

GREENLAWNS HIGH SCHOOL

TERMINAL EXAMINATION YEAR 2022-23

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LITERATURE

CLASS: X

TIME: 1½ HOURS

MARKS: 60

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answers to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.
- You will not be allowed to write during the first ten minutes.
- This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.
- The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.
- The paper has four sections.
- Section A is compulsory- All questions from Section A must be answered.
- You must attempt one question from each of the sections B, C, and D and one other question from any section of your choice.
- The intended marks for the questions or parts of questions are given in brackets []

SECTION A

(Attempt all questions from this section) [12]

Question 1

Read the following questions and choose the most appropriate response from the choices given below. (Please do not copy the question- simply write out in correct serial order the appropriate word or phrase)

1. How did Sibia know about finery?
  - a. She knew a goldsmith from the village.
  - b. She had learnt it from her mother.
  - c. She had been to the bazaar with her parents and her brothers.
  - d. She had made many necklaces with a blue bead.
2. According to Owens what would happen if Luz Long won the Olympics?
  - a. He would become the next Olympic Champion.
  - b. It would add support to the Nazis' Aryan superiority theory.
  - c. Only then Luz Long would become friends with him.
  - d. Then Owens would be able to follow the advice of Luz Long.
3. "It's like a penny," she said. What is "it"?
  - a. Blue bead
  - b. Eyes of the crocodile.
  - c. Goose
  - d. Sun
4. The vision of the grandmother does not represent the little girl's need for         
  - a. A parental figure.
  - b. Love and affection

- c. Money  
d. A caring parent.
5. There is an allusion towards the Greek mythological figure of \_\_\_\_\_ in "Alack it was I who leapt at the sun."  
a. Aphrodite  
b. Thisbe  
c. Troilus  
d. Icarus.
6. "A free bird leaps ... and floats downstream." Which literary device is seen in this line?  
a. Auditory imagery.  
b. Olfactory imagery.  
c. Kinesthetic imagery.  
d. Simile.
7. What was Abou Ben Adhem doing when the angel visited him?  
a. He was reading a holy book.  
b. Kneeling and praying.  
c. He was in deep and peaceful slumber.  
d. He was writing in a book.
8. What did the banner say?  
a. Winter Olympics  
b. Summer Olympics  
c. Super special Olympics  
d. Special Olympics
9. What did one of the creditors of Antonio have with him according to Tubal?  
a. The bond of Shylock  
b. Three thousand ducats of Antonio  
c. The turquoise ring of Shylock  
d. Fourscore ducats of Jessica.
10. What is the name given to the person who comes to judge Antonio's trial?  
a. Doctor Bellario  
b. Doctor Beldarino  
c. Lorenzo  
d. Balthazar
11. Which of these Greek figures Lorenzo does not include in his conversation with Jessica in Act V?  
a. Troilus  
b. Dido  
c. Cressida  
d. Thisbe



12. "I am the unhappy subject of these quarrels." Who is the speaker?

- a. Shylock
- b. Bassanio
- c. Antonio
- d. Gratiano

**SECTION B**

(Answer *one or more* questions from this section)

**DRAMA**

(Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare)

Question 2

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

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Bassanio: So may the outward shows be least themselves:

The world is still deceived with ornament.

In law what plea so tainted and corrupt,

But, being seasoned with gracious voice,

'Obscures the show of evil? In religion,

What damned error, but some sober brow

Will bless it and approve it with a test,

Hiding the grossness with fair ornament?"

1. Explain the following lines:

(3)

a. In law what plea so tainted and corrupt,

But, being seasoned with gracious voice,

'Obscures the show of evil?

{1½}

b. In religion,

What damned error, but some sober brow

Will bless it and approve it with a test,

Hiding the grossness with fair ornament?

{1½}

2. Whose hearts are compared to stairs of sand by Bassanio? How does he describe these people?

(3)

3. Why does Bassanio say that beauty can be purchased? How does it make the wearer look according to Bassanio? (3)
4. Later in this same extract what does Bassanio refer to as 'the dowry of a second head'. What does he mean by this statement? (3)

**Question 3**

Jessica: In such a night

Medea gather'd the enchanted herbs

That did renew old Aeson.

