

GREENLAWNS HIGH SCHOOL  
FINAL EXAMINATION YEAR 2017

SUBJECT : ENGLISH II  
TIME : 2 HOURS

CLASS : IX  
MARKS : 80

You will not be allowed to write during the first 10 minutes. This time will be spent in reading the question paper. You must attempt one question from Section A, B and C and any two other questions. You must attempt five questions in all. The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [ ].

A - Drama [16]

Q I). Portia: If I live to be as old as Sibylla, I will die as chaste as Diana, unless I am obtained by the manner of my father's will.

- i) Explain what 'inspiration' Portia's father had at his death bed. 3
- ii) Name the suitors who had tried their luck in the lottery of the casket till then. 3
- iii) To whom does Portia refer as the 'weeping philosopher'? What were his characteristics which made her eliminate him from the list of suitors? 4
- iv) Who had accompanied the Marquis of Montferrat to Belmont earlier? How did Nerrisa describe him? 2
- v) Who was Sibylla? Explain in which context did the speaker mention her? 4

Q II). Portia: '... I commit into your hands [16]

The husbandry and manage of my house  
Until my lord's return: for mine own part,  
I have towards heaven breathed a secret vow...'

- i). Where is the scene taking place? 1
- ii) Who is referred as a 'true gentleman'? What does she mean by saying 'whose souls do bear an equal yoke of love'? Whom is she referring to? 2½
- iii) To whose hands does Portia commit the 'husbandry and manage' of her house? What is meant by 'husbandry and manage'? 1½
- iv) Explain the circumstance in which Portia's husband left her. 3
- v) What does Portia plan to do till her husband's return? What was her actual plan? 4
- vi) Who was Balthazar? Where did she send him? What instructions were given to him by Portia? 4

B- Poetry [16]

QIII. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions:-

'If thou must love me, let it be for nought  
Expect for love's sake only. Do not say  
'I love her for her smile...her looks...her way  
Of speaking gently...'

- i). Name the poet. What kind of poem is this? 1
- ii.) What qualities impress people when meeting someone for the first time? 2
- iii) What does the poet feel about this? 2
- iv). What kind of love does the poet believe in? 4
- v). What does the poet mean by 'a trick of thought'? 3
- vi). What makes the poet decline her lover's pity or compassion? 3
- vii). Explain which poetic device is used in the line 'Thine own dear pity's wiping my cheeks dry'. 1

IV) 'Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high [16]  
Where knowledge is free  
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments  
By narrow domestic walls...'

- i. What does the poet mean by the words 'where knowledge is free'? 3
- ii. Identify the figure of speech in the first line. 1
- iii. What does the poet speak against 'narrow domestic walls'? How does it hinder progress? 4
- iv. Explain the poet's view on the term 'where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way....sand of dead habit'. 4
- v. Elucidate in your words how does this poem inspire us even today? 4

### C - Prose

QV) With reference to the following line, answer the following questions: - [16]

'Stopping her game abruptly Mini ran to the window which overlooked the main road and began calling out at the top of her voice...'

- i. Why did the author describe his conversation with Mini as 'feisty'? 3
- ii. How did Mini meet Rahamat for the first time? 4
- iii. Describe the sight that the author witnessed when he saw Rahamat and Mini after a few days? 3½
- iv. Why was Mini's mother apprehensive of Mini's friendship with Rahamat. 2½
- v. According to the author 'the auspicious ceremony became more luminous'. Do you agree? Discuss. 3

QVI. Describe in your own words how the bet came to be made between the banker and the lawyer. How did the lawyer spend his time in confinement? [16]  
Why did he voluntarily walk away before the stipulated time?