Greenlawns School, Worli

Std: VIII English Literature Marks: 80

Date: /09/19 Terminal Examination Time: 2 hrs

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

a) Cassius: ‘Let it be who it is: for Romans now have thews and limbs like their ancestors; But woe the while!’

i) Complete the dialect in your own words. Explain the device used. (3)

ii) What was Casca’s response to the above dialect? (3)

iii) Elucidate Cassius’ remark about Caesar when he says that Caesar ‘would not be a wolf But that he sees the Romans are but sheep; He were no lion, were not Romans hinds.’ (2)

iv) Mention the various instructions given by Cassius to Cinna towards the end of this scene. What does he ask Cinna? (4)

b) Brutus: ‘Since Cassius first did whet me against Caesar,

I have not slept….’

i) Where does the scene take place? Who enters the scene at the onset ? What is the person directed to do? (3)

ii) Identify the device used in the above extract. What does the word, ‘phantasma’ imply? In which context has it been used here? (3)

iii) State the reasons given by Metellus for including Cicero? Why does one of the conspirators refute him? (2)

iv) Which is the error of judgement made by Brutus that caused the conspirators to lose everything? What were his reasons? (4)

c) Caesar: ‘ …Thrice hath Calphurnia in her sleep cried out, Help, ho! They murder Caesar!’ …’

i) How had Decius interpreted Calphurnia’s dream? (3)

ii) What was further added to the interpretation to convince Caesar to go to the Capitol? (3)

iii) How did Caesar react to Decius’ persuasion? What did he say? (2)

**Prose [17]**

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

a) ‘He had scarcely glanced at a couple of pages, however, when a smothered curse caused him to glance hastily at the only other occupant of the carriage.’

i) Describe the appearance of the ‘only other occupant’ of the carriage. Who was this occupant? (2)

ii) Why did the ‘occupant’ ask for a loan from Mr Sletherby? (2)

iii) What was the explanation offered by the ‘occupant’ regarding the different crests? (3)

iv) What was the ‘idiotic change’ referred to by Claude People? (1)

b) ‘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 was her opinion about the cause of 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 regarding Mr Smith? (2)

iii) Identify ’he’ in the above lines. What did ‘he’ divulge about his nephew at this juncture? (2)

iv) Mention the ways in which Holmes had worked on his appearance to play the part. (2)

**Poetry:**  [16]

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

A) ‘Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high

Where knowledge is free

Where the world has not been broken up into fragments

By narrow domestic walls.’

1. According to the poet, how should the mind be? Why does he insist that the ‘head is held high’? (2)
2. What according to the poet is the role of reason? (2)
3. The poet in the latter half thinks of the ideal of achieving ‘ever-widening thought and action’: What must be done to achieve this aim?(2)
4. In what way can the ‘narrow domestic walls’ be harmful to a nation? (2)

v) Explain the phrase,’ dreary desert sand of dead habit’. (2)

B) ‘The barren boughs behind the leaves, Without the birds, without the breeze’

i) Why is the title apt for the poem? What is the message conveyed by the poet? (2) ii) What did the poet mean when he remarked that ‘the autumn eve was fair’? (2) iii) Why did the narrator go across the fields? What was the person carrying? (2) **QIV Rapid Reader**

Fill in the blanks: [15]

A] a) To crown the effect, the astrologer would wound a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ coloured turban around his head.

b) Next to him, a vendor of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who gave his ware a fancy name each day, calling it Bombay ice cream.

c) The astrologer told Guru Nayak that the person who stabbed him died \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ months ago and Guru Nayak’s village is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day’s journey.

d) The money counted by his wife was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ annas and she planned to buy some \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the next day for her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

e) The astrologer said,’ That was the reason why I ran away, settled here and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_you. He is alive’ She gasped,’You tried to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’.

B] a) People came to him when the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was on his last \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Dr \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ often got angry.

b) The visiting fee of this doctor was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rupees. He was not a mere doctor expressing an opinion but a judge pronouncing a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

c) On the bed lay his dearest friend in the world, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.They had known each other for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_years now.

d) He rushed off straight from the clinic to his friend’s house, in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He knew the family affairs too well and about those wolves, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and his gang. e) He clutched the doctor’s hand saying, ’I can’t leave my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ; that will mean endless misery for my wife and children.

C] a) The owners of the dog named the puppy, ’Attila’ after the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

b) The immediate reason for buying was a series of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

c) They paid rupees \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_after a month and the puppy home. The mother of the family complained that somebody comes every morning and steals \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

d) Attila’s Greatest ambition in life was to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the streets. The thief lived in a hut \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the town.

e)The thief,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stumbled over Attila and fell and a piece of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ belonging the family, flew from his hand.