



**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWTOWN**  
**SESSION: 2020-21**  
**ANNUAL EXAMINATION (ONLINE)**

**CLASS: IX**  
**SUBJECT: ENGLISH PAPER II**

**FULL MARKS: 50**  
**TIME: 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES**

**General Instructions:**

- Choose any one question from Section A.
- Sections B and C are compulsory.
- The paper consists of three pages.

**SECTION A – DRAMA**  
*The Merchant of Venice: Shakespeare*

**QUESTION 1**

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

*Morocco:      The first, of gold, who this inscription bears:  
                      “Who chooseth me shall gain what many men desire”.  
                      The second, silver, which this promise carries:  
                      “Who chooseth me shall get as much as he deserves”.  
                      This third, dull lead, with warning all as blunt:  
                      “Who chooseth me must give and hazard all he hath”.  
                      How shall I know if I do choose the right?*

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| i)   | Where is the Prince of Morocco present? Why has he come there?                                                                                                                   | [3] |
| ii)  | Who is Morocco talking to? What does the listener reply to the question asked in the last line of the extract?                                                                   | [3] |
| iii) | What were the conditions pertaining to the lottery?                                                                                                                              | [3] |
| iv)  | What did Morocco find inside the gold casket? Why did he reject the lead casket?                                                                                                 | [3] |
| v)   | What were the reactions of the Prince of Morocco and Portia after the choice of casket was made? Give one character trait of Morocco from the scene with suitable justification. | [4] |

**OR**

## **QUESTION 2**

Read the extract given below and answer the following questions:

**Shylock:**       *Out upon her! Thou torturest me, Tubal: it was  
my turquoise; I had it of Leah when I was a  
bachelor: I would not have given it for a wilderness  
of monkeys.*

**Tubal:**       *But Antonio is certainly undone.*

- i) Who is referred to as 'her' in the extract? What had she done with the turquoise? How did Shylock react after knowing that? [3]
- ii) Who was Leah? Why was Shylock so possessive about the turquoise? What does this possessiveness reveal about Shylock's character? [3]
- iii) Give any two reasons of enmity between Shylock and Antonio. Explain the line: *But Antonio is certainly undone.* [3]
- iv) Who was Tubal? According to Tubal's information, what had Jessica done in Genoa? Where did Shylock wish to meet Tubal as mentioned towards the end of the scene? [3]
- v) Why was Shylock both happy and sad in this scene? Mention any one contrast between Shylock's daughter and Portia. [4]

## **SECTION B [ POETRY ]**

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## **QUESTION 3**

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

*'And everybody praised the Duke  
Who this great fight did win.'  
'But what good came of it at last?'  
Quoth little Peterkin.  
'Why that I cannot tell,' said he,  
'But 'twas a famous victory.'*

*(After Blenheim, Robert Southey)*

- i) Who is referred to as 'he' in the above extract? Where was 'he' sitting? What time of the day is mentioned in the poem? [3]
- ii) Who is the other child mentioned in the poem? What was Peterkin playing with? How is it described in the poem? [3]
- iii) Where did Peterkin find that object? What happened when 'he' went to plough? Why do you think that similar objects were found in the nearby areas? [3]
- iv) Which country emerged victorious in the battle? How did the family of 'he' suffer in the war? Who were affected the most in the war? [4]
- v) Which was the 'shocking sight' after such a battle? Name the two leaders who received praise after the war. How is the theme of ignorance exemplified through the words of 'he' in the poem? [4]

**SECTION C [ SHORT STORIES]**  
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**QUESTION 4**

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

*I stayed, you see, taking care of animals. I was the last one to leave  
the town of San Carlos.*

- i) Who is the speaker? Who is the listener? Why did the speaker leave the town of San Carlos? [3]
- ii) Which animals does the speaker talk about? What kind of spectacles was he wearing? [3]
- iii) What did the speaker answer about his political choice? How did the speaker and the listener justify that two of the speaker's animals would be safe? [3]
- iv) What reasons did the speaker give the listener for not being able to move further? What happened when the speaker tried to get to his feet towards the end of the story? [4]
- v) Which event stands at the backdrop of this short story? Give one character trait of the listener. Mention a relevant theme of the short story with suitable justification. [4]