

GREENLAWNS HIGH SCHOOL
TERMINAL EXAMINATION YEAR 2017

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LITERATURE
TIME: 2 HOURS

CLASS IX
MARKS: 80

ENGLISH PAPER-2

*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 this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Attempt **FIVE** questions in all.

You must attempt **one** question from each of the Sections A, B and C and any **two** other questions

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets ().

SECTION A- DRAMA

Merchant of Venice: Shakespeare

Question 1

(16)

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

Salanio:

I never heard a passion so confused,
So strange, outrageous, and so variable,
As the dog Jew did utter in the streets:

'My daughter! O my ducats! O my daughter!'

- a) To whom is Salanio addressing the above lines? Where does the scene take place? (1)
- b) What has happened that has made Shylock so mad? (2)
- c) Why does Salanio say that Shylock's passion was variable? (1½)
- d) What fear does Salanio express later in the scene? Does his fear come true? (2½)
- e) What does Salanio ask the listener to tell Antonio? How should the listener tell Antonio about it? (3)
- f) What does the listener say about Antonio's nature later in the scene? Why? (4½)
- g) Where do Salanio and the listener go at the end of the scene? Why? (1½)

Question 2

(16)

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

Arragon:

I will not choose what many men desire,
Because I will not jump with common spirits
And rank me with the barbarous multitudes.

- a) Who all are present in the scene other than the speaker? (1½)
- b) Who had tried his luck earlier at the caskets before the Prince of Arragon? What was the result? (2)
- c) Why does the Prince of Arragon reject the gold casket? (2)

- d) Why is he impressed by the inscription on the silver casket? What does it reflect about him? (1½)
- e) What was the 'prize' that the Prince of Arragon got? Explain: There be fools alive, Iwis, Silver'd o'er; and so was this. (3½)
- f) What does Portia say when the Prince of Arragon leaves? (3)
- g) What news does a servant bring later in the scene? (2½)

SECTION B-POETRY

Question 3

(16)

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

When all at once I saw a crowd,

A host, of golden daffodils

- a) When does the poet see the 'host of golden daffodils? Where does he find them? (3)
- b) To what have the daffodils been compared? How? (2½)
- c) How many daffodils did the poet see? Which figure of speech does he use to express this? (1½)
- d) How has the poet described the waves that he sees? How do the daffodils out-do the waves? (1½)
- e) Describe the poet's feelings when he sees the daffodils. (3½)
- f) In which state of mind does the poet lie on his couch? What happens to him when he is on the couch? (4)

Question 4

(16)

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

It was roses, roses, all the way,

With myrtle mixed in my path like mad.

- a) Who is the speaker in the above lines? Why is his path full of roses and myrtle? (2)
- b) What had happened to the houses and the churches a year ago? (3)
- c) What would the people give to the speaker were he to ask them for it? How would they react after giving it to him? (2)
- d) To what 'harvest' is the speaker referring? (3)
- e) How does the attitude of the people towards the speaker change later in the poem? (3)
- f) Later in the poem, the speaker says, "I am safer so". Where does he feel safe and why? What does this tell us about him? (3)

SECTION C- PROSE

Question 5

(16)

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

Our good father in Washington- for I presume he is now our father as well as yours, since King George has moved his boundaries further north- our great and good father, I say, sends word that if we do as he desires he will protect us.

- a) Who is referred to as our father in Washington? Since when has he become 'our father and your father'? (1)
- b) What is the offer of friendship and goodwill made by the Great Chief at Washington? Why does Chief Seattle consider it a generous and wise offer? (2)
- c) Why does Chief Seattle call the youth as 'impulsive'? (4)
- d) How would the Big Chief at Washington protect the natives? (3)
- e) How does Chief Seattle bring out the cultural differences between them and the westerners? (3)
- f) Explain how does the speech of Chief Seattle reflect upon the theme of sustainable development? (3)

Question 6

(16)

Give a detailed analysis of how the story 'The Blue Bead' is a tale of triumph and courage.