



## ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, PRAYAGRAJ

FINAL EXAMINATION 2024-25

ENGLISH II - LITERATURE

CLASS - IX

TIME: 2 Hours

MM: 80

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.

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 given below. [16]  
(Please do not copy the question – simply write out in correct serial order the appropriate word or phrase)

- i. Why does Brutus object to Cassius' proposal of an oath among the conspirators?
  - a) He believes they don't need to keep the conspiracy secret.
  - b) He believes that honourable men acting for a just cause don't need to swear an oath.
  - c) He believes that they are honourable.
  - d) He thinks that the oath would legally implicate them in conspiracy.
- ii. Caius Ligarius compares Brutus to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) a spiritual healer
  - b) an exorcist
  - c) an honourable man
  - d) a doctor
- iii. 'Vexed I am of late with passions of some difference.' What reason does Brutus give for being vexed?
  - a) He is worried about the political situation of Rome.
  - b) He is worried about Caesar's growing power.
  - c) His personal conflicting emotions.
  - d) He is anxious about the soothsayer's warning.
- iv. What does Cassius do to manipulate Brutus?
  - a) Praises Brutus' virtues
  - b) Appeals to his sense of responsibility.
  - c) Forges letters expressing citizen's concern.
  - d) Tells him that he is more honourable than Caesar.
- v. Which of these lines prove that Caesar was a good judge of character?
  - a) Yond Cassius has a lean and hungry look.
  - b) Set on, and leave nc ceremony out.
  - c) Stand you directly in Antonius' way.
  - d) Go bid the priests do present sacrifice.
- vi. Select the option that shows the correct relationship between statements (1) and (2).  
Statement 1: Flavius tells Marullus that they would have to take all the decorations off Caesar's statues.  
Statement 2: Flavius fears that Caesar's growing powers would result in a life of servitude for all Romans.
  - a) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false.
  - b) Statement 2 is true and Statement 1 is false.
  - c) Statement 2 is the cause for Statement 1.
  - d) Statement 1 and Statement 2 are independent of each other.
- vii. Choose the option that lists the sequence of events in the correct order:
  - I. That night Hughie strolled into the Palette Club, and found Trevor sitting by himself.
  - II. Hughie spent the day with Laura, got a charming scolding for his extravagance, and walked home.
  - III. After sometime the servant came in, and told Trevor that the frame-maker wanted to speak to him.
  - IV. Alan told Hughie that the old model was quite interested in Laura.
  - a) IV,III,II,I
  - b) III,II,I,IV
  - c) I,II,III,IV
  - d) II,III,I,IV



- viii. 'I have prepared the coffins for the two women who died last night.' This line means that \_\_\_\_\_.
- Mr. Sowerberry frequented the workhouse
  - Mr. Bumble wanted Mr.Sowerberry to be rich
  - many people died of starvation and ill-treatment at the workhouse
  - many women lived at the workhouse
- ix. How old was Ang, the alien, when it landed in Bonku Babu's village by mistake?
- 50 years old
  - 1000 years old
  - 833 years old
  - 80 years old
- x. Who astonished everyone by leaping to his feet and running in the direction of the bank?
- Deep Chand
  - Old Ganpat, the beggar
  - An elderly gentleman
  - Kamal Kishore
- xi. The metaphor ".....but what was a butterfly to do among the bulls and bears?" mean \_\_\_\_\_.
- Hughie was too attractive to succeed on the Stock Exchange
  - Bulls and bears did not appreciate the beauty of a butterfly
  - Hughie lacked skill and business acumen to succeed in the highly competitive financial world.
  - Stock Exchange is not everybody's cup of tea
- xii. Which of the following options contains the figure of speech that appears in the following line: '...my mind ran at a high speed...'
- A dozen eyeballs on the floor
  - Tossing their heads in sprightly dance
  - The tangled bine-stems scored the sky
  - She heard a distant roar on the horizon
- xiii. Which of the following tasks is NOT performed by Skimbleshanks in the poem?
- Supervision of the driver.
  - Supervision of the guards.
  - Supervision of the bagmen.
  - Supervision of the police.
- xiv. In the poem, A Work of Artifice, what does the attractive pot in which the bonsai tree is planted symbolise?
- The expectations placed upon women.
  - Intentional confinement of women.
  - The intelligence and will-power of women.
  - Patriarchal society.
- xv. What is the tone of the poem 'I remember, I remember'?
- Nostalgic and melancholic.
  - Happy and carefree.
  - Angry and bitter.
  - Sarcastic an ironic.
- xvi. What is the significance of the date in the poem, "A Doctor's Journal Entry for August 6, 1945'?
- It marks the end of the World War.
  - It celebrates the doctor's birthday.
  - It commemorates the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.
  - It has no relation to the doctor's journal entry.

## SECTION - B

(Answer *one or more* questions from this Section)  
(Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare)

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

Portia :

Is Brutus sick,-and is it physical  
To walk unbraced, and suck up the humours  
Of the dank morning? What, is Brutus sick,-  
And will he steal out of his wholesome bed,  
To dare the vile contagion of the night,



And tempt the rheumy and unpurged air  
To add unto his sickness ? No, my Brutus;  
You have some sick offence within your mind,  
Which, by the right and virtue of my place,  
I ought to know.

