(3)
- 2) Where had Brutus first seen the ghost? What did the ghost say to Brutus? What does Brutus assume when he sees the apparition? (3)
- 3) How does Antony's opinion about Caesar's murder, change at the end of the play? (2)
- 4) Highlight the opinion that Brutus has about being bound by Antony. According to Brutus, why is this battle necessary? (2)
- 5) How does Cassius convince his servant to kill him? (3)
- 6) Why did Brutus instruct Messala to order Cassius to attack the enemy? (2)

**SECTION B – PROSE – 20 MARKS**

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

**Q II A] Tommy and Kevin began their climb on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2014. They slept in tents that were hung from the cliff face, their friends helped them by providing a daily supply of water and lots of support.**

- 1) Why were Tommy and Kevin famous after they climbed the Dawn Wall? (3)
- 2) Highlight Tommy's mental and physical strength when faced with obstacles. (3)
- 3) How did sixteen year old Tommy surprise people during and after the climbing competition? (2)
- 4) Describe the concept of 'free climbing'. (2)

**Q II B] 'From Earth, Dad?'**

***'A dog from Earth, son. A real dog. A Scotch terrier puppy. The first dog on the Moon. You won't need Robutt anymore.'***

- 1) Describe Jimmy's father's views about Robutt. (2)
- 2) How would Robutt often interact with Jimmy when they went out to play? (3)
- 3) Give an account of Robutt's physical appearance. (3)
- 4) In what way was Jimmy more equipped in dealing with the lunar gravity, as compared to an Earth-born? (2)

**SECTION B – POETRY – 20 MARKS**

**Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:**

**Q III A] 'And bright is the sun, brother, and warm is the rain, -  
Will ye not come home, brother, home to us again?'**

- 1) Identify the speaker in the above extract. Who is 'us' that the speaker refers to? (1)
- 2) How will the speaker provide comfort to a tired person? (1)
- 3) According to the speaker, in what way is an individual enlightened by the beauty of spring? (2)
- 4) How do the orchards, meadows and thrushes celebrate in the spring season? (3)
- 5) What decision does the 'tired person' make at the end of the poem? (3)

**Q III B] *No longer now can I endure the brunt  
Of the books that lie out on the desks; a full threescore  
Of several insults of blotted pages, and scrawl  
Of slovenly work that they have offered me.***

- 1) Explain the above lines in your own words. (3)
- 2) Highlight the metaphor that the teacher uses to describe his students. (2)
- 3) Why does the teacher question the use of his energy for the students? (3)
- 4) What decision does the teacher take at the end of the poem? (2)

**SECTION C – RAPID READER – 10 MARKS**

**Q IV] Answer the following questions.**

- 1) How would Ramu's mother respond to his sullen attitude towards marriage and his disregard for her opinion? (3)
- 2) Narrate the incident that created an intimate bond between Thanappa and Ramanujam. (3)
- 3) What advice did Thanappa give Ramanujam regarding Kamakshi's wedding? (2)
- 4) Describe the mother's behaviour when she thinks that Ramu has committed suicide. What vision does the mother see? (2)

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