



DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWTOWN
SESSION 2021-22
MONDAY TEST

CLASS: IX
SUBJECT: ENGLISH PAPER II

FULL MARKS: 40
DATE: 05.07.2021

- All questions are compulsory.
- The paper consists of two printed pages.

Question 1

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

*Bassanio: ... Her name is Portia; nothing undervalu'd
To Cato's daughter, Brutus' Portia;
Nor is the wide world ignorant of her worth,
For the four winds blow in from every coast
Renowned suitors; and her sunny locks
Hang on her temples like a golden fleece;
Which makes her seat of Belmont Colchis' strand,
And many Jasons come in quest of her.*

- i. Where did Portia live? What had Bassanio received from her earlier? How do you know that many young men wanted to marry Portia? [3]
- ii. How did Bassanio describe Portia in this scene? [3]
- iii. Which experience of school days did Bassanio share to convince Antonio for helping him? Who are referred to as 'Jasons' in the extract? [3]
- iv. What help did Bassanio ask from Antonio? Why did he need that help immediately? Why was Antonio unable to help him right then? [3]
- v. What confession had Bassanio made to Antonio about his own present financial condition? Mention any two instances from the scene to show that Antonio was a kind and confident man. [4]

Question 2

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

*A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought
Daffodils, William Wordsworth*

- i. What is the 'jocund company' being referred to in the second line of the extract? Where did the poet see them? [3]

- ii. How does the poet describe the vast stretch of the ‘jocund company’? Which colour has been used by the poet in the poem to describe the daffodils? [3]
- iii. How does a poet feel in such a ‘jocund company’? Why has the word ‘gazed’ been repeated in the extract? What comparison is being made between the waves and ‘jocund company’? [3]
- iv. How is the vacant and pensive mood of the poet uplifted when he lies on his couch? What according to the poet is the role of Nature in our lives? [3]

Question 3

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

“No,” he said, “only the animals I stated. The cat, of course, will be all right. A cat can look out for itself, but I cannot think what will become of the others.”

“What politics have you?” I asked.

- i. Who is referred to as ‘he’ in the extract? Name his native town. What was the reason of leaving that place? [3]
- ii. Who were the ‘others’ he was worried about? What answer did ‘he’ give to the question asked in the last line of the extract? [3]
- iii. How far did ‘he’ travel that day? What good luck did ‘he’ have that day apart from the fact that cats know how to look after themselves? [3]
- iv. Give a character trait of ‘he’ from the story. Mention one prominent theme of the story ‘Old Man at The Bridge’ with suitable justification. [3]