

# Greenlawn high School, Mumbai

## Preliminary Examinations 2021

Time: 1.5 hours

Literature in English

Marks: 60

Std. X A / B / C

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

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*Attempt six questions in all.*

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### SECTION A- DRAMA

*The Merchant of Venice: Shakespeare*

[10]

#### Question 1

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

***Salarino: "Why, man I saw Bassanio under sail?"***

- i. Where is Bassanio setting sail for? Why? (2)
- ii. Who went along with Bassanio? Why was Bassanio reluctant at first to take this person? (2)
- iii. Whom did Shylock think was in Bassanio's ship? (2)
- iv. Who did Shylock wake up with outcries rais'd? What was the Duke given to understand? (2)
- v. Who all followed Shylock in Venice? What did they cry out after him? (2)

## Question 2

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

***Bassanio: Good cheer Antonio! What, man, courage yet!*** [10]

- i. What is Bassanio willing to give Shylock to save Antonio's life right at this moment? (2)
- ii. What is Antonio's response to Bassanio? (2)
- iii. Why does Antonio want Bassanio to live? Nerissa enters the scene now, how is she dressed? (2)
- iv. What is Shylock doing at the moment? Why? (2)
- v. What according to Gratiano is not as sharp as Shylock's malice? What is the meaning of 'wit'? (2)

## SECTION B – POETRY

### A Collection of poems

## Question 3

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

***It was a summer evening,  
Old Kaspar's work was done,*** [10]

- i. Where was old Kaspar seated? (2)
- ii. What was old Kaspar's grandson doing? What did he find? (2)
- iii. Name the granddaughter of old Kaspar? What question did she pose to her grandfather? (2)
- iv. Whose dwelling was burnt to the ground? What was he forced to do? Who were with him? (2)
- v. Name the two countries who fought in the Battle of Blenheim. Who were the two war heroes? (2)

#### Question 4

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

*The athletes had come from so many countries.*

- i. For what did the athletes come? What did they run for? (2)
- ii. Who all were running around the field? Who were they cheering? (2)
- iii. What called out the names of all the runners? Which metre race were they running? (2)
- iv. What was the mishap that took place? (2)
- v. Why is it called a special event? (2)

#### SECTION C- PROSE: A Collection of short stories

#### Question 5

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

*From before Kipling time, the school had been run on English public-school lines, and the boys; most of them from wealthy Indian families, wore blazers, caps and ties.* [10]

- i. Who was Mr Oliver? Where was the school? (2)
- ii. What was the school once called? Where was this school featured? (2)
- iii. What was the Simla Bazaar famous for? (2)
- iv. What was Mr Oliver's usual leisure activity? (2)
- v. Who were the strange people Mr Oliver encountered? What was strange about them? (2)

#### Question 6

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

*At Denver there was an influx of passengers into the coaches on the eastbound B & M Express.* [10]

- i. Describe Miss Fairchild who was on board the B & M Express. (2)
- ii. What were the physical traits of Mr. Easton and the glum faced man? (2)
- iii. Where was Mr Easton being taken? Why? (2)
- iv. A. Who was one of the suitors of Miss Fairchild? (1)  
B. How do we know that Miss Fairchild was fascinated by Mr Easton's life in the west? (1)
- v. Who was the real Marshal? How do we know this? (2)

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