

QUARTERLY EXAMINATION : 2023 - 24

CLASS IX (ICSE)

Time : 2 hrs.

SUBJECT : LITERATURE IN ENGLISH (PAPER-2)

M.M. 80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:-

- * Answer 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 this paper is the time allotted 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)

- Q.1 Read the following questions and choose the most appropriate response from the choices below. (Please do not copy the question. Simply write out in correct serial order the appropriate word or phrase.) [1 × 16 = 16]
- (i) Flavius calls the commoners
 - (a) idle creatures
 - (b) foolish artisans
 - (c) good for nothing fellows
 - (d) carpenters
 - (ii) Caesar is compared to a
 - (a) lion
 - (b) falcon
 - (c) raven
 - (d) dove
 - (iii) Caesar had a fever in
 - (a) Egypt
 - (b) Spain
 - (c) Philippi
 - (d) Sardis
 - (iv) The crown was offered to Caesar by
 - (a) Mob
 - (b) Senate
 - (c) Mark Antony
 - (d) Casca
 - (v) The first person Casca meets on the stormy night is
 - (a) Cassius
 - (b) Cicero
 - (c) Cinna
 - (d) Brutus
 - (vi) The common slave held up his flaming
 - (a) left hand
 - (b) right hand
 - (c) left leg
 - (d) head
 - (vii) Who among the following was a good story teller?
 - (a) Nidhu Babu
 - (b) Bhairav-Chakravarty
 - (c) Bonku Babu
 - (d) Sripati Majumdar
 - (viii) What is referred to as a "golden opportunity"?
 - (a) To scare Bonku Babu with a 'spook'
 - (b) To find a tamarind tree to hang a spook
 - (c) To find spaceships in the village
 - (d) To meet an alien
 - (ix) Why was Bonku Babu not able to move even an inch?
 - (a) Ang's pebble like object had made him immobile.
 - (b) He froze at the sight of the spaceship.
 - (c) He was afraid of ghost.
 - (d) He was puzzled at the sight of Ang.
 - (x) How much money was offered to the person who would take Oliver?
 - (a) Twenty pounds
 - (b) Five pounds
 - (c) Two pounds
 - (d) One pound
 - (xi) Who was Mr. Sowerberry?
 - (a) A cook in the workhouse
 - (b) A coffin maker for the workhouse
 - (c) A friend of Mr. Bumble
 - (d) A member of the board.
 - (xii) What does the word "Artifice" mean?
 - (a) Talent
 - (b) Trickery
 - (c) Beauty
 - (d) Nature

- (xiii) The Bonsai tree is a metaphor for
- (a) all trees (b) children (c) men (d) women
- (xiv) The gardener represents the of the society.
- (a) patriarchs (b) matriarchs (c) all workers (d) children
- (xv) What was the cause of confusion at 11:39 PM?
- (a) The signal was not working. (b) The train was late.
- (c) The train was not ready. (d) Skimble was no where to be found.
- (xvi) The Railway cat is
- (a) bright and energetic (b) lazy
- (c) bored (d) loving

SECTION B

(Answer one or more questions from this section)

DRAMA

(Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare)

Q.2 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

MARULLUS - And when you saw his chariot but appear,
Have you not made an universal shout,
That Tiber trembled underneath her banks,
To hear the replication of your sounds
Made in her concave shores?

- (i) Whose is the chariot? Where had the people gathered to see his chariot? [3]
- (ii) What do 'replication' and 'concave shores' mean? Explain the last two lines of the extract. [3]
- (iii) What does Marullus tell them to do to repent for their mistake? [3]
- (iv) How does Marullus make them feel guilty? [3]
- (v) What effect does Marullus' words have on the people? [4]

Q.3 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

BRUTUS- Cassius, Be not deceived : if I have veil'd my look,
I turn the trouble of my countenance
Merely upon myself. Vexed I am
Of late with passions of some difference,
Conceptions only proper to myself.

- (i) Where are Brutus and Cassius at this time? [3]
- (ii) What has Cassius told Brutus regarding the latter's attitude towards him? [3]
- (iii) What reason does Brutus give to Cassius for not going to the games?
Whom does Brutus compare himself to? [3]
- (iv) What does Brutus tell Cassius regarding his conflicting thoughts and emotions?
What affects are they having on Brutus regarding his attitude towards others? [3]
- (v) What is Cassius' motive in showing his friendship towards Brutus? How is
Cassius shown to be a schemer? [4]

SECTION- C

(Answer one or more questions from this section)

PROSE - SHORT - STORIES

(Treasure chest - A collection of ICSE poems and short stories)

Q.4 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

"I am Ang, from the planet Craneus. A far superior being than man." What! This creature, barely four feet tall, with such thin limbs and weird face, was superior to man? Bonku Babu nearly burst out laughing. Ang read his mind immediately. "There's no need to be so sceptical. I can prove it. How many languages do you know?"

- (i) Who was Ang? Describe his appearance according to the extract. [3]
- (ii) Why does he say he is superior to human being? [3]

- (iii) What does Ang say about his knowledge of languages? [3]
- (iv) How does Bonku Babu react when Ang greets him? [3]
- (v) Compare Ang and Bonku Bobu. [4]

Q.5 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

The doctor raised the dead woman's left hand. 'The usual story,' he said. 'I see that she has no ring on her finger. She wasn't married. Good night!' He went home to his dinner. The old woman sat down on a chair in front of the fire and began to dress the baby. She dressed him in the very old clothes used for babies who were born in the workhouse. The child was an orphan, born into a world which had no love or pity for him.

- (i) When the doctor raised the young woman's hand, what did he notice? What does this indicate about the young woman? [3]
- (ii) What did the old woman do after the doctor had gone? What does this say about life in a workhouse? [3]
- (iii) Who gave the name to the new baby? What logic did he follow while naming the babies? [3]
- (iv) Oliver was an orphan "born into a world which had no love or pity for him." Give example from the extract that Oliver experienced lack of love. [3]
- (v) What was the condition of children in England as shown in the story? [4]

SECTION- D

(Answer one or more questions from this section)

POETRY

(Treasure chest - A collection of I C S E poems and short stories)

Q.6 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

It is your nature
to be small and cozy,
domestic and weak,
how lucky, little tree,
to have a pot to grow in.

- (i) What is the nature of the tree according to the gardener? [3]
 - (ii) Is the tree really lucky to grow in a pot? Explain the irony in this line. [3]
 - (iii) What effect do these lines have on the tree? Explain. [3]
 - (iv) Even though the tree had the potential to grow taller, it didn't. Why? [3]
 - (v) If the tree was nurtured, it would've grown tall and reached its potential. [4]
- Comment .

Q.7 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

There's a whisper down the line at 11:39
When the Night Mail's ready to depart
Saying "Skimble where is Skimble has he gone to hunt the thimble?
We must find him or the train can't start"

- (i) What's the whisper down the line? Who all are whispering? [3]
- (ii) Who is Skimble? What work does he do? [3]
- (iii) What does "hunt the thimble" mean? What was Skimble doing at this time? [3]
- (iv) Why can't the train start without Skimbleshanks? [3]
- (v) 'Did it depart on time? How did the scene at the train change after Skimble appeared? [4]
