

ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2023-24

Class- IX

English Literature

M.M.80

Time: 2hrs

Answers to this Paper must be written on the answer sheet 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.
Attempt five questions in all.

Section A is compulsory (all questions 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 brackets [].

SECTION A

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]

- (i) What is the date of March referred in act 1; scene ii?
- February 12
 - March 25
 - March 15
 - February 15
- (ii) What is the profession of the first Citizen in act 1; scene 1?
- Cobbler
 - Carpenter
 - Tribune
 - Baker
- (iii) Who has offered crown to Caesar three times?
- Casca
 - Mark Antony
 - Brutus
 - Calpurnia
- (iv) The bird of night hooted and shrieked in the
- Senate House
 - Brutus's House
 - Street
 - Market place
- (v) Brutus considers Antony to be a
- Follower of Caesar
 - Part of Caesar
 - Limb of Caesar
 - Brother of Caesar
- (vi) Who is Lucius?
- Servant of Brutus
 - Servant of Caesar
 - Servant of Antony
 - Soothsayer
- (vii) Who is the author of *A Work of Artifice*?
- T.S Eliot
 - Vikram Seth
 - Marge Piercy
 - W.H Auden
- (viii) Who is the speaker in the poem *Skimbleshanks : The Railway Cat*?
- The Poet
 - The Cat
 - All the passengers
 - One of the passengers

- (ix) What is 'laburnum' in the poem *I Remember, I Remember*?
- A tree
 - The swing
 - A bird
 - A flower
- (x) Who is the author of the poem *A Doctor's Journal Entry for August 6, 1945*?
- T.S Eliot
 - Vikram Seth
 - Marge Piercy
 - W.H Auden
- (xi) Which of these is NOT carried by the train in the poem 'The Night Mail'?
- Cheques
 - Letters
 - News
 - Furnaces
- (xii) According to Sripati Babu if someone from a different planet came to Earth, he would land in
- Some western country
 - Some eastern country
 - India
 - USA
- (xiii) Where was Oliver Twist born?
- In the hospital
 - In the prison
 - In a park
 - In the workhouse
- (xiv) Who is Baron Hausberg?
- A musician
 - A Painter
 - A millionaire
 - Laura's Father
- (xv) Who is the uncle of Phatik Chakarvorthy?
- Mr.Bumble
 - Mr.Bishamber
 - Mr.Alan Trevor
 - Mr.Makhan
- (xvi) The general tone of the story *The Boy who Broke the Bank* is
- humorous
 - sentimental
 - didactic
 - none of the above

SECTION B-DRAMA

Answer at least one question from this section.

Julius Caesar: Shakespeare

Question 2.

Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

Artemidorus-There is but one mind in all these men,
and, it is bent against Caesar.

If thou beest not immortality. Look about you.

Security gives way to conspiracy.

The mighty gods defend thee!

- Where is the scene set? Name any four conspirators mentioned in his letter. (3)
- Why is Brutus ready to kill Caesar? (3)
- Who is Portia? Why is she confused in the act 2; scene iv? (3)
- Who is the wife of Caesar? Why is she begging to Caesar? (3)
- Who do you think is the villain of the play? Give three reasons for your choice. (4)

Question 3.

Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

Caesar- Let me have men about me that are fat;

S'vick-headed men such as sleep o' nights;

Yond Cassius has a lean and hungry look;

- i) Who does Caesar address here? How does this person console Caesar? (3)
 ii) Whom does Caesar fear here and why? (3)
 iii) Describe the personality of Caesar in your own words. (3)
 iv) Who do you think is the true friend of Caesar and why? (3)
 v) Who is Brutus? Comment on his personality. (4)

SECTION C - PROSE

Answer at least one question from this section.

A Collection of short stories

Question 4.

Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

'Shocking!' remarked Mrs Bhushan. 'If they can't pay the sweeper they must be in a bad way. None of the others could be getting paid either.' she left Mrs. Srivastava at the tamarind tree and went in search of her husband

- i) Who is Nathu and who is Sitaram? (3)
 ii) What is the name of the bank? Who is the owner and where is he at this time? (3)
 iii) What impressions do you form of Mrs. Bhushan? (3)
 iv) What did the elderly person do in the general merchant's shop? (3)
 v) Why did Mr. Bhushan not able to find his wife in the market? (4)

Question 5.

Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

Even, so, Banku Babu had to come to these meetings. If he didn't, what would Sripathi Babu think? Not only was he a very important man in the school committee and in the village, but he couldn't do without Banku Babu. Who could provide amusement to all. On one particular day the topic of conversation was space - in other words they were talking about spaceships and space travel.

- i) Who is Banku Babu and who was Sripathi Majumdar? (3)
 ii) What was difficult for the students to imagine? Why? (3)
 iii) What sorts of jokes were played on Banku Babu? (3)
 iv) Describe the strange creature that Banku Babu met. (3)
 v) Which character do you like in the story? Give three reasons for your selection. (4)

SECTION D- POETRY

Answer at least one question from this section.

A Collection of Poems

Question 6.

Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

The bonsai tree
 In the attractive pot
 Could have grown eighty feet tall
 On the side of a mountain
 Till split by lightning.

- i) What kind of a tree is bonsai? What does it stand for in the poem? (3)
 ii) Where could it have grown fully? Who has stunted its growth? (3)
 iii) Comment on the everyday actions of the gardener. (3)
 iv) What does the gardener stand for in the poem? In what way is he wrong? (3)
 v) What is the main idea projected on the poem? (4)

Question 7.

Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

This is the Night Mail crossing the borders,
 Bringing the cheque and postal orders
 Letters for the rich, letters for the poor
 The shop at the corner and the girl next door.

- i) Where is the Night Mail heading for? What does it carry? (3)
 ii) Describe the region Glasgow. (3)
 iii) How do the people wait for the train? (3)
 iv) How did the train start its journey? What region did it cross at night? (3)
 v) The poet seems to emphasise 'human connections'. Comment. (4)