

c) What is the significance of the title of Tennyson's poem 'Crossing the Bar' ? Is it an appropriate title ?  
[6]

5. 'The Dolphins' by Duffy is about the abuse of wildlife, exploitation of animals and the enmity between man and nature. Discuss. [20]

6. 'We are the Music Makers, And we are the dreamers, of dreams.' Discuss these statements of O' Shaughnessy in his poem, 'We are the Music Makers. [20]

#### **ISC COLLECTION OF SHORT STORIES**

7. a) Describe in detail Alexander Heathcote's first meeting with Yung Lee. [8]

b) Under what circumstances does the little statue of Emperor Kung find its way into the auction room ? [6]

c) Discuss the irony in the story, 'The Chinese Statue'. How far do you think is the title 'The Chinese Statue' appropriate ? [6]

8. The story 'The Sound Machine' deals with the modern theme of the conservation of plants and the need to be sensitive to their pain. Discuss. [20]

9. Galsworthy's story 'Quality' illustrates that true artists have to face many hardships in life. Discuss with close reference to the text. [20]

### **Quarterly Examination 2018-2019 English Literature**

**Class : XII**

**Time : 3 hrs.+15 Mins.**

**Full Marks : 100**

(Attempt **FIVE** questions in all Question **ONE** is compulsory  
You must attempt at least **ONE** question from each book)

#### **Section - A (DRAMA)**

1. Read the following extracts and choose two from (a) to (c) : [20]

a) **Candida** - Oh, I know You silly boy : you think  
its your socialism and religion;  
but if it was that they'd do what  
you tell them instead of only  
coming to look at you, They all  
have Prossy's complaint.

i) Who is referred as 'silly boy' by Candida ? [1]

ii) What, according to Candida, people would do if they were inclined towards socialism and religion ? [2]

iii) What is meant by 'Prossy's Complaint' ? Who all have Prossy's Complaint ? [2]

iv) How does Candida make out that Proserpine is in love with Morell ? [2]

v) What reason does Candida give for Morell's enthusiasm for preaching ? How does Morell react to Candida's opinion about his preaching ? [2]

vi) What characteristic traits of Morell is revealed from his reply. [1]

{Turn Over}

b) **Morell** (Hotly) : No, Sir : it is not becoming language for a clergyman. I used the wrong word. I should have said damn your impudence; that's what St. Paul or any honest priest would have said to you. Do you think I have forgotten that tender of yours for the contract to supply dothing to the work house ?

- i) Who is referred as 'Sir' ? How is is speaker related to him ? [1]
- ii) What language was used by the speaker ? Why was such a language unexpected of him ? [2]
- iii) What was the listener's reaction when Morell spoke about the tender ? What did he say ? [2]
- iv) What did Morell say when the listener said that it was the lowest tender ? [2]
- v) What was the listener turned into ? How ? [2]
- vi) What kind of person was the listener ? [1]

c) **Proserpine** : [plucking a blue book from the shelf and turning sharply on him.] I haven't any love affairs. How dare you say such a thing ? The idea ! [She tucks the book under her arm and is flouncing back to her machine when he addresses her with awakened interest and sympathy.]

- i) Why is Proserpine reluctant to express her real feelings about love ? [1]
- ii) What remark of Marchbanks has initiated the talk on love between him and Proserpine ? [2]

- iii) What reason did Marchbanks give for the existence of few love affairs in the world ? [2]
- iv) What according to Marchbanks was world's tragedy? [2]
- v) Is Marchbanks referring to himself when he insists that it is shyness that prevents good people from expressing their love ? How ? [2]
- vi) Whom does Proserpine love ? What was Marchbanks reaction on knowing about her love ? [1]

### Section - B

(You must attempt atleast ONE question from each book.

ANSWER any **Four** questions.)

### DRAMA - CANDIDA - BERNARD SHAW

- 2. (a) What prompts Proserpine to declare that Eugene Marchbanks is 'mad as a March hare' ? [8]
- b) What are the qualities of a poet that Marchbanks sees in himself which he finds lacking in Morell? [6]
- c) How is Engene Marchbanks a perfect foil to James Morell ? [6]
- 3. Referring closely to Act II, give an account of Candida's grievances as a wife which she voices. How does she come to shatter some of the illusions of her husband ? [20]

### ISC COLLECTION OF POEMS

- 4. a) 'Crossing the Bar' shows Tennysons' optimism and his belief in the immortality of the soul. Elucidate.[8]
- b) Bring out the main themes of the poem ' Crossing the bar' by Tennyson. [6]