



DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWTOWN
SESSION 2022-23
MONDAY TEST

CLASS: IX
SUBJECT: ENGLISH PAPER II

FULL MARKS: 40
DATE: 14.07.22

- Sections A, C and D are compulsory.
- You must attempt any one question from Section B.
- The paper consists of three printed pages.

SECTION A (MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS)

Question 1.

Choose the correct option: (Do not copy the questions)

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- i. Why was the old man not willing to move towards Barcelona? (*Old Man at the Bridge*)
 1. he was a seventy-one year old man and was unable to walk further
 2. there was an artillery attack in Barcelona
 3. he locked the cage of the pigeons by mistake
 4. he knew no one in that direction
- ii. Why were the planes unable to take off on that particular day? (*Old Man at the Bridge*)
 1. it was an overcast day with a high ceiling
 2. it was a sunny day with a low ceiling
 3. it was an overcast day with a low ceiling
 4. it was a sunny day with a high ceiling
- iii. Name the poet of *The Cold Within*.
 1. Ernest Hemingway
 2. Henry Cuyler Bunner
 3. James Patrick Kinney
 4. Robert Frost
- iv. Which word has been used to describe the group? (*The Cold Within*)
 1. birch
 2. shiftless
 3. bespoke
 4. forlorn
- v. Why was Antonio unable to help Bassanio at that moment? (*Act I sc. i*)
 1. he did not have money and commodity
 2. he wanted Bassanio to return the first loan
 3. he wanted to avoid Bassanio
 4. one of his ships had wrecked in Mexico

SECTION B (DRAMA)

Choose any **one question** from this section.

Question 2.

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow?

*Antonio: In sooth, I know not why I am so sad:
It wearies me; you say it wearies you;
But how I caught it, found it, or came by it,
What stuff 'tis made of, whereof it is born,
I am to learn;
And such a want-wit sadness makes of me,
That I have much ado to know myself.*

- a) Where is Antonio at the moment? According to Antonio, what was the reason of his sadness? [2]
- b) What guesses did the listeners make about the reasons for Antonio's sadness? [2]
- c) What was Antonio's reply to the guesses made by the listeners? [3]
- d) Mention what would be the condition of Salarino if he would have been in Antonio's state? [3]
- e) Who asks for a loan from Antonio soon after and why? What kind of relationship does that person and Antonio share? [3]

OR

Question 3.

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow?

*Bassanio: ...And from your love I have a warranty
To unburden all my plots and purposes
How to get clear of all the debts I owe.*

- a) Where is Bassanio at the moment? Why did Bassanio ask for a loan from Antonio towards the end of the scene? [2]
- b) What piece of advice had Gratiano given to Antonio as he exits with Lorenzo? To what does Bassanio compare Gratiano's speech? [2]
- c) Which experience of his school days did Bassanio share? How was the story related to his present condition? [3]
- d) How does Bassanio describe Portia soon after? What had he received from her earlier? [3]
- e) How did Antonio plan to raise the loan amount for Bassanio? Give any one character trait of Bassanio with suitable justification. [3]

SECTION C (POETRY)

Question 4.

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

*Six humans trapped by happenstance
In bleak and bitter cold.*

- a) What did the six human beings possess with them? What was the necessary thing for them to do at that moment? [2]
- b) How do you know that the third person was a poor man? Which activity of this man tells us that he was feeling cold? Why was he unwilling to help? [3]
- c) Why did the black man and the last man refuse to give their logs of wood? Give a character trait of the first person in the group. [3]
- d) What happens to the six group members by the end of the night? Comment on the use of the word 'Cold' in the poem. [3]

SECTION D (SHORT STORY)

Question 5.

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

*"If you are rested I would go," I urged. "Get up and try to walk now."
"Thank you," he said and got to his feet, swayed from side to side and then sat down backwards in the dust.*

- a) Who is referred to as 'he' here? Where had he come from? [2]
- b) How old was 'he'? Why was 'he' forced to leave his native place? Who did 'he' leave behind? [3]
- c) Describe the physical appearance of the old man. On which day is the story set? [3]
- d) What is the historical background of this story? Give a suitable theme of the story and justify with examples from the text. [3]