

St. Mary's Convent Inter College, Prayagraj
First Terminal Examination 2024-25

Time : 2hrs.

Class -9

M.M. : 80

English Literature
(English Paper-2)

Name : Roll No.Date :

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 Part.)

Question 1.

Read the following questions and choose the 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. "He gives one flash of his glass-green eyes" and what happens ?
 - a. The station master gives the signal
 - b. The train begins its journey
 - c. Skimbleshanks drives the train
 - d. The ticket collector checks the tickets
- II. The Night mail shovels white steam because
 - a. It uses coal to get power and emits smoke
 - b. It passes along the banks of a stream
 - c. It announces its arrival
 - d. All of the above
- III. What is the mood of the poet of 'I Remember, I Remember'?
 - a. Cheerful
 - b. Regretful
 - c. Nostalgic
 - d. Jolly
- IV. A laburnum is a
 - a. A tree with red flowers
 - b. A tree with clusters of white flowers
 - c. A tree with clusters of yellow flowers
 - d. A shrub with pink flowers
- V. Why was the silence eerie according to Banku Babu ?
 - a. There was absolute silence
 - b. It was evening time
 - c. The animals were asleep
 - d. There was no light only a dull light shown on every branch.

- VI. Mr. Sowerberry was a _____ by profession
- A doctor
 - Work house master
 - Coffin maker
 - Farmer
- VII. How did the workhouse boys eat the soup ?
- With soft and fresh bread
 - With their spoons until they shone
 - They threw it away
 - They did not eat it.
- VIII. Choose the option that lists the sequence of events in the correct order :-
- The retired Colonel asks Hughie to demonstrate his wealth by possessing ten thousand pounds of his own
 - Hughie falls in love
 - Hughie eventually manages to acquire the required sum of money
 - Hughie tries various professions but fails in all of them
- Option 4,2,1,3
 - Option 1,3,4,2
 - Option 3,1,2,4
 - Option 2,4,3,1
- IX. Select the option that shows the correct relationship between statements (1) and (2) from “ The Model Millionaire”
- Hughie didn't have much money
 - The Colonel refused to get Hughie and his daughter married.
- 1 is the cause of 2
 - 1 is an example of 2
 - 1 is independent of 2
 - 1 is a contradiction of 2
- X. What does the phrase “ And the passengers are frantic to a man” signify in the context of the poem Sikkimbleshanks:The Railway Cat ? Choose the correct option.
- The passengers are placid
 - The passengers are indignant
 - The passengers are frenzied
 - The passengers are desolate
- Option (i) and (ii)
 - Option (iii) and (iv)
 - Option (iii) only
 - Option (iv) only
- XI. What do the waiting men and women dream about in the poem “The Night Mail” ?
- Tea
 - Terrifying monsters
 - Letters
 - All of the above

- XII. What does the cobbler say to show that he is a master craftsman ?
- He is a surgeon of old shoes
 - He mends soles
 - Every shoe-wearing gentleman has worn his hand work
 - He needed more work
- XIII. The opening scene of the play reflects on which of the following causes that led to the development of the play ?
- Caesar's triumph over Pompey's sons
 - Caesar's Suspicions
 - Mounting hostilities to Caesar's rule
 - Fear of Caesar
- XIV. For whom does Brutus say ' I love him well' ?
- Antony
 - Caesar
 - Cassius
 - Casca
- XV. What is meant by 'age's yoke' as spoken by Cassius ?
- Oppression under Caesar's rule
 - The age of burden under monarchists
 - The era of end of republicanism
 - None of the above
- XVI. What is meant by 'prodigies' in Act 1, Scene 3 ?
- Unnatural events
 - Storms
 - Accidents
 - Fire

Section B

(Answer one or more questions from this section)

Drama

(Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare)

Question 2.

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

Marullus:.....And when you saw his Chariot but appear,

Have you not made a universal shout,

That Tiber trembled underneath her banks,

Made in her concave shores ?

