

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. The 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 Section 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

(Attempt all questions from this Section.)

1. Choose the correct answers to the questions from the given options.
(Do not copy the questions, write the correct answers only.) [16]
 - i) Pompey was
 - a) Julius Caesar's general
 - b) A Great Roman general and statesman.
 - c) Defeated by Caesar in Egypt.
 - d) An officer in Julius Caesar's army.
 - ii) Disrobe the images
If you do find them deck'd with ceremonies.
Who speaks these lines to whom?
 - a) Flavius to Marullus.
 - b) Marullus to Flavius
 - c) Flavius to the wandering workmen.
 - d) Marullus to the citizens.
 - iii) Brutus: What means this shouting? I do fear the people.....
What is Brutus's fear?
 - a) That the people have crowned Julius Caesar their king.
 - b) That the people have dethroned Julius Caesar.
 - c) That Julius Caesar has declined the kingship offered to him.
 - d) That Julius Caesar has been killed by the mob.

- iv) Cassius: I, as Aeneas, our great ancestor, Did from the flames of Troy upon his shoulder The old Anchises bear.....
What brave action of Aeneas is Cassius referring to here?
- Aeneas carrying Greek soldiers on his shoulders.
 - Aeneas carrying his old father Anchises on his Shoulders from the burning city of Troy.
 - Aeneas setting fire to the city of Troy.
 - Aeneas carrying on his shoulders big chunks of things that were burning.
- v) Brutus: I have not known when his affections sway'd More than his reason.
What does Brutus mean by the word 'affections'?
- Love for the Roman people.
 - Love for Rome.
 - Emotions.
 - Physical disability.
- vi) Caesar: Caesar shall forth: the things that threaten'd me Ne'er look'd but on my back; when they shall see The face of Caesar, they are vanished.
What quality of Caesar do these lines reveal?
- His polite nature.
 - His humility
 - His arrogance
 - His love for his wife.
- vii) Which of the following lines contains the same literary device as, "The gradient's against her, but she is on time."
- Ramped and roared the lions.
 - As silent as picture on wall.
 - From graves forgotten stretch their dusty hands.
 - This perpetual Jar of earthly wants and aspirations high.
- viii) The Railway Cat speaks to at the Dumfries station.
- his friend
 - a passenger
 - the guards
 - the police
- ix) Why is there a repetition of the words 'I Remember, I Remember'?
- To create a musical quality
 - To Emphasise his childhood memories

- c) To show poet's memory was short lived
 d) For no reason
- x) What does the line 'shuffled in a blank parade' mean?
 a) Walked involuntarily as if in a trance.
 b) Anguished involuntarily.
 c) Human figures built with sticks and placed in farmlands.
 d) Complaints of pain.
- xi) Which of the following is similar to the word 'crippled'?
 a) Deformed b) Healthy c) Small d) Sick
- xii) Select the option that lists the events in their correct order.
 1. Bonku Babu's Kurta is torn.
 2. Bonku Babu and his friends talked about space-ships and space-travel.
 3. They were talking about ghosts.
 4. Bonku Babu says to his friends, "Suppose suppose they came here?"
 a) 4, 1, 2, 3 b) 3, 1, 2, 4
 c) 3, 2, 1, 4 d) 4, 3, 1, 2
- xiii) Which of the following is NOT TRUE about Oliver Twist
 a) Oliver Twist was born in a workhouse.
 b) Oliver Twist's mother had no ring on her finger.
 c) The bowls never needed washing, because the boys cleaned them with their spoons.
 d) They offered twenty five pounds to the person who would take Oliver Twist.
- xiv) What was the special feature of the model beggar?
 a) His patched and cobbled boots.
 b) His battered hat.
 c) His torn and tattered cloak.
 d) His piteous expression.
- xv) Select the option that shows the correct relationship between statements (1) and (2).
 Statement 1: Phatik was lazy, disobedient and wild.
 Statement 2: Staying of Phatik with his uncle was immense relief to his mother.
 a) 1 is the cause for 2 b) 1 is an example of 2
 c) 1 is independent of 2 d) 1 is a contradiction of 2

And not dismember Caesar! But, alas,
Caesar must bleed for it.

- i) What had Cassius suggested just before this? What reason did Cassius give for this suggestion? [3]
- ii) Who according to Brutus, is the head and who is the limb? What would it suggest if they cut a man to pieces after killing him? [3]
- iii) 'But alas, Caesar must bleed for it.' What feeling does the word 'alas' suggest on Brutus part? Why does he feel that way? [3]
- iv) Mention three ways in which Brutus wants to kill Caesar? Why does he think so? [3]
- v) Why does Brutus think there is no need to think of Antony or to fear him? What reason had Cassius given for fearing Antony? [4]

SECTION - C

(Answer one or more questions from this Section.)

PROSE – SHORT STORIES

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

4. Read the following extract from Charles Dickens's short story, "Oliver Asks for more" and answer the questions that follow:
Oliver was a prisoner in that cold, dark room for a whole week. Every morning he was taken outside to wash, and Mr Bumble beat him with a stick. Then he was taken into the large hall where the boys had their soup. Mr Bumble beat him in front of everybody. He cried all day. When night came he tried to sleep, but he was cold, lonely and frightened.
- i) Who shut Oliver in the cold dark room? Where was Oliver imprisoned for a whole week and why? [3]
- ii) What forced Oliver to make that offence? Why was he chosen to commit that offence? [3]
- iii) Was it proper for Mr Bumble to beat Oliver in front of everyone? Why did he do so? [3]
- iv) What are your feelings for Mr Bumble and young helpless Oliver? Was the punishment proportionate to the offence? Give reason for your choice. [3]
- v) This story exposes the cruel treatment of the orphans in Victorian England. Justify.

5. Read the following extract from Ruskin Bond's short story, *The Boy who Broke the Bank* and answer the questions that follow: He declared that the bank had plenty of money but no immediate means of collecting it; he urged them to go home and come back the next day.

'We want it now!' chanted some of the crowd. 'Now, now, now!' And a brick hurtled through the air and crashed through the plate glass window of the Pipalnagar Bank.

- i) Who all have aggravated the mood of the people? Why money cannot be arranged immediately? How did the manager try to pacify the crowd? [3]
- ii) Was he speaking the truth? What did the crowd do when they were asked to come the next day? [3]
- iii) Why did people want their money as soon as possible? Why didn't anyone believe the manager? Why did the townsfolk merely rely on the rumours? [3]
- iv) What is the irony in the situation mentioned in the extract? [3]
- v) With each retelling the rumour gets more colourful with untruths. Mention any two accounts from the story. [4]

SECTION - D

(Answer one or more questions from this Section.)

POETRY

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6. Read the extract from Vikram Seth's poem, "A Doctor's Journal Entry for August 6, 1945" and answer the questions that follow: My breath was short, but bit by bit my strength Seemed to revive, and I got up at length.

I was still naked, but I felt no shame,

This thought disturbed me somewhat, till I came

Upon a soldier, standing silently,

Who gave the towel round his neck to me.

- i) Who is the narrator of the poem? Why does the poet give the date in the title of the poem? How can you say that the poem is a 'dramatic monologue'? [3]
- ii) What physical inconveniences did the narrator and his wife suffer earlier in the poem? [3]

