

GREENLAWNS HIGH SCHOOL  
FINAL EXAMINATION YEAR 2017

SUBJECT : ENGLISH LITERATURE  
TIME : 2 HOURS

CLASS : VIII  
MARKS : 80

You will not be allowed to write during the first 10 minutes. This will be spent in reading the question paper. Attempt all questions.

**A- Drama.**

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Q1. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Antony: Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears;  
I have come to bury Caesar, not to praise him.

- i). How did Brutus in his speech to the crowd justify his act of killing Caesar? 2
- ii). What was Brutus prepared to do for the Romans if the need arose? 1
- iii) What conditions were put forward by Brutus when Antony requested to speak at Caesar's funeral? 4
- iv) What curse did Antony foretell about the conspirators when he was alone with the body of Caesar? 3
- v) With reference to the above line, furnish three examples which Antony gave in his speech where he proves that Caesar was not ambitious. 3
- vi) Why did Anthony say to the citizens that he must not read the will? 2

Q.2. Titinius: O Cassius, Brutus gave the word too early;  
Who, having some advantage on Octavius,  
Took it too eagerly; his soldiers fell to spoil,  
Whilst we by Antony are all enclos'd.

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- i) Who is Titinius? Where is the scene taking place? 1
- ii) What did Cassius ask Titinius to do after Titinius informed him that they were surrounded by Antony's army? 2
- iii). Explain what Cassius meant by saying 'My life is run his compass'. 1
- iv).What report did Pindarus give Cassis from the top of the hill? 3
- v). How did Cassius respond to Pindarus's report? 2
- vi). What did Cassius remind Pindarus after he heard the report? 3
- vii).What did he instruct Pindarus to do? 3

**B- Poetry**

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Q.3. For you these, from me, O Democracy, to serve you, ma femme!  
For you! for you...

- i) Identify the poem and the poet. 1
- ii) Identify and explain the figure of speech used in the above line. 1
- iii)What are the different things, the poet promises his countrymen in the first stanza of the poem? 3
- iv) How does the poet plan to deliver his promise? 1
- v) What is the poet trying to convey by saying 'I will plant companionship'? How will the poet accomplish this promise? 4



- Q. 4. Out of the night that covers me, Black as the pit from pole to pole,  
I thank whatever god maybe,...
- i) Why is the poet thankful to God? 1
  - ii) What is Anaphora? Explain the term with the help of an example taken from the poem. 2
  - iii) How did the poet face the bludgeoning circumstances? 2
  - iv) What kind of poem is this? What inspired the poet to write this poem? 3
  - v) What message the poet gives at the end of the poem? 2

C- Prose

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- Q.5. March is an unpredictable month: ...
- i) The author is of the opinion that March is an unpredictable month. Why does he think so? 2
  - ii) Who are the Roman Goddess of Earth and Roman God of war? Which months are named after them? 2
  - iii) Explain the statement 'Never cast a clout till March be out'. 2
  - iv) Why did the author remark that in March birth and death are much in evidence? 2
  - v) What kind of different sounds does a tree pie make? 1
  - vi) What distinct trait can be associated with the magpie robin? 1
- Q.6. Edward Heinlein was on his way to Dibaru, he had told the compounder...
- i) Who was Edward Heinlein? Why was his arrival to Dibaru termed as sensational? 3
  - ii) How were the tribal people accepted by the locals? 1
  - iii) Why had the doctor 'stopped dead' when she stepped out of the front door? 1
  - iv) Why did Hazarika delegate his duty to the punkha-puller? 1
  - v) Why was the PO's wife astonished by the visitors visiting Dibaru? 1
  - vi) Why did the pudding not taste so good that evening? 3

D- Rapid Reader

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- Q.7. 'Those who saw him remarked, 'Lucky fellow! He has hardly an hour's work a day and he pockets ten rupees- what graduates are unable to earn.'
- i) Who is 'he'? Why did the remark irritate him? 2
  - ii) Why could "he" not set his tray at the usual place in the market after the riot? 3
- Q.8. "Loaf about less on Sundays and you will be without headaches on Monday"
- i) What did Swami tell his father about Samuel? 2
  - ii) Give an instance from the story when Swami thought he could justify the allegation he had put against Samuel? 3