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LITERATURE IN ENGLISH
ENGLISH Paper -2

Marks: 40
Time: 1hr.30 min.

Maximum Marks: 40

Time allowed: One and a half hours

Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

You will **not** be allowed to write during the first **10** minutes.

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

The time given at the head of this Paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

The paper has four sections.

Section A is compulsory – **All** questions in **Section A** must be answered.

You must attempt **one** question from each of the **Sections B, C and D**.

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

This paper consists of 5 printed sides.

SECTION A

Question 1

Choose the correct answers to the questions from the given options.

(Do not copy the question, write the correct answer only.)

[10]

(i) Who had gathered all-round the field in the poem, 'Nine Gold Medals'?

- (a) Runners
- (b) Spectators
- (c) Relatives of runners
- (d) Judges

(ii) What made Abou Ben Adhem bold?

- (a) Experience
- (b) Excitement
- (c) Peace
- (d) Confidence

(iii) What was written on the banner at the event?

- (a) Paralympics
- (b) Final Winners
- (c) Special Olympics
- (d) Go Getters

- (iv) Why could Jesse Owens not clear two of the three long-jump trials?
- He was overconfident due to his practice.
 - He was angry over the 'master-race' theory of Hitler.
 - He wanted to prove who was superior.
 - He was afraid that Luz Long would defeat him.
- (v) Luz Long says: "Something must be eating you". It means that he was
- troubled
 - hungry
 - patient
 - tired
- (vi) What would Margot do if someone tagged her in a game and ran?
- She would run and catch the person again.
 - She would keep blinking after them and not follow.
 - She would run away and lock herself in a room.
 - She would create a scene.
- (vii) What argument does Portia make for Shylock to be merciful?
- It is an attribute to the feisty and humble.
 - Mercy must be given with restraint.
 - The receiver of mercy should be merciful.
 - Mercy is the superficial power of the Kings.
- (viii) What is the implication if Shylock is denied justice?
- Shylock would leave Venice forever.
 - Kings would be feared and dreaded.
 - Trade would flourish.
 - The Charter and freedom of Venice would be endangered.
- (ix) When Shylock says, "O noble judge! O excellent young man!", who is he referring to?
- Bellarion
 - Nerissa
 - Portia
 - Duke

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- (x) What are the consequences if a foreigner attempts to harm the life of a Venetian?
- He will be prohibited from doing business in Venice.
 - He will serve life imprisonment.
 - All his goods would be confiscated.
 - He will leave Venice forever.

SECTION B

DRAMA

(The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare - Acts 4 and 5)

Question 2

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

[10]

Duke: What, is Antonio here?

Antonio: Ready, so please your grace.

Duke: I am sorry for thee: Thou art come to answer

A stony adversary, an inhuman wretch

Uncapable of pity, void and empty

From any dram of mercy.

(i) How does the Duke sympathize with Antonio? [2]

(ii) What is Antonio's response to the Duke? [2]

(iii) What is the content of Bellario's letter? [3]

(iv) What is Bassanio ready to sacrifice for Antonio? What is his plea to Portia? [3]

Question 3

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

[10]

Antonio: I pray you, think you question with the Jew:
You may as well go stand upon the beach,
And bid the main flood bate his usual height;

- (i) Where does the scene take place? To whom are the above lines addressed? [2]
- (ii) Give two other examples to show that it is futile to plead with the Jew to show mercy. [2]
- (iii) Later in the scene why does Gratiano refer to Pythagoras? [3]
- (iv) How does Shylock respond to Gratiano's abusive remarks? [3]

SECTION C

PROSE - SHORT STORIES

(Treasure Trove – A Collection of ICSE Poems and Short Stories)

Question 4

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: [10]

I wasn't too worried about all this. I'd trained, sweated and disciplined myself for six years, with the Games in mind.

- (i) Which Games are referred to in the above extract? Why was Owens confident? [2]
- (ii) Why were nationalistic feelings high during these Games? [2]
- (iii) In which event was Owens expected to win the gold medal? Why? [3]
- (iv) Whom did Owens see at the trials and why was he startled to see him? [3]

Question 5

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: [10]

"Look, look; see for yourself!" The children pressed to each other like so many roses, so many weeds, intermixed, peering out for a look at the hidden sun.

- (i) How long has it been raining? Where are these children? [2]
- (ii) What were the dreams of the children regarding the sun? [2]
- (iii) Whom were these children against? Describe that person. [3]
- (iv) Towards the end of the story, why could these children not meet each other's glances? [3]

SECTION D
POETRY

(Treasure Trove – A Collection of ICSE Poems and Short Stories)

Question 6

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: [10]

*About Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,
And saw, within the moonlight in his room,
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,*

- (i) Who was About Ben Adhem? What is meant by 'may his tribe increase'? [2]
- (ii) Explain 'a deep dream of peace'. [2]
- (iii) Who visited Ben Adhem one night? Describe the scene of the first visit. [3]
- (iv) What happened the following night? [3]

Question 7

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: [10]

*Then the final event of the day was approaching
The last race about to begin.*

- (i) What was the aim of the participants? What did they do for it? [2]
- (ii) What was announced through the loudspeaker? What happened immediately thereafter? [2]
- (iii) What happened when the youngest athlete stumbled? How did they reach the finish line? [3]
- (iv) What message does the poem convey? [3]