



ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, PRAYAGRAJ

FIRST UNIT TEST- MAY 2024

CLASS - IX

Time: 1½ Hrs

SUBJECT- ENGLISH LITERATURE

Max. Marks: 30

SECTION A

Question 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.) [6]

- (i) When is the feast of Lupercal celebrated?
 - a) 15th January
 - b) 15th February
 - c) 5th February
 - d) 15th March
- (ii) Why, according to Marullus would there be a plague?
 - a) Due to the crowding in the streets.
 - b) Due to the hollow banks of the Tiber.
 - c) Due to the ingratitude of the citizens.
 - d) Due to the flowers strewn on the way.
- (iii) What did the doctor say about Oliver's mother?
 - a) She was a good looking girl.
 - b) She was too young to die.
 - c) She was an orphan.
 - d) It is not clear what the doctor said about her.
- (iv) In which country is the story 'Oliver Asks For More' set ?
 - a) France
 - b) Germany
 - c) Italy
 - d) England
- (v) What does Skimble do when the train reaches the Gallowgate station?
 - a) He helps the passengers get off the train.
 - b) He inspects the luggage.
 - c) He talks to the police.
 - d) He greets the stationmaster.
- (vi) Where does Skimble spend most of his time while on the train?
 - a) In the luggage van, amongst the suitcases.
 - b) In his little den.
 - c) In the driver's cabin, drinking tea.
 - d) Walking up and down the corridor and examining the passengers.

SECTION B

DRAMA

(JULIUS CAESAR BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE)

Question 2

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



*MARULLUS - Wherefore rejoice?
What conquest brings he home?
What tributaries follow him to Rome,
To grace in captive bonds his chariot-wheels?
You blocks, you stones, you worse than senseless things!
O you hard hearts, you cruel men of Rome,
Knew you not Pompey?*

- (i) Where is the above scene set? Who are Flavius and Marullus? What are they doing on the streets? [2]
- (ii) Why were the people rejoicing on the streets? [2]
- (iii) Why did Marullus refer to Romans as 'cruel men'? Soon after this, what did Flavius ask these men to do in order to repent for their sins? [2]
- (iv) 'These growing feathers pluck'd from Caesar's wing will make him fly an ordinary pitch ...' What is Caesar being compared to in this scene and why? [2]

SECTION C POETRY

Question 3

Read the extract from T.S.Eliot's 'Skimbleshanks: The Railway Cat' given below and answer the questions that follow:

*There's a whisper down the line at 11.39
When the Night Mail's ready to depart,
Saying "Skimble where is Skimble has he gone to hunt the
thimble?
We must find him or the train can't start."*

- (i) Who are the individuals searching for Skimble? Where has he been busy? [2]
- (ii) What does the cat do to keep all passengers comfortable? Which literary device has been used for Skimbleshanks in the poem? [2]
- (iii) What does Skimble do when the train arrives at Dumfries station? How does he bid goodbye to the passengers? [2]
- (iv) Explain briefly any one theme of the poem. [2]

SECTION D [Prose]

Question 4

Read the extract from Charles Dickens' 'Oliver Asks For More' given below and answer the questions that follow:

One day Oliver and his friends decided that one boy would walk up to the master after supper and ask for more soup. Oliver was chosen.

- (i) Who was Oliver Twist? What was the last wish of Oliver's mother? [2]
- (ii) How was Oliver and the other boys treated in the Workhouse? [2]
- (iii) How was Oliver punished when he asked for more soup? [2]
- (iv) Was it proper for Mr. Bumble to beat Oliver in front of everyone? Why do you think he did so? [2]

***** ALL THE BEST *****