

Pre-Board Examination : 2022-23

Class - X

English Paper-2 (Literature in English)

Time allowed : Two Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

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.

This 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 the brackets [].

Section – (A)

(Attempt ALL questions from this section.)

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.) [16]

(a) In the beginning of the story, 'An Angel in Disguise', what is said to touch the spring of our common humanity ?

(i) Sufferings

(ii) Death

(iii) Poverty

(iv) All the above

(b) Why did the little girl in the story, 'The Little Match Girl', not dare to go home despite the extreme coldness outside ?

(i) Because she had not sold any matches and earned any money

(ii) Because her father would beat her if she came home without any money

(iii) Because it was very cold at home

(iv) All the above

(c) In the story, 'The Blue Bird', what is said to frighten the crocodiles ?

(i) Big wild animals

(ii) Noise

(iii) A crowd of people

(iv) Hayfork

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- (d) In the story, '*My Greatest Olympic Prize*', Jesse Owens says that he was a little hot under the collar about Hitler's ways? What is meant by the expression a little hot under the collar?
- He was a slightly disappointed.
 - He was a little unhappy.
 - He was a little angry and embarrassed.
 - He was not feeling well.
- (e) What is said to have removed the blue from Margot's eyes, the red from her mouth and the yellow from her hair in the story, '*All Summer in a Day*'?
- Her being locked up in the closet
 - Attitude of other children on the Venus
 - The transfer of her life from the Earth to the Venus
 - Rain
- (f) To what does the poet compare the daffodils in the poem, '*Daffodils*'?
- Clouds
 - Stars
 - Planets
 - Waves
- (g) Why are the trees described as sighing in the poem, '*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*'?
- Because the weather is extremely hot
 - Because even the trees feel for the caged bird
 - Because nobody takes care of the trees
 - Because the trees are tied to the ground as the caged bird is confined to his cage.
- (h) Which of the following words best describes the attitude of the people in the poem, '*The Patriot*'?
- Heartless
 - Ungrateful
 - Vindictive
 - Fickle minded
- (i) In the poem, '*Abou Ben Adhem*', what has made Abou Ben Adhem bold to ask the angel what she was writing?
- His love for God
 - His pious life
 - His service to humanity
 - Exceeding peace
- (j) Why does the poet say that Special Olympics could not have been nearer the mark?
- Because it was the Olympics only for the differently abled people
 - Because the athletes had practised for weeks and months before the event
 - Because all the athletes helped the fallen athlete to his feet and walked all together to the finishing point
 - Because all of them were given a gold medal each

- (k) Which place is said to be the burial place of the carcasses of many tall ships in Act III, Scene 1 of the play, 'The Merchant of Venice' ?
 (i) The North Sea (ii) The Goodwins
 (iii) The Mediterranean Sea (iv) The Black Sea
- (l) Who is referred to as the virgin tribute in Act III, Scene 2 of the play, 'The Merchant of Venice' ?
 (i) Portia (ii) Hesione (iii) Nerissa (iv) Jessica
- (m) *It is the most impenetrable cur
 That ever kept with men.*
 Who said the above lines in Act III, scene 3 of the play, 'The Merchant of Venice' ?
 (i) Gratiano (ii) Bassanio (iii) Lorenzo (iv) Salerino
- (n) To which animal does Gratiano compare the currish spirit of Shylock in Act IV, Scene 1 of the play, 'The Merchant of Venice' ?
 (i) Dog (ii) Fox (iii) Wolf (iv) Bear
- (o) As Lorenzo says in Act V, Scene 1 of the play, 'The Merchant of Venice', why are human beings not able to hear the harmony in their souls ?
 (i) Because they are distracted thinking about the worldly things
 (ii) Because of the muddy vesture of decay that encloses their soul
 (iii) Because they live in a noisy world
 (iv) All the above
- (p) How much amount did Bassanio offer to Shylock at first in Act IV, Scene 1 of the play, 'The Merchant of Venice' ?
 (i) Three thousand ducats (ii) Four thousand ducats
 (iii) Six thousand ducats (iv) Seven thousand ducats

Section – (B)**(Answer one or more questions from this Section)****DRAMA***(The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare)***Question 2.****Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :****Portia**

..... If it be so,
 How little is the cost I have bestow'd
 In purchasing the semblance of my soul
 From out the state of hellish cruelty !
 This comes too near the praising of myself;
 Therefore, no more of it: hear other things.

