



**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWTOWN**  
**SESSION 2023-24**  
**MONDAY TEST**

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

**FULL MARKS: 40**  
**DATE: 03.07.2023**

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

**SECTION A (MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS)**

**Question 1.**

Choose the correct option and fill in the blanks. (Do not copy the questions) [5]

- a. The first commoner that Flavius speaks to is a \_\_\_\_\_. (Fill in the blank)
1. Carpenter
  2. Cobbler
  3. Senator
  4. A poet
- b. Flavius and Marullus are apprehensive of the crowd showing their support for Caesar because:
1. They want to become the most powerful men in Rome.
  2. They have been instructed by Cassius to remove the ‘vulgar’ from the street.
  3. They fear the possibility of Caesar becoming very powerful and keeping them in ‘servile fearfulness’
  4. All of the above
- c. What kind of a train is the ‘Night Mail’?
1. Passenger train
  2. Goods Train
  3. Long Distance Express Train
  4. A Train that carries mail
- d. According to Ang, what was Bonku Babu’s major fault?
1. That he could not comprehend things
  2. That he would never take a stand for anyone
  3. That he was very meek and mild
  4. That he feared losing his job

e. Choose the option that lists the sequence of events in the correct order:

- i. Bonku Babu finished his speech and slapped Bhairav Chakravarty's back so hard that he choked.
  - ii. Bonku Babu realized that he was no longer walking. With a spring in every step, he was actually dancing.
  - iii. That particular evening, Bonku Babu was the first to spot the strange light.
  - iv. Through that door emerged a head – like a plain, smooth ball – and then the body of a weird creature.
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1. ii, i, iii, iv
  2. iii, iv, i, ii
  3. iii, iv, ii, i
  4. i, iii, ii, iv

## SECTION B (DRAMA)

### Question 2.

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow?

*Marullus: And when you saw his chariot but appear,  
Have you not made an universal shout  
That Tiber trembled underneath her banks  
To hear the replication of your sounds  
Made in her concave shores?*

- a. Where is the scene taking place? Who is being referred to as 'you'? [2]
- b. Whose chariot is being spoken about? What did 'you' do when they saw the chariot appear? [2]
- c. What advise does Flavius give to the listeners to help them repent their sin? [3]
- d. What did Flavius and Marullus decide to do after driving away 'you'? Which special feast was about to happen? [3]
- e. Why had 'you' assembled on a working day? How have they been described by Marullus? What impression do you form of Marullus and Flavius from this scene? [3]

### **SECTION C (SHORT STORY)**

#### **Question 3.**

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

*One of the reasons for maintaining his calm was simply that he could not afford to do otherwise.*

- a. Who is ‘his’? What did ‘his’ do for the last twenty-two years? [3]
- b. How did the students tease ‘his’? [3]
- c. What was the need for ‘his’ to maintain his calm? What did ‘his’ do for a few good students? [3]
- d. What did ‘his’ do during weekends? If you had to give this story an alternate title, what would you call it? Give reasons for your answer. [2]

### **SECTION D (POETRY)**

#### **Question 4.**

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

*Snorting noisily as she passes  
Silent miles of wind bent grasses.*

- a. Who is ‘she’? Explain the phrase “wind bent grasses”? Which adjective does the poet use to describe her coaches? [3]
- b. How do the birds and dogs react when she approaches? Where does she descend? [3]
- c. List some kinds of letters that she brings. What kind of papers are the letters written on? [3]
- d. People are asleep when ‘she’ arrives. Why does the noise not disturb them? What message do you think the poem conveys? [2]