- a) What is Portia's complaint against Brutus? How does Portia conclude that Brutus has some sick offence within his mind? [3]
- b) What explanation does Brutus give to Portia for his strange behaviour? What was the real cause of his changed behaviour? [3]
- c) What accusations has Portia levelled against Brutus? [3]
- d) Mention the three things that Portia points out to prove that she can keep her husband's secrets. [3]
- e) Of the two women characters in the play, Portia and Calpurnia, who impresses you more? Justify your answer with valid reasons. [4]

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

Artemidorus:  
Here will I stand till Caesar pass along,  
And as a suitor will I give him this.  
My heart laments that virtue cannot live  
Out of the teeth of emulation.

- a) Where is the speaker at this moment? What day is this? What is the significance of this day? [3]
- b) What does Artemidorus intend to give Caesar and why? [3]
- c) Where is Caesar going? Who had persuaded him to go there? What arguments had that person given to make Caesar go there? [3]
- d) Explain the lines "My heart laments that virtue cannot live out of the teeth of emulation". [3]
- e) Besides Artemidorus, who were the two other people who had warned Caesar about the danger to his life? What was the warning and how did Caesar react to it? [4]

## SECTION – C

(Answer one or more questions from this Section)

### PROSE-SHORT STORIES

(Treasure Chest- A Collection of Poems and Short Stories)

Q 4) Read the following extract from Rabindranath Tagore's short story, The Home-coming and answer the questions that follow:

".....on his way back from school, Phatik had a bad headache and a fit of shivering. His one great fear was that he would be a nuisance to his aunt. The next morning Phatik was nowhere to be seen. All searches in the neighbourhood proved futile. The rain had been pouring in torrents all night, and those who went in search of the boy got drenched through to the skin.

- a) Where was Phatik at this point in the story? Describe his physical and mental condition? [3]
- b) All searches in the neighbourhood proved futile. Eventually, whose help did Bishamber seek to search for Phatik? Who brought Phatik home and in what condition? [3]
- c) How did Phatik's aunt react when he was brought home? Why was she always annoyed with him? What does this tell us about her nature? [3]
- d) In what way did Bishamber prove that he cared for Phatik? [3]
- e) At the end of the story, Phatik died. What were his last words? Explore the theme of love and isolation as revealed in the story, 'The Home-coming'. [4]

Q 5) Read the following extract from Ruskin Bond's short story, The Boy Who Broke the Bank and answer the questions that follow:

"The elderly gentleman did not believe it. He hurried back to the shop and told Deep Chand: 'The bird has flown! Seth Govind Ram has left town. Definitely it's a collapse.'"



- Who is Deep Chand referred to in the above extract? What news and advice does his neighbour, Kamal Kishore, give him? [3]
- How does Deep Chand and his customer, the elderly gentleman, react on hearing the news? [3]
- What does the elderly gentleman do to confirm the news that was spreading through the bazaar with the rapidity of wildfire? Where does he immediately go after he got the confirmation? Why? [3]
- What does the elderly gentleman mean by "The bird has flown"? What were the rumours about 'the bird'? [3]
- At the moment, where is Seth Govind Ram and what is he doing there? Do you think that he is responsible for the collapse? Substantiate your answer with two valid reasons. [4]

## SECTION – D

(Answer one or more questions from this Section)

### POETRY

(Treasure Chest- A Collection of Poems and Short Stories)

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

It dawned on us we must  
Get to the hospital: we needed aid –  
And I should help my staff too.(Though this made  
Sense to me then, I wonder how I could)  
My legs gave way.  
I was still naked, but I felt no shame.

- Where was the narrator and who was accompanying him? Why was he naked? What was he thinking about at this moment? [3]
- Describe the atmosphere in the poem before and immediately after the explosion. [3]
- Mention any three shocking sights he observed while going to the hospital later that morning? [3]
- "And I should help my staff too." What does this line tell us about the doctor's attitude? Do you think that the narrator would be able to help his staff? Why? [3]
- Explain the significance of the line "Silence was common to us all". Justify the title of the poem 'A Doctor's Journal Entry for August 6, 1945'. [4]

Q 7) Read the following extract from W. H. Auden's poem, The Night Mail and answer the questions that follow:

Thousand's are still asleep  
Dreaming of terrifying monsters,  
Or of friendly tea beside the band at Cranston's or Crawford's.  
Asleep in working Glasgow, asleep in well-set Edinburgh,  
Asleep in granite Aberdeen,  
They continue their dreams,  
And shall wake soon and long for letters,  
And none will hear the postman's knock  
Without the quickening of the heart,

- Whom does 'Thousand's' refer to in the above extract? What are they 'dreaming of' while the night mail is traveling through different cities? [3]
- As the train descends into Scotland how does the landscape change? [3]
- The poet says "Asleep in granite Aberdeen, Asleep in working Glasgow." Give one characteristic feature of each Glasgow and Aberdeen that justifies the adjective 'working' and the noun 'granite'. What are Cranston and Crawford? [3]
- How will 'they' react when the postman's knock is heard? Why? [3]
- The main theme of the poem is human need to be connected, appreciated and loved. Comment. [4]