

II TERM EXAMINATION- 2022-23

CLASS - X (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.

This paper has four sections.

Section A is compulsory- All questions in Section- A must be answered.

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

SECTION 'A' (DRAMA)

Attempt all questions from this section

- Q.1 Read the following questions and choose the most appropriate response from the choices given below. (Please do not copy the question- simply write out in correct serial order the appropriate word or phrase) [16]
- i) The theme of the story 'The Blue Bead' is
- Nature
 - Empowerment of women
 - Wonder of the world
 - Where there is a will, there is a way
- ii) Where was 'The Match Girl' sitting?
- On the footpath in a market
 - In a corner formed by two houses
 - In a corner outside a shop
 - In a corner on a footbridge
- iii) Why does the bird in the poem 'I know why the Caged Bird Sings' open its throat to sing?
- To express its wish to lead a free life
 - To express its rebellion against oppression
 - To call its partner who is far away
 - To express its desire to surge high in the sky
- iv) Robert Browning's poem, 'The Patriot' is a reflection of the fact that:
- failure has a faster tempo than success.
 - failure is a better teacher than success.
 - the rapidity with which a hero's fortune can change.
 - the rapidity with which time changes.
- v) Who among the following has been referred to as a 'pre-historic juggernaut' in the story, 'The Blue Bead'?
- The Gujar woman
 - Sibia's mother
 - The blue bead
 - The crocodile
- vi) How does Joe Thompson mentally prepare his wife to accept the child in her home?
- He quotes from the Bible in order to subdue her temper.
 - He begs her to allow the child in her home.
 - He forces his wife to accept Maggi in her house.
 - He tells her a fable.
- vii) The tragic end of the little girl in the story 'The Little Match Girl' was caused by'
- brutal cold of the night.
 - apathy of the people around her
 - lack of love and concern of her father
 - all the above
- viii) Who is referred to as a 'free bird' in the poem 'I know why the caged bird sings'?
- The aborigines of Africa
 - The aborigines of America
 - The African-Americans
 - The white race
- ix) The Poem, 'The Patriot' is written in the form of:
- an elegy
 - a dramatic monologue
 - a ballad
 - a sonnet
- x) What kind of a person was 'Abou Ben Adhem'?
- Noble, Selfless and virtuous person.
 - He always thought good of others
 - He was peace-loving and brave person
 - All the above

- ii) What is a synagogue?
- Shylock's visiting place
 - Jewish house of prayer
 - A place where Jessica gets married
 - None of the above
- xii) What made Portia conclude that 'Antonio must be like Bassanio'?
- Both are extravagant and spend thrifths
 - Both are philanthropists
 - Both lend money without taking interests
 - Both have similarity of features, mind, behaviour and disposition.
- xiii) Hercules and Mars are referred to in the play 'The Merchant of Venice' for their.....
- Strength and bravery
 - long beards
 - Victory in wars
 - loyalty
- xiv) Which examples are given by Bassanio to prove that appearances are deceptive?
- The false hair worn by women
 - A lovely scarf that hides the ugly face of a lady
 - The fake smile on a lady's face
 - Both (a) and (b)
- xv) What does Shylock want the Duke to allow him?
- To take back his daughter Jessica with him.
 - To have his bond and do justice to him
 - To allow the lawyer to have justice
 - To take his revenge from Antonio by putting him in jail
- xvi) What is Rialto?
- The name of Shylock's house
 - A place where businessmen gather
 - Where Antonio hangs a round
 - Where Antonio's ship comes back with the rich cargo

SECTION: B

Answer one or more questions from this Section

DRAMA

The Merchant of Venice: by William Shakespeare

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

Portia : O love, dispatch all business, and be gone!

Bassanio: Since I have your good leave to go away

I will make haste, but, till I come again,

No bed shall ever be guilty of my stay,

No rest be interposer twixt us twain.

- What makes Portia so concerned? What does she want? [3]
- Why is Bassanio in a hurry? What Does he assure Portia? [3]
- Is Bassanio able to save Antonio? Why/ Why not? [3]
- Portia has told Bassanio- "My maid Nerissa and myself meantime will live as maids and widows'. What is the truth? [3]
- What does Portia do after Bassanio has gone? [4]

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

Portia: That cannot be

His ring I do accept most thankfully;

And so, I pray you, tell him; furthermore,

I pray you, Show my youth old shylock's house

- Why does Portia say, "that cannot be"? [3]
- Who is the 'youth' referred to in the extract? Why should the 'youth' be shown Shylock's house? [3]
- What trick does Nerissa plan after Portia's speech? [3]
- Comment upon the significance of the 'ring' that Portia is ready to accept. [3]
- How does the scene turn out to be a prelude to the 'ring episode'? [4]

SECTION - C

Answer one or more question from this section.

Prose- SHORT STORIES

(Treasure Trove- A Collection of ICSE poems and Short Stories)

- Q.4 Read the following extract from Timothy Shay Arthur's short story 'An Angel in Disguise' and answer the questions that follow :
- "What is to be done with the Children? That was the chief question now. The dead mother would go underground, and be forever beyond all care and concern of the villagers. But the children must not be left to starve."
- i) What was the chief question? Why was it being asked and by whom? [3]
 - ii) How had the mother died? Who was present there? What would be done with the mother? [3]
 - iii) Describe the Children mentioned in the extract. [3]
 - iv) Who took in John and Kate and why? Why was Maggie left behind? [3]
 - v) Explain with reasons who you consider to be the Angel in disguise. [4]
- Q.5 Read the following extract from Norah Burke's short story 'The Blue Bead' and answer the questions that follow :
- But Sibia, in all her life from birth to death, was marked for work.
- i) Where did Sibia live? What tasks had Sibia been doing during her childhood? [3]
 - ii) Why did she go with her mother and some other women? [3]
 - iii) What did the women toil for the whole day? What did the agent do? [3]
 - iv) What did Sibia carry with her, when she went with her mother? [3]
 - v) Why could Sibia not skip when she was on her way back from the cliffs? [4]

SECTION : D

Answer one or more questions from this Section

POETRY

(TREASURE TROVE: A Collection of ICSE Poems and Short Stories)

- Q.6 Read the following extract from the Robert Browning's poem 'The Patriot' and answer the questions that follow.
- The air broke into a mist with bells,
The old walls rocked with the crowd and cries.
Had I said, "Good folk, mere noise repels-
But give me your sun from yonder skies!"
They had answered, "And afterward, What else?"
- i) Who is reminded of his past? Why? [3]
 - ii) What happened a year ago? [3]
 - iii) What 'bells' are being referred to here? Why were they rung? [3]
 - iv) Why is the person punished? What makes him sad? [3]
 - v) What tells you that the speaker was swayed by the enthusiasm of admirers? What proves him wrong? [4]
- Q.7 Read the following extract from the Leigh Hunt's poem 'Abou Ben Adhem' and answer the questions that follow :
- The angel wrote and vanished. The next night
It came again with a great wakening light,
And showed the names whom love of God had blest,
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.
- i) What did the angel write before it vanished? [3]
 - ii) Who had requested the angel to write? Why did he request it? [3]
 - iii) Explain: " a great wakening light" [3]
 - iv) Describe the angel. What was the angel doing when Adhem met him for the first time? [3]
 - v) Leigh Hunt's 'Abou Ben Adhem' carries a divine message. Explain. [4]