

GREENLAWNS HIGH SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2023-24

STD: X
SUB: ENGLISH LITERATURE

TIME: 2 HOURS
MARKS: 80

- The paper has **four** sections.
- **Section A** is compulsory- All questions in 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 questions are given in brackets []
- Answers to this paper must be written in the answer sheet which is provided separately.
- You are not allowed to write during the first 15 minutes. This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

SECTION A

(Attempt *all* questions from this section)

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.) (16)

1. Who is kept in charge of Portia's household in her absence?
 - a. Launcelot
 - b. Lorenzo
 - c. Gratiano
 - d. Salerio
2. Launcelot: The sins of the father are to be laid upon the children. Who is the 'father' mentioned here?
 - a. Portia's father
 - b. Bassanio's father
 - c. Launcelot's father
 - d. Jessica's father
3. According to Launcelot, how is Lorenzo not a good member of the commonwealth?
 - a. He was kind to Shylock.
 - b. By converting the Jews to Christians, he had raised the price of the pork.
 - c. He helped Jessica betray Shylock.
 - d. He allowed Jessica to spend money freely.
4. Why did Shylock want the knife earnestly?
 - a. To persuade the duke.

- b. To scare Antonio.
c. To cut the forfeiture from Antonio.
d. For speedy justice.
5. What does Shylock tell the goaler?
a. Not to ask Shylock to be merciful towards Antonio.
b. Not to plead for Antonio to the Duke.
c. Not to reveal about Shylock's idea of revenge to anybody.
d. Not to allow Bassanio to visit Antonio.
6. How did Dr. Bellario recommend the lawyer Balthazar?
a. Through his letter.
b. Through a messenger.
c. Through his ring.
d. Through Gratiano.
7. "We'll keep her a day or two longer; she is so weak and helpless", said Mrs. Joe Thompson. Which of the following words best describe Mrs. Joe Thompson's feelings at this moment?
a. Cruel and harsh
b. No empathy
c. Compassion and love.
d. Indifferent to Maggie.
8. Choose the option that lists the sequence of events in the correct order:
1. Maggie lost her slippers trying to escape two carriages.
2. Maggie was wearing slippers when she had left home.
3. Maggie huddled down in a heap in a corner formed by two houses.
4. Maggie walked about the streets on her naked feet which were red and blue with cold.
a. 1,2,3,4
b. 3,1, 4,2
c. 2, 1, 4, 3
d. 4, 3, 2, 1
9. Which of the following statements of the crocodile is NOT true?
a. He had prospered catching all the food he needed and storing it in hole in the bank.
b. Nothing could pierce its thick armoured hide.
c. He never liked to sun himself with other crocodiles.
d. He had lived by his brainless craft and ferocity.
10. I was told that Hitler had kept him under wraps. Which of the following meanings best explains the underlined phrase?
a. Trained him well.
b. Spoken well about him.
c. Kept hidden.
d. Kept subdued.

11. They could not meet each other's glances. Their faces were solemn and pale. Which of the following words best describe the feeling of the children?
- Anger.
 - Frustration.
 - Guilty.
 - Sadness.
12. "Fluttering and dancing in the breeze". Which of the following lines contain the same literary device as the one mentioned here?
- I wandered lonely as a cloud.
 - I gazed and gazed but little thought.
 - The waves beside them danced.
 - When all at once I saw a crowd.
13. Name the poet of "I know why the caged bird sings".
- Robert Browning
 - William Wordsworth
 - Maya Angelou
 - David Roth
14. Thus I entered, and thus I go! Which of the following words best describe the tone of the poet in this line?
- Sorrowful and satirical.
 - Happy and contented.
 - Compassionate and kind.
 - Empathetic and loving.
15. Which of the following best describes the theme of the poem About Ben Adhem?
- God helps those who help themselves.
 - Love of mankind is love of God.
 - Aim higher to get God's blessings.
 - Reality is often disappointing.
16. Which event from the Olympic Games is mentioned by the poet?
- First event.
 - Second event.
 - Final event.
 - Third event.

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:

Antonio: You may as well do anything most hard.

