

INSTRUCTIONS : 1. The Paper has four sections

2. Section A is compulsory- All questions in Section A must be answered.
3. You must attempt one question from each of the Sections B, C and D.
4. The intended marks for questions or part of questions are given in brackets { }
5. The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

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]

- 1) What was the behaviour of the Children towards Margot?
 - a) They like her and spend time with her.
 - b) They dislike her and taunt her.
 - c) They admire her and played with her.
 - d) They were frightened to speak with her.
- 2) Where had Margot been hidden?
 - a) Margot had been hidden in the bathroom.
 - b) Margot had been hidden in their classroom.
 - c) Margot had been hidden in the laboratory room.
 - d) Margot had been hidden in the closet.
- 3) What feeling did Jesse carry with him after talking to Long for two hours ?
 - a) Jesse carried a feeling of friendship with him.
 - b) Jesse carried a feeling of jealousy with him.
 - c) Jesse carried a feeling of hatred with him.
 - d) Jesse carried a feeling of guilty with him.
- 4) What did Long congratulate Jesse for?
 - a) Long congratulated Jesse for winning the silver medal.
 - b) Long congratulated Jesse for winning the bronze medal.
 - c) Long congratulated Jesse for winning the gold medal.
 - d) Long congratulated Jesse for winning all the three medals.
- 5) What does the poet want to convey through the poem "Abou Ben Adhem"?
 - a) God loves those who love God.
 - b) God loves those who serve humanity selflessly.
 - c) God loves those who pray to God.
 - d) God loves those who give donation to God.
- 6) What kind of person was Abou Ben Adhem?
 - a) Abou Ben Adhem was a cruel person.
 - b) Abou Ben Adhem was a selfish person.
 - c) Abou Ben Adhem was a noble, selfless person.
 - d) Abou Ben Adhem was a romantic person.

7) Which event was about to begin in the poem "Nine Gold Medals"?

- a) 50 metre race was about to begin.
- b) 200 metre race was about to begin.
- c) 150 metre race was about to begin.
- d) 100 metre race was about to begin.

8) What was announced on the loudspeakers before the start of the race in the poem, "Nine Gold Medals" ?

- a) The names of the runners.
- b) The age of the runners.
- c) The nationalities of the runners.
- d) The gender of the runners.

9) Merchant of Venice ends on a happy note for all, except for one, who is that Man ?

- a) Antonio
- b) Gratiano
- c) Shylock
- d) Launcelot

10) Which of the following characters can be described as quick-witted, daring, loyal?

- a) Leah
- b) Portia
- c) Jessica
- d) Nerrisa

SECTION B

DRAMA

Question 1

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

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

What are the terms of the bond that Antonio has signed?[2]-

1. Why does the Duke call Shylock 'inhuman'? What does the Duke expect Shylock to do?[2]
2. What reason does Shylock give for choosing rotten flesh over money? What are the things hated by some people?[3]
3. How is Shylock's property distributed at the end by Antonio? Do you think Shylock deserves the punishment given to him? Give a reason to justify your answer. [3]

Question 2

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

Bassanio : If I could add a lie unto a fault,

I would deny it; but you see my finger

Hath not the ring upon it; it is gone

1. Who has taken the ring from Bassanio? Why does Portia pretend not to know? [2]
2. What has Bassanio to confess? How does he feel?[2]
3. What is Bassanio accused of? How does he try to defend himself later in the scene?[3]
4. Who settles the dispute? What surprises Bassanio the most?[3]

SECTION C
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Question 3

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

I had my eye especially on the running broad jump. A year before, as a sophomore at Ohio State University, I'd set the world's record of 26 feet 8-1/4 inches. Everyone kind of expected me to win that Olympic event hands down.

1. Who was Jesse Owens? In what event did he set a record? [2]
2. Who was the tall German? Did he believe in Nazi theory? [2]
3. What did Hitler consider the German athletes to be? What did Jesse want to prove? [3]
4. Describe Jesse Owen's long journey to win the greatest Olympic Prize. [3]

Question 4

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

They turned through the doorway to the room in the sound of the storm and thunder, lightning on their faces, blue and terrible. They walked over to the closet door slowly and stood by it. Behind the closet door was only silence. They unlocked the door, even more slowly, and let Margot out.

1. Who is 'they'? Where were they walking? [2]
2. Which room is being mentioned here? What sounds were heard beyond the room? [2]
3. Describe the life at Planet Venus. [3]
4. What is the significance of the silence behind the closet door? [3]

SECTION D
POETRY

Question 5

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

Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,
And to the presence in the room he said,
"What writest thou?" - The vision raised its head,
And with a look made of all sweet accord,
Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord".

1. In whose presence did Abou become bold? What made him bold? [2]
2. Describe the angel. How did he look like? [2]
3. What made Abou pray to the angel to include his name among those who love their fellow men? [3]
4. How does Abou show his human side in this extract? What did the angel show to Abou the next night? [3]

Question 6

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

The loud speakers called out the names of the runners

The one hundred metres race to be run.

1. How many participants were there on the starting line? What they were waiting for? [2]
Who poised for the sound of the gun? What did they do? [2]
2. What encouraged the athletes to run the one hundred metres? What is the effect of the sound of the gun on them? [3]
3. Why were all participants in the race awarded with gold medals? [3]