- (a) How did Lorenzo praise Portia earlier in the same scene? What is the reason for his praise? What did he tell Portia about Antonio? [3]
- (b) What has Portia said to Lorenzo just before the above extract about her perception of Antonio's character? [3]
- (c) How did Bassanio describe the character of Antonio to Portia earlier in another scene after reading the letter written by Antonio? [3]
- (d) What are the other things that Portia tells Lorenzo? [3]
- (e) What does Portia tell Nerissa about how she will disguise herself in the Venetian court in order to save the life of Antonio? [4]

Question 3.

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

Portia : Thou shalt have nothing but the forfeiture,
To be taken at thy peril, Jew.

Shylock : Why, then the devil give him good of it!
I'll stay no longer question.

Portia : Tarry, Jew :
The law hath yet another hold on you.

- (a) What were the conditions laid down by Portia on Shylock earlier in the scene for taking the penalty? What would be the consequence on Shylock if he did not satisfy the conditions? [3]
- (b) What is the 'another hold' that the law has on Shylock according to Portia? [3]
- (c) Later in the same scene, what are the conditions that Antonio sets for Shylock to show mercy towards him? [3]
- (d) What is the reward that Bassanio offers to Portia after she has won the case for Antonio in the court? How does she respond to Bassanio for the offer? [3]
- (e) What excuses are put forward by Bassanio for not parting with his ring? How does Portia react to them? [4]

Section – (C)

(Answer one or more questions from this Section)

PROSE – SHORT STORIES

(Treasure Trove – A Collection of ICSE Poems and Short Stories)

Question 4.

Read the extract from Jesse Owens's story, 'My Greatest Olympic Prize' given below and answer the questions given below :

You can melt down all the gold medals and cups I have, and they couldn't be a plating on the 24 carat friendship I felt for Luz Long at that moment.

- (a) Who was Luz Long? What is the moment mentioned in the extract? [3]
- (b) What was the reason for the friendship between Luz Long and Jesse Owens? [3]
- (c) What was special about 1936 Berlin Olympics? What was Jesse Owens attitude when he came for the trial of broad jump? [3]
- (d) What was the effect of Luz Long's advice on Jesse Owens? Why did he walk over to his room that evening? [3]
- (e) What was Hitler's reaction when Jesse Owens won the gold medal for the event? How does this event highlight the message of the modern Olympic Games? [4]

Question 5.

Read the extract from '*All Summer in a Day*', by Ray Douglas Bradbury given below and answer the questions that follow:

Margot stood apart from them, from these children who could ever remember a time when there wasn't rain and rain and rain.

- (a) Who was Margot? When did she come in the Venus? Where had she been before that? [3]
- (b) How long had it been raining on the Venus? How was the way of life on the planet? [3]
- (c) Why was she hated by other children? [3]
- (d) In what way did the other children in the planet treat her? [3]
- (e) What did the children do to her on the day when the sun appeared? In what way did the attitude of the children change at the end? Give a reason for the change in their behaviour to Margot. [4]

Section – (D)

(Answer one or more questions from this Section)

POETRY

(Treasure Trove – A Collection of ICSE Poems and Short Stories)

Question 6.

Read the extract from the poem, '*The Patriot*' by Robert Browning and answer the questions that follow :

Thus I entered, and thus I go!

In triumphs, people have dropped down dead.

*Paid by the world, what dost thou owe
"Me?" – God might question; now instead,
'Tis God shall repay: I am safer so.*

- (a) When and where did the patriot enter ? Where is he going ? [3]
- (b) How was the patriot welcomed when he entered the place a year ago ? [3]
- (c) How would have the people behaved, if he had asked for their sun in the past ? What does the patriot think of his past deeds ? [3]
- (d) What change has come in the attitude of people now ? What does it speak about their nature ? [3]
- (e) How does the patriot describe his present condition ? What is his feeling at the end of the poem ? [4]

✓ Question 7.

Read the extract from David Roth's poem, 'Nine Gold Medals' given below and answer the questions that follow :

*That's how the race ended, with nine gold medals
They came to the finish line holding hands still
And the banner above and nine smiling faces
Said more than these words ever will.
Said more than these words ever will.*

- (a) Which race is mentioned in the above extract ? When and where was it held ? [3]
- (b) How did the athletes prepare for this event ? In what way did the spectators behave ? [3]
- (c) How many athletes took part in the event ? What was the unfortunate incident that happened in the field ? How did the athlete react ? [3]
- (d) What happened afterwards to make the 'Special Olympics' a special one ? [3]
- (e) What message do you get from the poem ? Mention any two human values that you have learned from the poem. [4]