

Question 5

How does our mood determine our behaviour? Discuss with close reference to the story 'The Singing Lesson'. (20)

Question 6

Salvatore has a positive attitude towards life. Discuss with examples from the story 'Salvatore'. Are you inspired by ? (20)

REVERIE-A Collection of ISC Poems

Question 7

- (a) How does Hardy depict a general mood of gloom and despair in the poem "The Darkling Thrush"? (8)
- (b) How does the song of the thrush bring in a shift in the tone and mood of the poem? (6)
- (c) Comment on the aptness of the title. How does the poem appeal to you ? (6)

Question 8

How is a fable most effective way of giving counsel to others without offence? Elucidate with reference to the poem 'The Spider and the Fly'.

Question 9

'Desiderata' is all about the attributes which we should desire for or aim at. Do you agree?

Half Yearly Examination 2018-2019 English Literature

Class : XII

Time : 3Hrs. 15 min.

Full Marks : 100

Attempt 5 questions in all. Question 1 is compulsory. Answer four questions from at least three textbooks in Section B.

Section-A

CANDIDA - G. B. Shaw

Question-1

Choose two of the passages (a) to (c) and answer briefly the questions that follow: (20)

- (a) **Proserpine:** Never mind why. It will do you good to earn your supper before you eat it, for once in a way, as I do. Come! Don't dawdle. You should have been off on your round half an hour ago.

Lexy: (perplexed) Is she in earnest, Morell?

- i) Why does Proserpine advise Lexy not to be idle? (1)
- ii) Why is Lexy perplexed? (2)
- iii) Where is Morell supposed to go? What is Lexy's reaction? (2)
- iv) What prevents Morell from going? (2)
- v) What is strange about Morell saying 'Yes, I am going to dawdle today.'? (2)
- vi) What is your opinion of Burgess with reference to this Act ? (1)

(b) **Candida:** (laughing) No, no, no, no. Not jealous of anybody. Jealous for somebody else, who is not loved as he ought to be.

Morell: Me?

Candida: You! Why, you're spoiled with love and worship: you get far more than is good for you. No I mean Eugene.

- i) What makes Morell ask Candida if she is jealous of Proserpine ? (1)
 - ii) Explain: 'Not jealous of anybody. Jealous for somebody else, who is not loved as he ought to be.' (2)
 - iii) What seems unfair to Candida ? (2)
 - iv) What does Morell never think of and confide in when it comes to Candida ? (2)
 - v) How does Candida react to Morell's point of view ? (2)
 - vi) What does Candida want Morell to have confidence in ? (1)
- (c) **Marchbanks:** Oh, I've been so miserable all the evening, because I was doing right. Now I'm doing wrong: and I'm happy.

Candida: (tenderly amused at him) Yes: I'm sure you feel like a great grown-up wicked deceiver. Quite proud of yourself, aren't you?

- i) Where are Marchbanks and Candida? (1)
- ii) What has Marchbanks been doing since Morell left for his lecture? Why? (2)
- iii) What condition does Candida put when Marchbanks wants to say 'some wicked things' to her ? (2)

iv) Later in the Act he tells Morell 'She offered me all I chose to ask for.' What does he mean? (2)

v) What does Morell say immediately after this? (2)

vi) Why does Marchbanks become Morell's 'friend'? (1)

Section-B

(Answer four questions from at least three textbooks)

Candida - G.B. Shaw (4x20=80)

Question-2

- (a) Give a graphic detail of Eugene's poetic reverie in relation to the scrubbing brush and Morell's contempt for it. How does Eugene react to Morell's sarcasm ? (8)
- (b) How do you know that Candida does not like Morell to be humiliated by Eugene? (6)
- (c) What are your feelings for Eugene? (6)

Question 3

Which character in 'Candida' appeals to you the most? Validate your choice with reference to the play. (20)

ECHOES - ISC Collection of Short Stories

Question 4

- (a) When and how does the man decide to accept death with dignity in the story 'To Build a Fire' ? (8)
- (b) What is your opinion of the man's character ? (6)
- (c) How does the story appeal to you? (6)