



BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE
SECOND TERM EXAMINATION (2024-25)

CLASS - IX

LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

Estd. 1861

Maximum marks: 80
Time : 2 Hours
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.

SECTION A

(Attempt all questions from this section)

Question 1

(16)

Choose the correct answers to the questions from the given options.

(Do not copy the questions, write only the correct answers)

1. Flavius calls the commoners
 - a) idle creatures
 - b) foolish artisans
 - c) good for nothing fellows
 - d) carpenters

2. According to Brutus, which trait of Antony does he lack?
 - a) bravery
 - b) liveliness
 - c) tactfulness
 - d) humility

3. How does Decius interpret the meaning of Calpurnia's dream?
 - a) Caesar shall give life to all Rome.
 - b) Caesar will get life from Rome.
 - c) Caesar will become the king despite the portents.
 - d) Caesar will put to an end all conspiracies against him.

4. What method was used by Decius to persuade Caesar to go to the Senate?
 - a) falsehood
 - b) force
 - c) flattery
 - d) all of the above

5. Which of the following is not a reason for Caesar to disregard his wife's warning?
 - a) pride
 - b) humility
 - c) vanity
 - d) arrogance

6. Why does Brutus not want Cicero to join the group of conspirators?
 - a) Cicero is Caesar's trustworthy
 - b) Cicero is known for shifting loyalties
 - c) Cicero never follows anything started by others
 - d) Cicero is indecisive

7. The Night Mail passes through which landscapes and regions?
 - a) Mountains, glaciers, rivers
 - b) Beaches, cliffs, deserts
 - c) cotton grass, moors, farmlands
 - d) jungles, swamps, valleys

8. In Skimbleshanks, the destination of the train is towards
 - a) The South
 - b) The North
 - c) The West

Python
Robotics & AI



JAVA
Comp. Applications



Experts' Institute
8-D, Kutchery Road, Ph:9415368884

EXPERTS'
INSTITUTE

d) The East

9. Which period of man's life is portrayed more positively in the poem I Remember, I Remember

- a) Adulthood
- b) School days
- c) Childhood
- d) Senior years

10. Select the correct option in the context of these 2 statements.

Statement 1: Childhood is the best period in man's life.

Statement 2: Adulthood is the best period in man's life.

- a) Statement 1 is true but Statement 2 is false.
- b) Statement 1 is false but Statement 2 is true.
- c) Both the statements are true.
- d) Both the statements are false.

11. What did the narrator say to console his wife?

- a) Help would arrive soon.
- b) They'll be fine
- c) They had no other choice
- d) The hospital was near.

12. Which of the following statements is not true :

- a) Phatik was lazy, disobedient and wild.
- b) Makhan beat Phatik
- c) Phatik was welcomed at his uncle's home.
- d) Phatik felt lonely and homesick in Calcutta.

13. Who gave the name to Oliver Twist?

- a) An old woman
- b) Mr. Bumble
- c) The doctor at the workhouse
- d) The young woman

14. The alien called Ang belonged to the planet

- a) Pluto
- b) Craneus
- c) Mars
- d) Venus

15. Phatik was the ----- among the boys of the village.

- a) youngest
- b) oldest
- c) smartest
- d) ringleader

16. Which of the following statements is not true of Hughie?

- a) Hughie is a kind-hearted person.
- b) Hughie loves Laura Merton
- c) Hughie makes a wonderful picture of the old beggar.
- d) Hughie gives a sovereign to the beggar.

SECTION -B

(Answer one or more questions from this Section)

DRAMA

(JULIUS CAESAR)

QUESTION 2

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

Brutus: 'Tis good. Go to the gate; somebody knocks.

(Exit Lucius)

- Since Cassius first did whet me against Caesar, I have not slept
Between the acting of a dreadful thing
And the first motion, all the interim is
Like a phantasma, or a hideous dream:
The Genius and the mortal instruments
Are then in council, and the state of man,

Like to a little kingdom, suffers then
The nature of an insurrection.

- (i) Who has come to meet Brutus? How have they disguised themselves? (3)
- (ii) "Between the acting of a dreadful thing and the first motion, all the interim is like a phantasma, or a hideous dream."
Explain the above statement with reference to context. (3)
- (iii) What does Brutus say about conspiracy a little later? How does he advise conspiracy to hide itself? (3)
- (iv) Who suggests that they should take an oath? What is Brutus' response to this suggestion? What reason does he give for his response? (3)
- (v) Later two persons' names are suggested for joining their cause by Cassius and Metellus Cimber. Which are those two persons? What was Brutus' opinion regarding each one of them? (4)

QUESTION 3

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

Caesar: Caesar shall forth: the things that threaten'd me

Ne'er look'd but on my back; when they shall see the face of Caesar, they are vanished.

