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**GREENLAWNS HIGH SCHOOL**  
**TERMINAL EXAMINATION 2017-18**

**SUB : ENGLISH - II**  
**TIME : 2 HOURS**

**CLASS : X**  
**MARKS : 80**

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Attempt five Questions in all. You must attempt one question from each of the sections A, B and C and any other two questions.

**SECTION 'A' DRAMA**

Q.I. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions [16]

Nerissa : 'Quick, quick I pray thee;

Draw the curtain straight:

The Prince of Arragon has taken his oath

And comes to his election presently'

- a) What are the conditions that the Prince of Arragon reiterates before making his choice? (3)
- b) Of what substance were the caskets made? What was inscribed on each of them? (3)
- c) A little later in the play Portia says, "Let music sound while he doth make his choice. Then if he lose, he make a swan like end." Explain the lines with reference to the context. (3)
- d) What comment does Bassanio make about Portia's lips and hair when he sees her portrait? (3)
- e) What is Nerissa's opinion about Portia's father with regard to the lottery? Mention any one adjective to describe the suitors who tried the lottery of the caskets. What appeals to you about Portia as she goes through the ordeal of the suitors choosing the casket? (4)

Q.II. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. [16]

Antonio : "Content in faith : I'll seal to such a bond

And say there is much kindness in the Jew."

- a) What is Bassanio's response to the lines given in the extract? How does Antonio appease Bassanio? (3)
- b) What does Bassanio need from Antonio? Why? What is Antonio's predicament? (3)
- c) Where are Antonio and Bassanio at present? What does Antonio suggest Bassanio do to supply his needs? Which trait of Antonio's personality comes to the fore in the above extract? (3)

- d) For what prime reason did Shylock hate Antonio? What was Shylock's plan in agreeing to help Bassanio? (3)
- e) What were the terms of the bond which Shylock wanted Antonio to sign as a merry sport? Why is there a marked difference in Shylock's hatred towards Antonio during the trial scene? (4)

### SECTION 'B' POETRY

Q.III. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. [16]

' – and now the thought arose  
That some strange thing had stripped us of our clothes'

- a) How has the narrator described the morning? How was he enjoying this morning? (3)
- b) What startled the narrator? How did his surroundings change? (3)
- c) What did the narrator find weird? How badly was the narrator hurt by this sudden happening? How did he react? (3)
- d) What sight did the narrator see after his wife left? What did he then understand? (3)
- e) Which incident does the poem highlight? What is its implicit message? Is there a symbolic meaning to the lines given in the extract? (4)

Q.IV. Read the extract given below and answer the following question s: [16]

'I believe if a pebble is thrown upwards  
I can pierce the heavens  
And see the angels at play'

- a) What is the poet trying to portray in the above lines? Where is the poet from? What is she renowned for? (3)
- b) What examples has the poet cited of courage and fearlessness? (3)
- c) According to the poet who are human angels? Why is a human being referred to as an angel? (3)
- d) Explain the term 'world's treasure'. What according to the poet is our duty as a human being? (3)
- e) The poem concludes on a different note. What is the poet's conviction and firm belief? (4)

**SECTION – ‘C’ PROSE**

Q.V. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. [16]

‘Patience has its limits. Crestfallen the old lady tired to bear as well as she could her daily humiliation’

- a) For what was Jumman respected in his village? What was the agreement between Jumman and his aunt? (3)
- b) How did things change a little later for the aunt? (3)
- c) Crestfallen and dejected what did the aunt finally propose to her nephew? What did she threaten to do? Why did her threat please Jumman? (3)
- d) What responses did the old lady elicit from the villagers trying to enlist their sympathy? (3)
- e) Why did Alagu refuse to get involved in the proceedings initially? What change overcame Alagu after listening to the Aunt? (4)

Q.VI. What attempts did the narrator of ‘My Lost Dollar’ unsuccessfully make to recover the dollar from his friend. Finally, what do his efforts help him to [16] humourously analyse about human nature.