

# Greenlawn's high School, Mumbai

Final Examination 2024

Std IX

Literature in English

20/02/2024

English Paper-2

Maximum Marks: 80

Time allowed: Two hours.

Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes.

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of the paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

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 or parts of questions are given in brackets [ ].

## 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]

- (i) What do the contents of the letter wish Brutus to do?
  - (a) awake
  - (b) strike
  - (c) redress
  - (d) all of the above
  
- (ii) According to Brutus, why is an oath not necessary?
  - (a) Only cowards and priests swear oaths.
  - (b) It is not required.
  - (c) It is optional.
  - (d) It can be broken.
  
- (iii) Why does Brutus not want Cicero to be a part of the conspiracy?
  - (a) Cicero is not trustworthy.
  - (b) Cicero will not carry out the plans.
  - (c) Cicero is Caesar's confidant.
  - (d) None of the above.

- (iv) What does Brutus consider Antony to be?
- (a) A shadow of Caesar.
  - (b) A follower of Caesar.
  - (c) A limb of Caesar.
  - (d) An accomplice of Caesar.
- (v) Where was Artemidorus standing?
- (a) In front of Caesar's house.
  - (b) In a street near the Capitol.
  - (c) In the Capitol.
  - (d) Before the Capitol.
- (vi) According to Portia, what was Brutus' condition when he left earlier?
- (a) Brutus was physically sick.
  - (b) Brutus was mentally upset.
  - (c) Brutus had a severe headache.
  - (d) (a) and (b).
- (vii) As the log of wood pushed into the river water, what else went into it?
- (a) Phatik's friend
  - (b) Makhan's clothes
  - (c) Makhan's philosophy
  - (d) Phatik's shoes
- (viii) How did Phatik feel in his uncle's house?
- (a) happy
  - (b) excited
  - (c) unwelcomed guest
  - (d) None of these
- (ix) One day at school, what did Phatik lose?
- (a) school bag.
  - (b) wooden slate.
  - (c) lesson book.
  - (d) notebook.
- (x) Where did Mrs. Srivastava find Mrs. Bhushan sheltering herself from the heat?
- (a) Fig tree.
  - (b) Mango tree.
  - (c) Pipal tree.
  - (d) Tamarind tree.

- (xi) Who ran out of the barber's shop with one side of his neck still unshaven?  
(a) Deep Chand  
(b) Seth Govind Ram  
(c) An elderly gentleman  
(d) Mr. Bhushan
- (xii) Which of these figures of speech is extensively used in the poem 'A Work of Artifice'?  
(a) Personification  
(b) Metaphor  
(c) Simile  
(d) Alliteration.
- (xiii) Which of these attributes is generally associated with women by men in patriarchal societies?  
(a) strength.  
(b) weakness  
(c) intelligence  
(d) toughness.
- (xiv) What did the speaker think of the flames that appeared all of a sudden?  
(a) They could be potassium flames.  
(b) They were ordinary flames.  
(c) They could be magnesium flames.  
(d) Some building must be on fire.
- (xv) What did the couple trip over?  
(a) a stone  
(b) a dead body  
(c) a piece of wood  
(d) the head of a dead man
- (xvi) Who provided the towel to the doctor?  
(a) a soldier  
(b) an injured man  
(c) a woman  
(d) his wife

## SECTION B

(Answer one or more questions from this Section.)

### DRAMA

(Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare)

#### Question 2

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

**Decius :** *For I can give his humour the true bent,  
And I will bring him to the Capitol.*

- (i) a. To whom was Decius speaking? Where was Decius? Who was 'him'? [3]  
b. Explain the above line : "For I can give his humour the true bent."
- (ii) A moment before, the listener expressed his doubts about 'him' coming to the Capitol. Why was the listener doubtful whether 'him' will come to the Capitol? [3]
- (iii) According to Decius, how were different animals trapped? Give only two examples. How were men trapped? [3]
- (iv) Metellus said, "I wonder none of you have thought of him" To whom was 'him' referring? Why did Metellus believe that 'him' will be interested in being included in their enterprise? [3]
- (v) Before his friends could part, what advice did the leader of the enterprise give his friends. Give one adjective to describe the leader of this enterprise? [4]