Calpurnia: Caesar, I never stood on ceremonies,

Yet now they fright me.

- (i) Where are Caesar and Calpurnia at present? What reason does Caesar give in the opening lines, for his sleep being disturbed? (3)
- (ii) A little later, what does Caesar say about 'cowards'? What does he find most strange regarding death? (3)
- (iii) What do Caesar direct his servant to ask the priests to do? What are the results interpreted by the priests? (3)
- (iv) Mention three horrible sights seen by the watchman. (3)
- (v) Describe the dream of Calpurnia in detail. (4)

SECTION - C

(Answer one or more questions from this Section)

PROSE

(TREASURE CHEST- A COLLECTION OF ICSE SHORT STORIES AND POEMS)

QUESTION 4

Read the following extract from Oscar Wilde's short story, 'The Model Millionaire' and answer the questions that follow:

These are the great truths of modern life which Hughie Erskine never realised. Poor Hughie! Intellectually, we must admit, he was not of much importance. He never said a brilliant or even an ill-natured thing in his life. But then he was wonderfully good-looking, with his crisp brown hair, his clear-cut profile, and his grey eyes.

- (i) Which were the great truths of modern life which Hughie Erskine never realised? (3)
- (ii) Give two positive qualities of Hughie. What was his drawback? (3)
- (iii) Later Hughie meets a beggar man. Who was the beggar man? Describe his appearance at the studio. (3)
- (iv) In those times, what was a model paid for a sitting? How much did an artist earn for a picture? According to Hughie what must be paid to a model? (3)
- (v) "Millionaire models are rare enough, but model millionaires are rare still!" Explain the above lines. Who proved to be a Model Millionaire and how? (4)

QUESTION 5

Read the following extract from Rabindranath Tagore's short story, 'The Home-coming' and answer the questions that follow:

It was just at this critical juncture that the grey-haired stranger arrived. He asked what the matter was. Phatik looked sheepish and ashamed.

But when his mother stepped back and looked at the stranger, her anger was changed to surprise.

- (i) What was the 'critical juncture'? What had happened before 'this critical juncture'? (3)
- (ii) Who was the grey-haired stranger? Why did he come there? (3)
- (iii) What did the stranger offer to do? Why? What was Phatik's reaction to the offer? (3)
- (iv) State any three traits of the stranger's personality in the story. (3)
- (v) What comparison did Phatik's mother make between Makhan and Phatik's behaviour? Explain in detail. (4)

SECTION D

(Answer one or more questions from this Section)

POETRY

(TREASURE CHEST- A COLLECTION OF ICSE SHORT STORIES AND POEMS)

QUESTION 6

Read the following extract from Thomas Hood's poem, 'I Remember, I Remember' and answer the questions that follow:

I remember, I remember,
The roses, red and white,
The vi'lets, and the lily-cups,
Those flowers made of light!
The lilacs where the robin built,
And where my brother set
The laburnum on his birthday, -
The tree is living yet!

- (i) What has the poet wished earlier in the poem? Why did he wish so? (3)
- (ii) Later a reference to fir trees is given. What did the poet think about the fir trees as a child? Why was he happier in his childish ignorance? (3)
- (iii) What memories does he have of his brother? Which tree is living? What does this signify? (3)
- (iv) Describe the garden of the poet's childhood. (3)
- (v) How has the poet contrasted his childhood with his adult life? (4)

QUESTION 7

Read the following extract from Vikram Seth's poem, 'A Doctor's Journal Entry for August 6, 1945' and answer the questions that follow:

....My blood gushed out.

The artery in my neck? Scared for my life,
I called out, panic-stricken, to my wife.

Pale, blood stained, frightened, Yecko-san emerged, Holding her elbow.

- (i) How is the morning described earlier? What happened suddenly? (3)
- (ii) Describe the condition of the poet and his wife in detail. (3)
- (iii) Describe the object they tripped over on the street. What was the reaction of the narrator after tripping on the object? (3)
- (iv) Immediately after this extract, where do they decide to go and why? Which statement proves the selflessness of the doctor? (3)
- (v) Describe in detail the appearance of the people whom the narrator saw on the way to the hospital. (4)
