

Greenlawn's high School, Mumbai

Terminal Examination 2020

Time: 2 hours

Literature in English

Marks: 60

Std. IX A / B / C

You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes. This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

*Attempt **four** questions in all.*

*You must attempt **one** question from each of the sections A, B and C, and the **fourth** question from any of the Sections A, B and C.*

SECTION A- DRAMA

Compulsory to attempt one 15 marks Reference to Context

The Merchant of Venice: Shakespeare [15]

Question 1

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

Antonio: In sooth, I know not why I am so sad.

- i) What does Antonio have to say about his sadness? (3)
- ii) To what does Salarino compare Antonio's ships? (3)
- iii) What would Salarino do if he had ventures like Antonio? (3)
- iv) What are the three things Salarino would do or see that would make him aware of the dangers to his ships? (3)
- v) Why is Antonio not worried about his business ventures? (3)

Question 2

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

Nerissa: First there is the Neapolitan prince. [15]

- i) What was Portia's opinion about the Neapolitan prince? (3)
- ii) What did Portia have to say about County Palatine? (3)
- iii) Nerissa spoke about a young gentleman who visited them during the time Portia's father was living. Who is this gentleman? How does Nerissa describe him? With whom had he come to Belmont? (3)
- iv) When Portia complains about her will being curbed by the will of her deceased father. What words of praise does Nerissa bestow on Portia's father and his lottery of the casket? (3)
 - a. Explain the following lines: "Such a hare is madness the youth, to skip o'er the meshes of good counsel the cripple." (3)

SECTION B – POETRY

Compulsory to attempt **one** 15 marks Reference to Context

A Collection of Poems

Question 3

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

The rich man sat back and thought [15]

- i) Where was the rich man sitting? What did he think about? (3)
- ii) How did the rich man describe the poor? How many people were present at this time? (3)
- iii) What kind of weather was prevalent at that moment? What did the poor man do to tackle the weather? (3)

- iv) What kind of a person was the last man of this group of people? What word does the poet use to describe this group of people? (3)
- v) What brought about the end to this group of people? What lesson does one learn from this poem? (3)

Question 4

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

Some are purple and gold flecked grey. [15]

- i) Who wore purple and gold flecked grey bangles? Why are her hands important? (3)
- ii) What did her love do? Whom had she served? How? What reward did she get for her servitude? (3)
- iii) What kind of bangles were worn by the bride? (3)
- iv) Where were the bangle sellers going? Who were their customers? (3)
- v) “Like her bridal laughter and bridal tear”.
Mention the figure of speech in the above line and explain it. (3)

SECTION C- PROSE

Compulsory to attempt one 15 marks Reference to Context

A collection of short stories

Question 5

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

“I am without politics”, he said. [15]

- i) What does the old man mean by the words, “I am without politics?” How old is he? (3)
- ii) Describe the physical appearance of the old man. (3)
- iii) What all animals did the old man own? (3)
- iv) What business was the narrator engaged in? (3)
- v) What was “all the good luck that old man would ever have” ?
From which town did the old man come? (3)

Question 6

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

“He suddenly looked up at the clay horse and cried, “Marvellous”, without completing his sentence. [15]

- i) Describe the clay horse that the American marvelled at. (3)
- ii) What did the beautiful statue next to the clay horse look like? (3)
- iii) What incident took place in the American’s life that brought him to India? (3)
- iv) What was the miscommunication between Muni and the American? (3)
- v) What food did Muni’s wife prepare for him for breakfast and lunch? (3)

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