

# I PRE BOARD EXAMINATION 2022-23

## LITERATURE IN ENGLISH(PAPER-2)

(Maximum Marks: 80)

(Two hours)

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Answers 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 allowed for writing the answers.

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This paper has **four** Sections.

Section A is compulsory. All question in Section A must be answered.

You must attempt at least **One** question from each of the Section B, C and D and one of the question from any section of your choice.

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions, are given in brackets [ / ].

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### SECTION- A

*Attempt all questions from this section*

**The Merchant of Venice : Shakespeare**

#### **Question 1**

**[16]**

Read the following questions and choose the most appropriate response from the choices given below. (Please do not copy the questions. Simply write out in correct serial order the appropriate word or phrase).

- I. At the end of the story, 'The Blue Bead', Sibia rejoiced at having.....
- saved a Gujar woman from the crocodile.
  - found a blue bead for her necklace.
  - collected a huge amount of paper grass to sell in the market.
  - killed the crocodile with her hayfork.
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**This paper consists of 7 printed pages.**

- II Luz Long, the German athlete had
- a dull face
  - a strikingly handsome chiseled face.
  - a tanned face
  - a dusky complexion
- III The bird's song in the poem 'I know why the Caged Bird Sings' is heard on a distant hill because.
- the bird was sitting at a lonely, deserted place.
  - the bird was singing from a high hill located far away from human habitation.
  - the bird was singing with full force.
  - a rebel's voice is initially heard as a distant voice.
- IV Jesse Owens set a new record of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Berlin Olympics.
- 26 feat 5 - 5/16 inches
  - 32 feat 4 - 4/14 inches
  - 5 feat 6 - 7/14 inches
  - 26 feat 5 - 5/15 inches
- V In the poem 'The Patriot', "The best of the sight" is a reference to -
- the sight of the speaker's execution at the scaffold.
  - the sight of the speaker exactly a year after his heroic welcome.
  - the beautiful memories of the scene of his welcome the speaker had.
  - None of the above
- VI In the story, The Little Match Girl, which of the following is not one of the visions seen by the little girl?
- Iron stove
  - Christmas tree
  - Her dead mother
  - Roasted goose
- VII How do children react when they remember about Margot in 'All Summer in a day'?
- they feel happy
  - they are still jealous
  - they feel shame and embarrassment.
  - they become fearful for her safety.

- VIII What was the name of the eldest child in the story 'An 'Angel in Disguise'?
- a. Kate      b. Magee      c. John      d. Mary
- IX The figure of speech used in the expression 'I wandered lonely as a cloud' is:
- a. metaphor      b. simile      c. alliteration      d. metonymy
- X Leigh Hunt's poem 'Abou Ben Adhem' is a
- a. Dramatic Monologue  
b. Sonnet  
c. Narrative poem  
d. Ballad
- XI What does the word 'Alack' reflect about the speaker's state of mind in the poem 'The Patriot'?
- a. Remorseful  
b. Guilty  
c. Mournful  
d. Unapologetic
- XII What does Gratiano say at the very end of the play?
- a. That he will keep Nerissa's ring safe.  
b. That he will be Bassanio's friend till the end.  
c. That he will forever be grateful to his friends.  
d. That life is short
- XIII What kind of music will be heard if Bassanio would successfully make the right choice of caskets?
- a. That awakens a bride on the day of her wedding.  
b. That arouses a swan to sing a sweet song.  
c. That is heard when wedding rituals are performed.  
d. That awakens the dreaming bridegroom on the morning of his wedding day.

XIV Shylock called Antonio by ..... names.

- a. Bankrupt
- b. Prodigal
- c. Hog
- d. Both (a) and (b)

XV Portia defines Bassanio as having more.....

- a. love than Alcides or young Hercules
- b. worth than any other suitor.
- c. love than Antonio has for him
- d. intelligence than Shylock

XVI What does Bassanio offer Shylock to persuade him to forfeit his bond?

