

Quarterly Examination 2018-2019

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Class : XI

Time : 3 hrs.+15min.

Full Marks : 100

(Attempt **FIVE** questions in all. Question **ONE** from **Section A** is **compulsory**. You must attempt at least **FOUR** questions from **Section B**. Answer at least **one question** from each book.)

DRAMA — CANDIDA — BERNARD SHAW

SECTION A

1. Read the two passages (a) - (b) and answer briefly questions that follow : **(2x10=20)**

a. **Morell : (amused) Ah; but you see theyre near relatives of mine.**

Proserpine : (staring at him) Relatives of yours!

- i. Who are 'they' in the given extract ? (1)
- ii. Why does Morell believe that 'theyre' his near relatives ? How does Proserpine react on hearing this ? (2)
- iii. Throw light on Morell's physical features as mentioned in the act. (2)
- iv. Describe Proserpine as introduced in this act.(2)
- v. How does Shaw use the stage setting to highlight the fact that Morell advocates the doctrine of Socialism ? (2)
- vi. Where is the scene taking place ? (1)

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b. **Morell : catch the measles if you can, Lexy : she'll nurse you; and what a piece of luck that will be for you! Eh ?**

- i. Who is 'She; in the given extract ? (1)
- ii. She is coming up for two days. Why ? (2)
- iii. What comment does Lexy make immediately after the extract ? (2)
- iv. According to Morell how can one be cured of dawdling ? (2)
- v. Morell further speaks about the feelings of an honest man. What does he say ? (2)
- vi. What is your opinion of Morell as far as his married life is concerned ? (1)

SECTION B

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2. a. Summarise the conversation between Reverend Alexander Mill and Reverend James Mavor Morell.(8)
- b. Delineate the character traits of Reverend James Mavor Morell from this act. (6)
- c. Bring out the significance this act from your understanding of the text. (6)

A COLLECTION OF ISC SHORT STORIES

3. a. From the short story 'Quality' bring out the instances which establish that Gessler brothers were dedicated practitioner of quality. (8)

b. The death of Gessler brothers marks the demise of an era and the beginning of another. Do you agree? (6)

c. The Gessler brothers clung on to 'Quality' even at the face of starvation and death. Is it a prudent idealization ? (6)

4. Enumerate how in the short story 'Salvatore' W. Somerset Maugham vividly portrays the character of Salvatore by taking us through his early youth, love, marriage and finally settling down to a peaceful life. (20)

A COLLECTION OF ISC POEMS

5. a. The poem Desiderata by Max Ehrmann offers a simple positive credo for life. Discuss. (8)

b. How does this poem appeal to you ? (6)

c. The poem imparts some valuable suggestions. How relevant and practical are they in the contemporary world ? (6)

6. Critically analyse the poem John Brown by Bob Dylan. (20)