- Who is Marullus speaking to ? What is the occasion ? What mood is Marullus in ? (3)
- What is the date as the scene opens? Who is referred to as 'his' ? Where did the people gather and why ? (3)
- How does Marullus prove that Caesar is not worthy to receive such a welcome? (3)
- Explain the last two lines of the extract.
What does the second citizen say about his profession? (3)
- Name the companion of Marullus ? What did the companion tell the people to do ?
What did the people do after hearing Marullus and his companion ? (4)

Question 3

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

Caesar: Who is it in the press that calls on me ?
I hear a tongue, shriller than all the music,
Cry 'Caesar!' Speak; Caesar is turn'd to hear

- i) Where does the scene take place ? Name all the prominent figures who are present there. (3)
- ii) Who is the person that loudly calls the name of Caesar? What does 'he' warn Caesar of ?
What do they mean ? (3)
- iii) How does Caesar react to the warning ? What is the meaning of 'press'? Why are the prominent figures followed by a crowd moving in a procession ? (3)
- iv) What does Caesar ask Antony to do and why ? (3)
- v) As soon as Brutus and Cassius are left alone, what does Cassius ask Brutus and what does Brutus say ? (4)

Section C

(Answer One or more questions from this section)

Prose-Short stories

(Treasure chest-A Collection of ICSE Poems and short stories) Question 4.

Read the extract from Charles Dicken's short story " Oliver Asks More" given below and answer the questions that follow :

The doctor put the child in her arms. She pressed her cold white lips to its face and then fell back. 'she is dead,' said the doctor

'Yes, poor dear' said the old woman as she took the child away from its dead mother. Poor dear 'she was a good looking girl, said the doctor as he put on his hat and gloves. 'Where did she come from ?

- i) Who is 'she' in the first line ? What wish had 'she' expressed earlier ? What happened to her soon after that ? (3)
- ii) Give a brief account of the place she was brought to. (3)
- iii) What name did the baby assume ? Who was responsible for inventing a name for the baby?
What mechanism was devised for this purpose ? (3)
- iv) How were the boys treated in the work house ? (3)
- v) Why was the nine-year old punished ? What was the punishment ? (4)

Question 5.

Read the extract from Oscar Wilde's story. 'The Model Millionaire ' and answer the questions that follow:-

Personally he was a strange rough fellow, with a freckled face and a red ragged beard. However when he took up the brush he was a real master, and his pictures were eagerly sought after. He had been very attracted by Hughie at first, it must be acknowledged, entirely on account of his personal charm.

- i) Who is the rough fellow ? What is his profession ? Why was 'he' initially attracted to Hughie? (3)
- ii) What made Hughie popular ? Give reasons for your answer (3)
- iii) What were the three professions that Hughie had tried before becoming 'nothing'? (3)
- iv) Who was the girl that Hughie Erskine was in love with ? Why was the Colonel against



the engagement even though he was fond of Hughie ? What condition did he lay before Hughie to marry his daughter? (3)

- v) Millionaire models are rare enough; but by Jove , model millionaire are rarer still !”
Who said these words? Explain the above lines. Why was Hughie’s encounter with the beggar important in the story ? (4)

Section D

(Answer one or more questions from this section)

Poetry

Treasure chest- A collection of ICSE poems and short stories

Question 6.

Read the following extract from the poem ‘I Remember. I Remember by Thomas Hood and answer the questions that follow.

I Remember, I remember
Where I was used to swing
And thought the air must rush as fresh
To swallows on the wing
My spirit flew in feathers
then That is so heavy now.

- i) What does the poet remember about the house he was born ? How does the speaker feel about the sun’s arrival during his childhood ? (3)
- ii) What type of flowers are grown in the garden of the poet ? What marks the poet’s brother’s birthday ? (3)
- iii) What does the poet remember in the above extract ? Explain the phrase ‘My spirit flew in feathers then.’ (3)
- iv) What according to the poet could hardly cool the fever on the poet’s brow ? Explain the line “ I wish the night had borne my breath away !”
What does it reveal about the poet’s mental state ? (3)
- v) What does the poet mean by ‘Childish ignorance’?
What was his childish ignorance ?
Is the poet still ignorant as he was as a child ? Give reasons for your answer. (4)

Question 7.

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

Then Skimble will appear and he’ll saunter to the rear
He’s been busy in the luggage-van !
He gives one flash of his glass-green eyes
And the signal goes “ All Clear!”
And we’re off at last for the northern part
Of the Northern Hemisphere !

- i) Who all are searching for Skimble and why ? (3)
- ii) Why can’t the train start without Skimbleshanks ? (3)
- iii) Explain “He is been busy in the luggage van”
Which quality of Skimbleshanks is highlighted here ? (3)
- iv) What does the phrase “where he greets the station master with elation” signify about Skimble? How does he bid good bye to the passengers ? (3)
- v) Briefly describe how he establishes control in the Night Mail. Give instances to justify your answer. (4)

