

**ENGLISH**  
**PAPER 2**  
**(LITERATURE IN ENGLISH)**  
**(Prescribed Textbooks)**

M2069323

*Maximum Marks: 80*

*Time Allotted: Three Hours*

*Reading Time: Additional Fifteen Minutes*

**Instructions to Candidates**

1. You are allowed an **additional fifteen minutes** for **only** reading the question paper.
2. You must **NOT** start writing during reading time.
3. This question paper has **7 printed pages and one blank page**.
4. It has **five questions** in all.
5. Answer *all* questions.
6. While answering **Question 1 in Section A**, you are required to **write only ONE option as the correct answer**.
7. **Internal choice** has been given in the **long answer question** on Drama, Prose and Poetry.
8. **Do not exceed the prescribed word limit** while answering the questions in Section B.
9. The intended marks for questions are given in brackets [ ].

**Instruction to Supervising Examiner**

1. Kindly read **aloud** the Instructions given on page 1 to all the candidates present in the examination hall.
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## SECTION A- 20 MARKS

### Question 1

[10]

Choose the correct options for the following questions.

- (i) How does Ross describe Macduff to Lady Macduff in Act IV Scene ii of the play, *Macbeth*?
- (a) Noble, wise and judicious
  - (b) Dishonest, cowardly and foolish
  - (c) Ambitious, cruel and secretive
  - (d) Loyal, brave and trustworthy
- (ii) In his soliloquy in Act III Scene i of the play, *Macbeth*, which one of the following does Macbeth refer to as a reason for fearing Banquo?
- (P) Banquo is close to Lady Macbeth.
  - (Q) Banquo is royal in nature.
  - (R) Banquo's descendants will become kings.
  - (S) Banquo is a poor advisor.
- (a) Only (P) and (Q)
  - (b) Only (Q) and (R)
  - (c) Only (R) and (S)
  - (d) Only (P) and (S)
- (iii) "Nought's had, all's spent,  
Where our desire is got without content;"  
What does this quote by Lady Macbeth in Act III Scene ii of the play, *Macbeth*, reveal about her mental state?
- (a) She feels Duncan's murder was worth the effort.
  - (b) She is greedy for power.
  - (c) She is afraid of spending money.
  - (d) She realises the futility of power.
- (iv) In Act V Scene v of the play, *Macbeth*, what is Macbeth's first reaction when the messenger informs him that "the wood began to move"?
- (a) He disbelieves the messenger and calls him a "liar."
  - (b) He wants to see the sight for himself.
  - (c) He sends a message to his General.
  - (d) He loses all hopes.

- (v) Why did Charushashi smash Tarapada's flute in the short story, *Atithi*?
- Sonamani had gifted the flute to Tarapada.
  - She felt the sound of the flute was not sweet.
  - She wanted to give Tarapada another flute.
  - She was overcome with jealousy and anger.
- (vi) What does the ever-ticking clock in the short story, *There Will Come Soft Rains*, symbolise?
- Mankind has been destroyed.
  - Punctuality is important.
  - Time is all powerful and ever present.
  - Humans can win over time.
- (vii) Read the following two statements from the short story, *The Medicine Bag*, and choose the correct option from the ones given below.
- Statement I:** "Tomorrow," he said, "when you come home, it will be time to give you the medicine bag."
- Statement II:** I felt a hard squeeze from where my heart is supposed to be and was scared, but I answered, "OK, Grandpa."
- Statements I and II are similar.
  - Statements I and II are not related to each other.
  - Statement II is the reason for Statement I.
  - Statement I is the reason for Statement II.
- (viii) Which one of the following **BEST** describes Beethoven's father's attitude to him in the poem, *Beethoven*?
- He was overbearing.
  - He was rude.
  - He drove Beethoven to perfection.
  - He wanted him to be successful.
- (ix) In the poem, *Small Towns and the River*, what is the river compared to?
- A waterfall
  - The sky full of stars
  - A torrent of grief
  - A meadow of flowers

- (x) In the poem, *Tithonus*, what does Tennyson illustrate through the image of 'the woods decay and fall....Man comes and tills the field and lies beneath, '?  
(a) Nature's bias against humans  
(b) The natural cycle of life and death  
(c) The concept of immortality  
(d) Humans' command over nature

### Question 2

[10]

Complete the following sentences by providing a reason for each in brief. Do not write the question.