As seek to soften that, --- than which what's harder?---

His Jewish heart: therefore, I do beseech you,

Make no more efforts, use no further means,

But with all brief and plain conveniency

Let me have judgement, and the Jew his will.

1. To whom does Antonio say "make no more efforts"? Which judgement is Antonio referring to? Give one word to describe Antonio's mood at this moment. [3]
2. How much money is offered to the Jew immediately after the above extract? How did he respond? [3]
3. Just before the above extract Antonio gives three comparisons to prove that it is impossible to change the Jew. Mention the three comparisons given by Antonio. [3]
4. Just before this extract the Jew explains how the mistress of passion directs ones emotions to like or dislike something. State any three examples given by the Jew [3]
5. Immediately after this extract the Jew compares the behaviour of the Christians towards slaves to his behaviour. Explain the comparison. [4]

Question 3

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

Lorenzo: My friend Stephano, signify, I pray you,

Within the house, your mistress is at hand.

And bring your music forth into the air.

How sweet the moonlight sleeps upon this bank!

Here will we sit, and let the sound of music

Creep in our ears: soft stillness and the night

Become the touches of sweet harmony.

Sit Jessica.

1. What message is brought by Stephano earlier in the scene? [3]
2. How did Lorenzo describe the sky and the music in the universe? [3]
3. Why according to Lorenzo we, humans cannot hear the music produced by our immortal souls? Which Roman Goddess does Lorenzo mention now when he speaks with the musicians? What is the result of sweet music on Jessica? [3]

4. How does Lorenzo explain the power of music with the help of wild and wanton herd? [3]
5. Which Roman poet is mentioned by Lorenzo now? What are Lorenzo's views on men who cannot appreciate music? [4]

SECTION C

(Answer one or more questions from this section)

POETRY

(Treasure Trove- A collection of ICSE Poems and Short Stories)

Question 4

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

The air broke into a mist with bells,

The old walls rocked with the crowd and cries.

Had I said, "Good folk, mere noise repels-

But give me your sun from yonder skies!"

They had answered, "And afterward, what else?"

1. How did the people welcome the patriot in the beginning of the poem? [3]
2. How does the patriot express his regret immediately after the above - mentioned lines? [3]
3. Explain the contrasting scene of the house -tops and spectators described after this regret experienced by the patriot. [3]
4. What is the condition of the patriot as he walks towards his punishment? [3]
5. Mention any two themes reflected in the poem The Patriot. List any one adjectives to describe the people and one adjective to describe the patriot from the poem. [4]

Question 5

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

Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase)

Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,

1. Name and explain the figure of speech used in the second line mentioned above. Name the poet. [3]
2. How has the poet described the room of Abou Ben Adhem? Name and explain the figure of speech used in this description? [3]

3. Whom did Abou Ben Adhem see in his room? What was it doing? Why was Abou not afraid of it? [3]
4. What did Abou ask the presence in the room for the first time? How did it respond? What was the reply? [3]
5. What did Abou tell the presence to do? When did the presence visit Abou again? What did the presence show Abou then? [4]

SECTION D

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

PROSE

(Treasure Trove- A collection of ICSE Poems and Short Stories)

Question 6

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

She pulled one out- scr-r-ratch!- how it spluttered and burnt! It had a warm, bright flame like a tiny candle when she held her hand over it- but what a strange light!

1. Why did "she" not dare to go home? What is the setting of the story? [3]
2. Describe her home. [3]
3. What first vision did "she" see after she struck the match? [3]
4. Who had been good to her always? What had this person told her? When did "she" meet this person in the story? [3]
5. Describe the second vision seen by the girl when she struck the match. [4]

Question 7

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

But Sibia, in all her life from birth to death, was marked for work.

1. Why did the writer make the above statement? [3]
2. Where was Sibia going with her mother? How did they sell their produce? [3]
3. How has the writer described the economic disparity through the work done by Sibia and her mother? [3]
4. What had Sibia stored in the caves? How was she planning to decorate it? What was Sibia also making? [3]
5. For how long would the nomads live in the Gujar encampment? [4]