1. Who is the listener? How does the listener accuse Jessica for the first time immediately after the above extract? (3)
2. How did Jessica respond to this accusation by the listener? (3)
3. Who was Medea? When and why did she gather herbs? (3)
4. Besides Medea, which other Greek woman does Jessica mention before this extract? What does she speak about that person? (3)

**SECTION C**

(Answer one or more questions from this section)

**PROSE – SHORT STORIES**

(Treasure Trove- A Collection of ICSE Poems and Short stories)

**Question 4**

[12]

Read the extract from Norah Burke's The Blue Bead given below and answer the questions that follow:

She was within a yard of the crocodile when he lunged at her.

Up out of the darkling water heaved the great reptile, water slushing off him, his livid jaws yawning and all his teeth flashing as he slashed at her leg.

1. Who was "she"? What had "she" brought along with her? What made her go "within a yard of the crocodile"? (3)
2. How did "she" react when the crocodile attacked her? What happened when she tried to go away from the crocodile? What did "she" do to save herself? (3)
3. Who came to help her? Describe the way this person came to help her. (3)
4. How did the person who came to the rescue attack the crocodile? (3)

**Question 5**

[12]

Read the extract from Hans Christian Anderson's The Little Match Girl given below and answer the questions that follow:



She struck another match, and suddenly she was sitting under the most beautiful Christmas tree.

1. How has the writer described the Christmas tree? (3)
2. What happened to one of the objects of the Christmas tree later? (3) →
3. Why did the little match girl say, "Now someone is dying"?  
According to you what did the Christmas tree stand for the little match girl? (3) *Are marks correct*
4. What did the little match girl see after the Christmas tree?  
What did she tell that vision? (3)

### SECTION D

(Answer one or more questions from this section)

### PROSE – POETRY

(Treasure Trove- A Collection of ICSE Poems and Short stories)

#### Question 6

[12]

Read the extract from Robert Browning's *The Patriot* given below and answer the questions that follow:

It was roses, roses, all the way,  
With myrtle mixed in my path like mad  
The house-roofs seemed to heave and sway,  
The church-spires flamed, such flags they had  
A year ago on this very day.

1. Name the figure of speech of the first line.  
Name and explain the figure of speech of the second line. (3)
2. Name and explain the figure of speech of the third line.  
Name the figure of speech of the fourth line. (3)
3. The narrator further tells the way "they" had welcomed him in the past.  
Describe their welcome. What would "they" have given him? (3)
4. How were "they" welcoming the narrator in the present? Which was the best place for them to assemble in the present? (3)

#### Question 7

[12]

Read the extract from David Roth's *Nine Gold Medals* given below and answer the questions that follow:

The loudspeakers called out the names of the runners  
The one hundred metres the race to be run

**And nine young athletes stood there determined  
And poised for the sound of the gun.**

1. **What was the scene at the field when the race was about to start?  
How do we come to know that the athletes have worked very hard for the race?** (3)
2. **Did all the athletes have the same nationality? Give reason for the same. Which incident happened as soon as the gun exploded?** (3)
3. **State any three morals that you learn from this poem.** (3)
4. **How did the nine athletes conduct the one hundred metres race?  
What was written on the banner above the finishing line?  
How apt is the title of the poem with reference to this incident?** (3)



The church-spires flamed, such flags they had  
A year ago on this very day, and that day  
With myrtle mixed in my path like sand  
It was roses, roses, all the way,  
The house-trees seemed to bend and sway.

1. Name the figure of speech of the first line.
2. Name and explain the figure of speech of the second line.
3. Name and explain the figure of speech of the third line.
4. Name the figure of speech of the fourth line.
5. The narrator further tells the way they had returned him in the past. Describe their welcome. What would they have given him? (3)
6. How were they welcoming the ancestor in the present? Which was the best place for them to assemble in the present? (3)

Read the extract from David Roth's 'Nine Gold Medals' given below and answer the questions that follow:

The loudspeakers called out the names of the runners  
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