- a. Six thousand ducats
- b. Three thousand ducats
- c. Nothing
- d. Portia's ring

### SECTION- B ( DRAMA)

#### The merchant of venice

*Answer one or more questions from this section*

#### Question 2

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

**Bassanio:** Even he that did uphold very life of my dear friend. What should I say sweet lady?

I was enforced to send it after him:

I was beset with shame and courtesy,

My honour would not let ingratitude

So much besmear it. Pardon me, good lady;

- i. What is 'it' referred to in the second line of the extract? [3]  
To whom does Bassanio swear to have given it? Why?
- ii. Who is actually the 'civil doctor' ? Why does he refuse three thousand ducats? What does he ask instead of ducats? [3]
- iii. What compelled Bassanio to give the ring to the 'civil doctor'? [3]

- iv. Give the meaning of: [3]
- Even he that did uphold very life of my dear friend.
  - I was beset with shame and courtesy
- v. What does Portia say about the doctor after this extract? What does her remark tell us about her character? [4]

### Question 3

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

But mercy is above this sceptred sway,  
It is enthroned in the hearts of kings,  
It is an attribute to God himself,  
And earthly power doth then show likest Gods  
When mercy seasons justice.

- Name the speaker. Why did the speaker appeal to the Jew for mercy? Earlier who else in the play appealed for mercy? [3]
- What are the three qualities of mercy which the speaker has stated just before the extract? [3]
- Give the meaning of 'But mercy is above this sceptred sway'. What does Shylock insist on? [3]
- What is Bassanio ready to do for Antonio in the court? [3]  
Why is Bassanio snubbed immediately by disguised Portia?
- Mention two prominent character traits of Shylock. Substantiate your answer with examples from the text. [4]

### SECTION-C (PROSE)

*Treasure True: A Collection of Poem and Short Stories*

### Question 4

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

I guessed that if Long won, it would add some new support to the Nazis' Aryan Superiority Theory. After all, I am a Negro. A little hot under the

collar about Hitler's ways, I determined to go out there and really show Der Fuhrer and his master race who was superior and who wasn't.

- a. What does the writer mean by 'hot under the collar' and 'Der Fuhrer'? [3]
- b. How did Luz Long respond to Owens' winning the gold? What does it reflect about Luz's character? [3]
- c. Who is Luz Long? What was the Nazis' Aryans Superiority Theory? [3]
- d. What is considered as the greatest Olympic Prize by Jesse Owens? Why? [3]
- e. What did Pierre de Coubertin say about the Olympic Games? [4]

#### Question 5

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

They stood as if someone had driven them like so many stakes into the floor. They looked at each other and then looked away. They glanced out at the world that was raining now and raining and raining steadily.

- i. What happened when the sun disappeared again? [3]
- ii. Who reminded children of Margot? Where was she? [3]
- iii. Why were the children ashamed of themselves? [3]
- iv. Why does the colour of children's faces change? [3]
- v. What was the distinction between Margot and the other children? [4]

## SECTION-D (POETRY)

*Treasure Trove: A collection of ICSE poems and short stories*

### Question 6

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

The eight other athletes stopped in their tracks  
The ones who had trained for so long to compete  
One by one they turned round and went back to help him  
And lifted the lad to his feet.

- i. For which event were the runners trained? What was their dream? [3]
- ii. What unfortunate incident occurred with the lad? How did he react to it? [3]
- iii. How did the eight athletes act in response to the incident with the lad? What does it reflect about them? [3]
- iv. How was the race reduced to a walk at the end? [3]
- v. How does the poem portray the true spirit of sportsmanship? [4]

### Question 7

Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow:

For oft when on my couch I lie,  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon that inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude.

- i. Who is the speaker? Describe the sight that greeted his eyes when he was out walking in the countryside. [3]
- ii. Where were the daffodils growing? To what does the poet compare the flowers? [3]
- iii. What effect does the scene have on the poet? [3]
- iv. What is the wealth mentioned in the poem? How do the daffodils outdo the waves? [3]
- v. Compare the poet's mood at the start of the poem with his mood at the end. What do you suppose causes this change in mood? [4]

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