



ST. PETER'S COLLEGE - COLOMBO 04

THIRD TERM EVALUATION - 2021

Grade } **09**

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Time } **02 Hours**

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1. Fill in the blanks. Choose the correct word from the brackets. (10 marks)

- a) led Oliver through a maze of dirty, evil smelling streets, full of screaming children and drunken men and women. (Charley/ Dodger/ Noah)
2. When it was spring and every tree and flower was bursting into bud and blossom, Mrs. Maylie and Rose shut up the Chertsey house and moved with Oliver to a (cottage / villa / mansion) in the country some distance away.
3. The dog's master was a stout, strong-looking man of about thirty-five, in a black velvet coat and a dirty around his neck. (scarf / handkerchief / tie)
4. Monks produced a canvas bag, counted out sovereigns and pushed them over the table to the woman. (twenty / twenty-five/ thirty)
5. The heavy bell of St. Paul's chimed the quarter to midnight as Nancy got to that Sunday. (London Bridge / Chapel / warehouse)

2. Complete the following extracts with the given words. (10 marks)

- a) All at once Oliver understood the meaning of Fagin's games, all the handkerchiefs and the at his own innocent Confused and he also ran away, but at that moment the old discovered his loss and round. Seeing Oliver running, he shouted, 'Stop thief!' and began to give chase.
- b) Once they got a lift in a from Kensington to Isleworth, where they had a meal in a house and got another lift from a After more walking, the weary Oliver was led into a house beside a, where they were greeted by a man whom Bill called Toby Crackit.
- (laughter / carter / gentleman / ruined / cart / frightened / river / turned / public / remarks)

3. Answer the following questions based on the poems you have learnt. (10 marks)

a) "To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition."

1. What is the name of the poem?

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2. Who is the poet?

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3. What does the poet define through the above lines?

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4. Complete the next two lines of the above stanza.

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5. Write two other ways the poet defines success.

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b) Complete the following stanza. (10 marks)

Then let not what I have

My of mind destroy;

Whilst thus I, I am a,

Although a poor boy.

4. Read the following poem and answer the questions. (10 marks)

Parrot

By Allan Brownjohn

Sometimes I sit with both eyes closed,

But all the same, I've heard;

They're saying "He won't talk because

He is a thinking bird."

I'm olive green and sulky, and

The family says, "Oh yes,

He's silent, but he is listening
He thinks more than he says."

"He ponders on the things he hears,
Preferring not to chatter!"
And this is true, but why it's true
Is quite another matter.

I'm working on some shocking things
In order to surprise them,
And when my thoughts are ready I'll
Certainly not disguise them!

I'll wait and see and choose a time
When everyone is present,
And clear my throat and raise my beak
And give a squawk and start to speak
And go on for about a week
And it will not be pleasant.

1. Who is the narrator?

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2. According to the family why doesn't the bird talk?

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3. What is true according to the bird?

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4. What is the attitude of the narrator towards the family?

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5. Write the lines which show that the narrator is waiting for the right moment to surprise the family.

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5. Read the following extract and answer the questions. (10 marks)

“There was no one to mind the stall,” said the man. “Everyone had joined the chase till five minutes ago. Now I’ve run all the way!”

“Has the prosecutor paid for the book he has in his hand?’ asked Mr. Fang.

a) What is the situation described here?

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b) Where is this incident taking place?

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c) Who is known as the prosecutor here?

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d) Who is Mr. Fang?

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e) What happened at the end of this incident?

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6. Answer with reference to the context. Select two. (5*2 = 10 marks)

1. “She’s dead. Don’t you dare say anything about her to me?”

2. “He’s good and kind and he nursed me when I was very ill.”

3. “Where is the woman who nursed his mother?”

4. “I will have your father’s property equally divided between you and Oliver if you will leave the country and never return.”

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7. Answer the following questions. (10 marks)

1. Who nursed Oliver's mother?

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2. How does Oliver violate the rules of the poorhouse?

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3. What is the relationship between Oliver and Rose?

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4. What happened to Fagin at the end?

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5. Who takes the guardianship of Oliver at the end?

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8. Answer two questions selecting one from each section. (10*2 = 20 marks)

Fiction

1. Compare and contrast the characters of Monks and Oliver.

2. Write short notes on one of the following.

a) Incident at the book stall b) Monks meeting Mr. and Mrs. Bumble

3. What is your favourite character in the novel and discuss why.

Poetry

1. "Decisions we make can bring drastic changes in one's life."

How far do you agree with the above statement? Discuss with the relevant poem.

2. What is the theme conveyed through the poem 'Plead Mercy'? Explain.

3. Write a paraphrase of the poem "The Blind Boy"