- (i) In Act III Scene v of the play, *Macbeth*, Hecate is angry with the three witches because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) In Act IV Scene iii of the play, *Macbeth*, Malcolm is suspicious of Macduff's intentions because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii) In Act V Scene i of the play, *Macbeth*, the doctor says, "This disease is beyond my practice" because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) In Act IV Scene i of the play, *Macbeth*, Macbeth gets angry at the witches when they show him the vision of the line of kings because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) In the short story, *The Medicine Bag*, Martin and his family felt guilty when 'Grandpa' travelled all alone to their home because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (vi) In the short story, *The Cookie Lady*, when Bubber informs Mrs. Drew that it would be his last visit, she is stunned because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (vii) In the short story, *Atithi*, Motilal Babu is initially reluctant to marry his daughter to Tarapada because \_\_\_\_\_ http
- (viii) In the poem, *Tithonus*, Tithonus terms his immortality 'cruel' because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ix) In the poem, *Beethoven*, the musicians made fun of Beethoven's madness because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (x) In the poem, *Telephone Conversation*, the speaker on the phone makes a 'self-confession' because \_\_\_\_\_.

## SECTION B – 60 MARKS

### MACBETH – WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

#### Question 3

- (i) How does Lady Macduff respond to her husband's sudden departure in Act IV Scene ii? What does her response suggest about her nature? [5]

Incorporate the following details and write your answer in a short paragraph of 100 - 150 words.

- Lady Macduff's accusations
- Aspects of her nature

- (ii) What secrets does Lady Macbeth reveal as she walks in her sleep in Act V Scene i? What changes do you notice in her from the Banquet scene in Act III? [5]

Incorporate the following details and write your answer in a short paragraph of 100 - 150 words.

- Utterances in sleepwalking
- Her conduct in the Banquet scene and the Sleepwalking scene

- (iii) (a) Do you think that Malcolm has the kingly qualities that Macbeth lacks? Justify your answer in 200 - 250 words by referring to the Acts studied. [10]

OR

- (b) The minor characters in the play act as commentators to the events that unfold in Scotland. Discuss the statement in 200 - 250 words with reference to the Acts studied. [10]

### PRISM- A COLLECTION OF SHORT STORIES

#### Question 4

- (i) In the short story, *Indigo*, Bholu Babu warns Aniruddha against undertaking a solo car journey from Calcutta to Dumka. Describe the consequences of Aniruddha's decision. [5]

Incorporate the following details and write your answer in a short paragraph of 100 - 150 words.

- Obstacles faced by Aniruddha in the journey
- Effect on him

- (ii) Referring closely to the short story, *There Will Come Soft Rains*, describe any four routine activities performed by the automated devices. Comment on their significance. [5]  
Write your answer in 100 - 150 words incorporating the following details.
- Description of any four activities
  - Significance of the activities
- (iii) (a) Why do Martin's friends appreciate his 'Grandpa' in the short story, *The Medicine Bag*? How does peer pressure affect Martin's attitude towards his 'Grandpa'? Answer in 200 - 250 words. [10]

OR

- (b) Explore Tarapada's relationship with Annapurna and Charushashi in the short story, *Athiti*. Why, in your opinion, does Tarapada leave Kathaliya? Answer in 200 - 250 words. [10]

### RHAPSODY- POETRY

#### Question 5

- (i) How does the poet depict the eternal nature of the river in the poem, *Small Towns and the River*? [5]  
Write your answer in 100 - 150 words incorporating the following details.
- Journey of the river through the land and the town
  - Poet's view of the river
- (ii) Describe Beethoven's efforts to live up to his father's expectations. [5]  
Write your answer in a short paragraph of about 100 - 150 words by incorporating the following aspects.
- His father's expectations and treatment of Beethoven
  - Difficulties Beethoven faced in fulfilling those expectations
- (iii) (a) The poem, *Telephone Conversation*, does not unite but separates the two individuals engaged in a telephone conversation. Analyse the statement in 200 - 250 words. [10]

OR

- (b) With reference to the theme of immortality, analyse the portrayal of Eos / Aurora in the poem, *Tithonus*, in 200 - 250 words. [10]