

Final Examination - 2017-2018
ENGLISH LITERATURE

Time : 2 hrs. 15 min.
F. M. : 80

Std. : VIII

Answer the following questions with reference to the context.

SELECT ANY FIVE QUESTIONS

SECTION A (PROSE)

1. "That of course, is a North American Harvard."
 - i. Who is the speaker? Describe his appearance. (1+2)
 - ii. What is the speaker talking about? How is he so sure about it? (1+2)
 - iii. Why did the speaker's friends live in terror of his approach? (3)
 - iv. Who ordered the speaker to give a lecture on the grenade? What happened to the speaker at the end of the lecture? (1+2)
 - v. What is the message of the story? Name the lesson and the author. (2+2)
2. "That's Jim Valentine's autograph. He's resumed business."
 - i. Who is the speaker and what was his profession? Who was Jim Valentine? (2+1)
 - ii. Jim Valentine took great pride in his tool box. What was special about it? (3)
 - iii. How did the speaker know that Jim had resumed business? (3)
 - iv. Where was Jim just before he had resumed business? What did the clerk in the warden's office give Jim and why? (1+2)
 - v. Why do you think Jim became a changed man? Write any aspect of his character that has impressed you. Name the author. (2+1+1)
3. He could never forget the promises of the night before Easter 1940.
 - i. Who is referred to as 'he'? What was the promise of the night before Easter, 1940, that he clearly remembered? (1+2)
 - ii. Why was Costas' father unable to go with him? (3)
 - iii. What were the people chanting on their way down the mountain? What were the two things the church bells celebrated together? (1+2)
 - iv. Describe all that Costas could see from the top of Mt. Lycabettus on Easter night. (3)
 - v. Do you think the speaker's family was poor? Give instances from the story to support your answer. Name the lesson. (3+1)

SECTION B (POETRY)

4. He rode all unarm'd and he rode all alone, so faithful in love, and so dauntless in war.
 - i. How does the poet describe Lochinvar in the opening stanza? (3)

- ii. Where did Lachinvar come from? Why was he in a great hurry? (1+2)
- iii. As soon as Lochinvar enters the Netherby Hall, what does the bride's father say to him? What does Lochinvar reply to the bride's father? (1+2)
- iv. How does the poet describe the bridegroom in the poem? (3)
- v. How did Lochinvar manage to ride off with his lady love? Name the poet. (3+1)
5. Her lips of amber never part,
But what must be the smile
Upon her friend she could bestow
were such her silver will.
- i. Who does 'her' refer to? What kind of a smile would she bestow upon a friend? (1+2)
- ii. How has the poet described the crescent moon and the full moon? Name the poet. (2+1)
- iii. If the poet were the star far away, what would her feelings be for the moon? Why? (2+2)
- iv. Explain the following lines : (3)
- Her bonnet is the firmament / The universe her shoe,
The stars the trinkets at her belt / Her diminities of blue
- v. Identify the figures of speech : (4)
- a. Her cheeks like beryl stone
- b. Her eyes unto the summer dew
- c. And now she turns her perfect face
- d. Beside your twinkling door.
6. "It's time again for another birth," This special child will need much love."
- i. Who said these words and to whom? Where was it spoken? (2+1)
- ii. What was the reason for the meeting of the Angels and the Lord? (3)
- iii. In what ways will the special child find it difficult to adapt? (3)
- iv. Why do the Angels think it crucial to send the child to a special home? Why does the poet think it is a privilege for the parents to bring up this child? (1+2)
- v. What is the theme of the poem? Name the poem and the poet. (2+2)