

Greenlawns School, Worli  
Final Examination

Std: VIII  
Date: 16/02/24

English Literature

Marks: 80  
Time: 2 hrs

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**Question 1**

Choose the correct option:

[16]

1. The word, 'boding' means:
  - a) expecting the worse
  - b) wading through water
  - c) bright
  - d) absent without permission
  
2. The poem, 'The Village Schoolmaster' is composed by:
  - a) Oliver Goldsmith
  - b) Oscar Wilde
  - c) Osnam Smith
  - d) Ruskin Bond
  
3. '*She Stoops to Conquer*' is a:
  - a) Musical
  - b) Play
  - c) A Novel
  - d) A famous poem
  
4. The novel 'Great Expectations' was written by:
  - a) Victor Hugo
  - b) Gulzar
  - c) William Hardy
  - d) Charles Dickens
  
5. The word, 'ephemeral' means:
  - a) lasting a short time
  - b) eternity
  - c) not real
  - d) immortal
  
6. Frescoes are:
  - a) paintings made on a dry plaster surface
  - b) paintings made on a moist plaster surface
  - c) sculptures made of marble
  - d) paintings on an oil canvas
  
7. The word 'altar' means:
  - a) A special ceremony
  - b) A special table
  - c) To modify or change something
  - d) The place between two rows of seats

8. The word, 'urchin' means:
- a) a beggar
  - b) a homeless child
  - c) an old coin
  - d) a rich man
9. Michelangelo spent these many years in Rome:
- a) 3 years
  - b) 5 years
  - c) 8 years
  - d) 4 years
10. The phrase 'heedful mind' refers to:
- a) A clever tactic
  - b) An evil plan
  - c) pay careful attention to
  - d) a joyful state
11. In the poem, 'Going Downhill on a Bicycle', 'Feathery life' refers to:
- a) The speed of the cycle
  - b) The bird
  - c) The light and pleasant feeling
  - d) Feel delighted
12. The phrase, 'lazy foot of Time' referred by Rosalind conveys:
- a) That time is passing quickly
  - b) Personification of Time
  - c) A Metaphor
  - d) A Transferred Epithet
13. The name ATTILA refers to:
- a) Soldiers of Europe
  - b) Scourge of Europe
  - c) Julius Caesar's Victory
  - d) Thunder and lightning.
- 14) The colour of the puppy was:
- a) Brown,
  - b) Black,
  - c) Black and white
  - d) White
- 15) Before taking home, the puppy family paid:
- a) Rs.20
  - b) Rs.70
  - c) Rs.50
  - d) Rs.75

16) The Astrologer's wife counted the amount to be:

- a) 10 annas
- b) 20 and half annas
- c) 12 annas
- d) 12 and half annas

**DRAMA: AS YOU LIKE IT**

QI Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: [30]

**A] Celia: 'You must borrow me Gargantua's mouth first: 'tis a word too great for any mouth of this age's size. To say 'ay' and 'no' to these particulars is more than to answer in a catechism.'**

- i) To whom is Celia speaking ? Where are they and what are they doing? What does 'me Gargantua's mouth' signify? (4)
- ii) Earlier, what had the person spoken about for Celia to reply in this manner? (3)
- iii) How is 'Catechism' suitable in this context? (3)
- iv) Draw a character sketch of Celia and Rosalind in your own words (4)

**B] Rosalind: '...Believe then, if you please, that I can do**

**strange things. I have, since I was three years**

**old, conversed with a magician, most profound in his art and yet not damnable.'**

- i) According to Rosalind, how could she do strange things? (3)
- ii) What is meant by the phrase 'so near the heart'? Give two incidents to show that Orlando loves Rosalind 'so near the heart' (3)
- iii) Into what straits of fortune has Rosalind been driven? State clearly with whom time ambles. With whom does it trot? (4)
- iv) State any four traits of a true lover as stated by Rosalind (2)
- v) Explain the lines: (4)
  - a) Men are April, when they woo,  
December, when they wed:  
Maids are may when they are maids,  
but the sky changes when they are wives.

**Prose:**

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

**A] After a long silence, the man lifted his head for another moment, and replied, 'Yes...I am working.'**

- i) Describe Dr Manette's appearance in your own words (3)
- ii) How did the shoemaker respond each time a question was put to him? Why do you think he responds in this manner? (3)

**B] 'Before the Pope could finish Michelangelo had walked out.'**

- i) What was the task given to Michelangelo by the Pope? (3)
- ii) What was the inspiration for painting mother Mary? (3)

**Poetry:**

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

**A] 'Speed slackens now , I float**

**Awhile in my airy boat**

- i) Elucidate the line, 'The longest hill  
Must end in a vale; but still,  
Who climbs with toil, wheresoe'er,  
Shall find wings waiting there' (3)

**B] 'Lands he could measure, terms and tides presage'**

- i) As mentioned in the given extract, elaborate the skills he displayed. (3)  
ii) How would the schoolmaster defeat the parson? (3)  
iii) Where was the school located? Give the meaning of the word, 'furze' (2)  
iv) Name the poet (1)

**QIV** Rapid Reader

**A] Match the column: (Write in complete sentences: eg: Greenlawns School----Worli) [5]**

1	The astrologer	a	Raja's Delicacy
2	Guru Nayak	b	bought jaggery and coconut
3	Wife	c	did business in the afternoon
4	Vendor	d	left for dead
5	An auctioneer	e	cheap cloth
		f	Stolen hardware
		g	Medicine seller

**B] Fill in the blanks: [5]**

1. 'He eats like \_\_\_\_\_. You can employ two \_\_\_\_\_ for the price of the rice and \_\_\_\_\_ he consumes.
2. Please lock him in a room at night. Otherwise, he may call in a \_\_\_\_\_ and show him round. Left alone, he might be less \_\_\_\_\_.

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