

Quarterly Examination 2017-2018

Std. : IX
Subject : ENGLISH LITERATURE

Full Marks : 80
Time : 2hrs.+15min.

Attempt any five questions :—

Section A : Drama

- Q1. Portia : I pray thee, over-name them and as thou namest them, I will describe them.**
- (a) Name the first suitor. Describe him. [3]
 - (b) What is Portia's opinion about the next suitor ? [3]
 - (c) Why can't Portia converse with Falconbridge ? What was strange about his dressing sense ? [3]
 - (d) What does Portia feel about the Duke of Saxony's nephew ? How does she plan to save herself in this context ? [3]
 - (e) Who was Sibylla ? What opinion do you form of Portia from this scene ? [2+2]
- Q2. Shylock : My meaning in saying he is a good man is to have you understand me that he is sufficient.**
- (a) Explain the meaning of the above line. Name the places where Antonio's ships were bound to. [3]
 - (b) How does shylock further explain Antonio's limitations as far as repaying the loan was concerned? [3]
 - (c) What is shylock's reaction to Bassanio's offer for dinner ? [3]
 - (d) What reasons does shylock put forth for hating Antonio ? [3]
 - (e) How does shylock propose to help Bassanio ? Highlight one character trait of shylock as brought out in the scene and justify the same. [2+2]

Section B : Poems

- Q3. The most important thing we've learned so far as children are concerned.**
- (a) What is the idiotic thing seen in almost every house ? [3]
 - (b) What are the evil effects of watching television ? Explain. [3]
 - (c) What were the different kinds of books or stories that the children of the earlier times could entertain themselves with ? Name three such famous characters. [3]
 - (d) What earnest request does the poet make towards the end of the poem ? [3]
 - (e) How can reading habit change the kids' outlook ? Name a book you have read recently and explain one character trait of your favourite character. [4]
- Q4. 'What does he plant who plants a tree ? He plants a friend of sun and sky'.**

- (a) How can you say that a tree-planter plants a home to heaven arigh ? [3]
- (b) Explain the lines :— [3]
- He plants the glory of the plain
He plants the forest's heritage
The harvest of a coming age
- (c) Name the poem and poet. What sound is heard in happy twilight ? [3]
- (d) Explain why the act of planting trees has been termed as 'far-cast thought of civic good'. [3]
- (e) What are the evil effects of deforestation ? Explain any one tree conservation movements of India. [2+2]

Section C : Prose

Q5. At Denver, there was an influx of passengers into the coaches on the eastbound B & M Express.

- (a) Describe the newcomers in the eastbound B & M Express. [3]
- (b) Name the pretty young woman seated there. How did she react when Easton raised his right hand, bound to the wrist by the shining 'bracelet' to the left one of his companion ? [3]
- (c) What was the immediate response of the glum-faced man ? [3]
- (d) How did the man respond when the girl's eyes rested upon the glittering handcuffs the second time ? [3]
- (e) Why did the girl feel that she could live happily in the West ? How would you explain the real nature of the relationship between the handcuffed men ? [2+2]

Q6. With close reference to the text, explain how the story 'An Angel in Disguise' describe the transformative and restorative power of selfless love. [16]