

GREENLAWNS HIGH SCHOOL
TERMINAL EXAMINATION 2017-18

SUB.: ENGLISH LITERATURE
STD: VIII

TIME: 2 HRS
MARKS:80

SHAKESPEARE : JULIUS CAESAR

(30mks)

I. Cassius: My answer must be made: but I am arm'd,
And dangers are to me indifferent.

Casca: You speak to Casca, and to such a man
That is no fleering tell-tale. Hold my hand ...

(9 mks)

- 1. Explain the remark made by Cassius in the given extract (2)
- 2. Cassius explains the behaviour of the Romans and Caesar towards each other. To which animals does he compare the Romans and Caesar? (2)
- 3. What nature of Rome does Cassius highlight immediately after this Comparison? (2)
- 4. a. Which remark from Cassius makes Casca utter the words given in the extract ? (1)
- b. What does Casca say to assure Cassius? (2)

II. Metellus: O, let us have him ; for his silver hairs (13 mks)

- 1. Who is Metellus talking about?
What makes him utter the above words? (2 ½)
- 2. a. How does Metellus further explain his argument? (2 ½)
- b. Who opposes it? Why? (2)
- 3. Later in the scene, Metellus recommends the name of another person who could be taken into confidence .Who is that person?
What reason does Metellus give for involving that person? (3 ½)
- 4. Who accepts Metellus's recommendation?
What does he say to support it? (2 ½)

III. Decius: Most mighty Caesar, let me know some cause,
Lest I be laugh'd at when I tell them so. (8mks)

- 1. What makes Decius utter the above words? (1)
- 2. What is the immediate cause that Caesar gives to Decius? Mention an adjective that best describes Caesar's nature here. (1 ½)
- 3. What is the second 'cause' given by Caesar? (4 ½)
- 4. What does Decius manage to do at the end of this discussion? (1)

PROSE

[20mks]

- I. "Should I join any party?" the long - nosed one asked one of his secretaries.
She said: "Why should you?" (7 ½ mks)
1. Did the long - nosed one wish to join any party? What reason does he give just before the above extract? (1)
 2. What was the slogan of one of the political parties? (1 ½)
 3. How did the incensed rival parties react to this slogan? (3 ½)
 4. How did the media further spread the cause of the rival parties? (1 ½)
- II) Morvenna gave a scream, "If you do Maxie, I'll kill the lion. I will, truly." (7 ½ mks)
1. To which lion is Morvenna referring?
What had Max decided to do just before this, which made Morvenna utter the above words? (2 ½)
 2. How does Max react to the above threatening words of Morvenna? (2 ½)
 3. Give one adjective each to describe Max and Morvenna from the instance mentioned in the extract. (1)
 4. Immediately after Morvenna threatened Max, how did the victim of the 'lion' try to avoid being put in the 'little pit'? (1 ½)
- II. "What is your crest, by the way?" Sletherby asked, carelessly. (5mks)
1. Whom is Sletherby addressing? (1)
 2. What is the listener's reply? (2 ½)
 3. Why does Sletherby doubt the information given by the speaker? (1 ½)

POETRY

[20mks]

- I. Apple orchards blossom there, and the air's like wine. (10 mks)
1. Name and explain the figure of speech in the above sentence. (2)
 2. Which place is the poet referring to in the above line? How is this place best suited for 'tired hearts'? (2)
 3. a. Name the birds that sing in this season. From which place do they sing? (2)
b. Name the poet. (1)
 4. How has the poet described the corn, rabbits and birds later in the poem? (1 ½)
 5. What decision does the poet finally take in the end?. Why? (1)
 6. Which season is mentioned in the poem? (½)

- II. To know that I'll never have to move to review seasons from one lair. (5mks)
1. When will the poet be able to fulfill the above wish? (1)
 2. According to the poet, in what ways will the above wish make him feel secure? (3)
 3. In what way would you like to help the homeless? (Answer in 1 sentence only) (1)
- III. Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake. (5mks)
1. To whom is 'Father' referring? What must be given free to the poet's countrymen? (1)
 2. According to the poet, how does one achieve perfection? (1)
 3. To what way of thinking does the poet request the 'Father' to train the mind of the countrymen? How do you think it will help the country? (3)

RAPID READER

[10mks]

- I. The astrologer muttered a few incantations and replied, "All right. I will speak. But will you give me a rupee if what I say is convincing?" (5 mks)
1. What did the listener want to know from the astrologer? (1)
 2. The listener's important query was satisfactorily answered by the astrologer. What was the astrologer's answer? (1 ½)
 3. What instructions does the astrologer give to the listener? (2)
 4. How much money did the astrologer actually get from the stranger? (½)
- II. What these folks do not see is that I sit before the oven practically all day frying all this stuff. (5 mks)
1. Which comments of the folks annoyed the speaker? (2)
 2. Where did the speaker sit? (1)
 3. What kind of stuff did the speaker sell from his 'establishment'? Only list them. (any 3) (1 ½)
 4. Why would he arrive on time? (½)