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## 1st Terminal Examination 2021-22

Class: X

Subject: English Literature

Full marks: 100

Time: 2hrs

*You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes.*

*This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.*

*Time given at the head of this paper is the time allotted for writing the answers.*

Attempt five questions in all.

You must attempt one question from each of the Sections A, B and C and any two other questions.

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [ ]

### SECTION A – DRAMA

#### The Merchant of Venice: Shakespeare

#### Question 1.

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

“Portia: I pray you tarry; pause a day or two  
Before you hazard.”

- a) Who is in the room along with Portia? What is meant by ‘tarry’? [3]
- b) Why did the speaker ask to ‘tarry’? Which action would make her commit a sin? [3]
- c) What reply does she get? When is someone put on a rack? [3]
- d) What is the ‘hazard’ talked about here? [3]
- e) What difference do we see in Portia now with respect to the other suitors? What would happen, she said, if the hazard was not successful? [4]

#### Question 2.

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

“Jessica: When I was with him, I have heard him swear  
To Tubal and to Chus, his countrymen.”

- a) Where is Jessica now? Who is referred as ‘him’ in the above? [3]
- b) What letter did Salerio give to Bassanio? What remark did he make of Antonio’s health? [3]
- c) How did Portia react to the letter? [3]
- d) What information did Salerio give regarding Shylock? [3]
- e) Describe the way Bassanio described the letter. What decision was taken after reading the letter? [4]

#### Question 3.

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

“Portia: They shall, Nerissa, but in such a habit  
That they shall think we are accomplished  
With that we lack.”

- a) Who are ‘they’ in the extract? Where are Portia and Nerissa now? [3]
- b) Explain the last two lines in the given extract. [3]
- c) Define Portia’s plan of playing a new role. [3]
- d) How did Jessica make an estimation of Portia in the next scene? [3]
- e) In view of the above extract draw the character of Portia and Nerissa. [4]

## **SECTION B – POEMS**

### **Question 4.**

**Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.**

“Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold  
And to the presence in the room he said.”

- a) Why was there exceeding peace? What was Ben Adhem doing? [3]
- b) Describe what Abou saw in his room one night. [3]
- c) What did he ask the presence in the room? What reply did he get? [3]
- d) What made Abou speak low? What request did he make? [3]
- e) What happened next? What lesson did the poem teach to the mankind? [4]

### **Question.5**

**Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.**

“It was roses, roses, all the way  
With myrtle mixed in my path like mad.”

- a) Who has been talked about? What did he do for his countrymen? [3]
- b) What is the significance of roses and myrtles? [3]
- c) Describe the behaviour of the crowd. [3]
- d) How did the scene change after one year? [3]
- e) What is Shamble’s Gate? What was the optimistic tone at the end of the poem? [4]

### **Question.6**

**Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.**

“A free bird leaps  
on the back of the wind  
and floats downstream ”

- a) Till when does the free bird float? What does it do next? [3]
- b) Explain the expression ‘orange sun rays’. [3]
- c) What is the fate of the caged bird? [3]
- d) What is said about the voice of the caged bird? What does the free bird do at dawn? [3]
- e) State how the poem reflects the life of Maya Angelou. Discuss the use of metaphor in the poem. [4]

## **SECTION C – PROSE**

### **Short Stories**

### **Question.7**

**Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.**

“-----frozen to death on the last evening of the old year”

- a) Where was the little girl found dead? What was she holding? [3]
- b) Why was there a smile on her lips when she died? [3]
- c) What refrained the little girl from going back home? [3]
- d) What happened to the slippers that she came out wearing? Who took them? [3]
- e) Show how the little girl was going through acute poverty. [4]

**Question.8**

**Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.**

“A thousand forests had been crushed under the rain and grown up a thousand times to be crushed again”

- a) Which planet has been talked about? Who lived here? [3]
- b) Describe Margot. What was she waiting for? [3]
- c) Why were the other children jealous of her? Name the boy who bullied her. [3]
- d) Why could Margot not see the sun? The sun came after how many years? [3]
- e) Write about the jungles in this planet. [4]

**Question.9.**

**Answer the following questions with reference to ‘The Blue Bead’ written by Norah Burke.**

- a) Explain how the crocodile grew upto twice the length of a tall man. [4]
- b) Discuss the lifestyle of a Gujar. [4]
- c) Describe the market scene that Sibia witnessed and cherished. [8]

**[Internal Assessment- 20 marks]**