

**I TERM EXAMINATION 2022-23**  
**CLASS- X (ICSE)**

Time : 2 hrs.

**SUBJECT- ENGLISH LITERATURE PAPER-2**

M.M.: 80

**General Instructions:**

- i. Answer to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.
  - ii. You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes.
  - iii. This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.
  - iv. The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.
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- v. Attempt FIVE questions in all from only three text books
  - vi. You must attempt at least one question from each of the sections A,B,C and any two other questions from the same books you have already compulsorily chosen.
  - vii. The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [ ]
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**SECTION 'A' (DRAMA)**

**The Merchant of Venice: Shakespeare**

**Q.1** Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

**Gratiano:** Let one play the fool:

With mirth and laughter let old wrinkles come,  
And let my liver rather head with wine  
than my heart cool with mortifying groans.  
Why should a man, whose heart is worm within,  
Sit like his grenadier cut in alabaster,  
Sleep when he wakes, and creep into jaundice  
By being peevish?

- i. What observation had Gratiano earlier made regarding Antonio? Is he correct in his observation? [3]
- ii. To what comment made by Antonio does Gratiano give this reply? Who else are there with Gratiano at this moment? [3]
- iii. What does the speaker prefer to do? What does it depict about his character? [3]
- iv. Explain: "grandeur cut in alabaster" [3]
- v. How does Antonio react to these statements made by Gratiano? [4]

**Q.2** 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:

- i. Who does "Jew" refer to in the above extract? Why is the Jew so anxious? [3]
- ii. According to Salanio, what had the Jew uttered in the streets? [3]
- iii. What is meant by "a passion so confused"? [3]
- iv. What does Shylock lament for later in the scene? [3]
- v. Discuss the character of the Jew as portrayed in the scene. [4]

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

**Gratiano :** My lord Bassanio and my gentle lady,  
I wish you all the joy that you can wish  
For I am sure you can wish none from me:

- i. Who is Gratiano talking to? Who else are present there? Where does the scene take place? [3]
- ii. What good wishes does Gratiano give to Bassanio? [3]
- iii. What does Gratiano request Bassanio later in the speech? [3]
- iv. What act of Bassanio has inspired Gratiano for his request? [3]
- v. Discuss in detail any 2 points of character for Bassanio. [4]

**SECTION 'B' (POETRY)**

**TREASURE TROVE : A COLLECTION OF POEMS**

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

The caged bird sings  
with fearful trill  
of things unknown  
but longed for still  
and his tune is heard  
on the distant hill  
for the caged bird  
sings for freedom.

- i. Under what circumstances does the bird sing?  
[3]
- ii. Why does the caged bird sing of "things unknown"?  
[3]
- iii. What is meant by: "fearful trill"  
[3]
- iv. Discuss the use of 'Metaphor' in the poem.  
[3]
- v. Why is the singing of the bird heard on a distant hill?  
[4]

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

I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils,  
Besides the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

- i. Who has been referred to as 'I' in the first line of the extract? Where do you think was he wandering?  
[3]
- ii. What have the daffodils been compared to in the above extract?  
[3]
- iii. Explain: When all at once I saw a crowd.  
[3]
- iv. Which figure of speech is used in the last line of the extract? Explain.  
[3]
- v. Explain the transition of poet's mood from pensive to joyous towards the end.  
[4]

Q.6 Read the above extract carefully and answer the questions that are given below:

Alackit was I who leaped at the sun  
To give it my loving friends to keep!  
Nought man could do, have I left under:  
And you see my harvest, what I reap  
This very day, now a year is run

- i. Has was the speaker welcomed by the people a year ago?  
[3]
- ii. What change has taken place in the behaviour and attitude of the people? How does it affect the speaker?  
[3]
- iii. What does 'leaping at the sun' mean?  
[3]
- iv. What does 'harvest' refer to in the extract? What had the speaker reaped?  
[3]
- v. How does the speaker end his words with positivity?  
[4]

### **SECTION 'C' (PROSE)**

#### **A COLLECTION OF SHORT STORIES**

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

"If only she dared pull just one small match from the packet, strike it on the wall and warm her fingers"

- i. Why did she think in pull one small match from the packet? How did it feel when it was lighted? Why was it a strange light?  
[3]
- ii. What vision does she see the second time she lit the match?  
[3]
- iii. To when does the little girl say, 'oh/ take me with you'. What kind of relationship does she share with the bitener? What had this person told the little girl?  
[3]
- iv. Who did she see a star falling? What truth came to her on seeing it?  
[3]
- v. Did the grandmother too vanish like the other visions, leaving her alone? What good luck did the New Year bring for the little girl?  
[4]

Q.8 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

An angry athlete is an athlete who will make mistakes as any coach will tell you. I was no exception. On the first of my three qualifying jumps, I leaped from several inches beyond the take-off board for a foul. On the second jump, I fouled even worse. "Did I come 3000 miles for this?" I thought bitterly. "To foul out the trials and make a fool of myself?"

- i. What was Jesse determined to prove?  
[3]
- ii. Why had Hitler kept Luz Long under wraps?  
[3]
- iii. What surprise did Jesse get as he was to practise for broad-jump trials?  
[3]
- iv. Why did Jesse commit fouls?  
[3]
- v. Describe Jesse as an athlete.  
[4]

Q.9 Answer the following questions with reference to T.S. Arthur's story, 'An Angel in Disguis'

- i. How did the children's mother die? What did the villagers decide to do about the children?  
[4]
- ii. What did Jeo see when he looked in through the brightly lit window of his home later that evening? Why does this scene fill him with a sense of relief?  
[4]
- iii. How does the other describe Mrs. Thompson's nature from the time Maggie enters the Thompson's house.  
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