#### Question 3

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

**Caesar:** I will let you know

*Calphurnia here, my wife stays me at home.*

- (i) Who was 'you'? What made Caesar decide to tell 'you' the real reason for him wanting to stay home? [3]
- (ii) What reasons did Caesar give 'you' for wanting to stay at home? [3]
- (iii) After Caesar stated his real reason as to why he wanted to stay at home. Immediately, what did 'you' say to convince Caesar to not stay at home? [3]
- (iv) a) According to 'you', what was the Senate proposing to do that day? What might happen if Caesar did not go to the meeting? [3]  
b) What was the final statement made by 'you' to convince Caesar to attend the meeting?
- (v) a) At this juncture, name the persons who enter. [3]  
b) What was this particular day known as? [4]

## SECTION C

(Answer **one or more** questions from this Section.)

### PROSE – SHORT STORIES

(Treasure Chest – A Collection of ICSE Poems and Short Stories)

#### Question 4

Read the extract from *Rabindranath Tagore's* short story, 'The Home-coming' given below and answer the questions that follow:

*"Everyone seconded the proposal, and it was carried unanimously."*

- (i) What was 'the proposal' made by Phatik? [3]
- (ii) Who was responsible for spoiling 'the proposal'? How did he go about doing it? [3]
- (iii) How did the 'spoiler of the proposal' react to Phatik's mischievous act? [3]
- (iv) a. What did Phatik's mother daily fear he would do to 'the spoiler of the proposal'? [3]  
b. Who came to visit Phatik's mother? Whom did he offer to take? What did he promise to do?
- (v) In his new home, Phatik felt suffocated, what did he remember about his native place? [4]

#### Question 5

Read the following extract from Ruskin Bond's short story, 'The Boy who Broke the Bank,' and answer the questions that follow:

*"Nathu grumbled too himself...."*

- (i) Who was Nathu? Where did he work? Who was his employer? [3]
- (ii) How did Nathu do his work? [3]
- (iii) To whom did Nathu previously complain? What was Nathu's complaint? [3]
- (iv) Why was everyone astonished by Ganpat? [3]
- (v) a. What was the rumour that spread like a forest fire?  
b. What were the rumours circulating about a **certain individual** who was responsible for this situational crisis? [4]

## SECTION D

(Answer any one or more questions from this Section.)

### POETRY

#### (Treasure Trove – A Collection of ICSE Poems and Short Stories)

##### Question 6

Read the following extract from the poem 'A Work of Artifice' by Marge Piercy and answer the questions that follow:

*'The bonsai tree  
in the attractive pot'*

- (i) What was 'bonsai'? [3]
- (ii) What was the actual growth potential of the bonsai tree? How did the gardener limit its potential? To what height did he reduce it? [3]
- (iii) What did the gardener croon to the 'bonsai tree'? [3]
- (iv) The poet said, "With living creatures one must begin very early" To whom were 'living creatures' referring? What must one begin doing very early to 'living creatures'? [3]
- (v) In the last two lines of the poem,  
"the hands you  
love to touch."  
a. To whom was 'you' referring? What was the grim reminder given to 'you'?  
b. The gardener and the bonsai tree were examples of extended metaphors. Give the meanings of the following extended metaphors:  
a. whittling and pruning  
b. pot  
c. cozy attractive pot [4]

##### Question 7

Read the following extract from the poem 'A Doctor's Journal Entry for August 6, 1945' by Vikram Seth and answer the questions that follow:

*"Where was my wife?" Alarmed, I gave a shout*

- (i) Who was 'I'? What was the name of 'I's' wife? What was her physical and emotional state like? [3]
- (ii) What injuries did 'I' sustain? [3]
- (iii) "My mind  
Ran at high speed, my body crept behind."

What did this reveal about 'I's' condition? Name the figure of speech in this line.

[3]

(iv) What was common among all the victims of the holocaust? Why was this so? What did 'I' not hear? [3]

(v) a. What caused this tragedy to take place? When did this tragedy take place? [4]

b. What kind of a poem is this?

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