



STD.: X
SUBJECT: ENGLISH 2
DATE:

DURATION: 1.5 hrs
DAY:

General Instructions:

- 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 [].

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. What was the angel writing in the book of Gold?
a. The names of those who love the lord. B)The names of those who god's had blest.
c.Abou Ben Adhem's name. d)Ibrahim ibn Adham.
- II. What was the last race for the day, in the story Nine Gold Medals?
a. Two hundred meters race. B. One hundred meters race.
C. Two hundred meters relay. D. One hundred meters relay.
- III. How old are the children, who are currently living on planet Venus?
a. Five b)Seven c)Four d)Nine
- IV. After how many years will the sun shine on Planet Venus?
a. Nine years b)Four years c) Seven years d)Six years
- V. During which year was the Olympic Games held in Berlin?
a. 1936 b)1935 c)1937 d)1934
- VI. What advice did Luz Long give to Jesse Owens that allowed him to qualify for the Olympic Long Jump event?
a. Draw a line a few inches in the back of the board and aim at jumping from there.
b. Draw a line a few cm in the back of the board and aim at jumping from there.
c. Jump at least 26 feet to win.
d. None of the above.
- VII. What does Bassanio offer Shylock to persuade him to forfeit his bond?
a. Six thousand ducats b)Three thousand ducats c)Nothing d)Portia's ring
- VIII. What will the state seize if Shylock spills a drop of blood while extracting the pound of flesh?
a. His entire estate b)His knife c)His daughter d)His Venetian Citizenship
- IX. What does Antonio offer as bond against any future infidelity by Gratiano or Bassanio?
a. His soul b)His estate c)His flesh d)A chest of gold
- X. What fortuitous event happens to Antonio at the end of the play?
a. Shylock dies b)He marries Portia c)His ships come in d)He becomes a duke

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:

- Bassanio: Good cheer Antonio! What, man, courage yet!
The Jew shall have my flesh, blood, bones, and all, Ere thou shalt lose for me one drop of blood.
- Antonio: I am a tainted weather of the flock, Meetest for death: the weakest kind of fruit drops earliest to the ground; and so let me. You can not better be employ'd, Bassanio, Than to live still, and write nine epitaph.

- i. How did Bassanio encourage Antonio, assuring him of every help? [2]
- ii. What is meant by 'tainted weather of the flock'? In what way is he meetest for death? [2]
- iii. What is an epitaph? Why does Antonio talk about the epitaph at this time? [3]
- iv. State the generous offer made by Bassanio just before the extract to save his friend. [3]

Question 3

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

- Portia: That can not be:
His ring I do accept most thankfully; And so, I pray you, tell him: furthermore,
I pray you, show my youth old Shylock's house.
- Gratiano: That will I do.
- Nerissa: Sir, I would speak with you.
[Aside to Portia] I'll see if I can get my husband's ring. Which I did make him swear to keep for ever.

- i. To what does Portia refer when she says, "That can not be"? Why do you think she says so? [2]
- ii. Who is the 'youth' referred to here? Why should the youth be shown Shylock's house? [2]
- iii. What trick is Nerissa planning? How would Portia and Nerissa challenge their husbands about their rings? [3]
- iv. How will this incident later on have a comic effect in the play? [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:

That night I walked over to Luz Long's room in the Olympic village to thank him. I knew that if it hadn't been for him I probably wouldn't be jumping in the finals the following day. We sat in his quarters and talked for two hours—about track and field, ourselves, the world situation, a dozen other things.

- i. Why did Jesse go to Luz Long's room? What did they talk about? What feeling did Jesse carry with him after talking to Long for two hours? [2]
- ii. How did Long fare in the event? What did Long congratulate Jesse for? [2]
- iii. How did Hitler react when Long congratulated Jesse by shaking hand with him? What do you understand about Luz Long after his hand shake with Jesse? [3]
- iv. Describe the physical appearance of Luz Long. [3]

Question 5

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

They were all nine years old, and if there had been a day, seven years ago, when the sun came out for an hour and showed its face to the stunned world, they could not recall. Sometimes, at night, she heard them stir, in remembrance, and she knew they were dreaming and remembering gold or a yellow crayon or a coin large enough to buy the world with. She knew they thought they remembered a warmth, like a blushing in the face, in the body, in the arms and legs and trembling hands. But then they always awoke to the tattering drum, the endless shaking down of clear bead necklaces upon the roof, the walk, the gardens, the forests, and their dreams were gone.

- i. Who are all the nine year olds? Why could they not recall the sun? [2]
- ii. Who is referred to as 'she' in the above extract? How is she different from the others? [2]
- iii. Describe the conditions on Venus when it rains [3]
- iv. Whose dream vanish? How? What do they dream about? [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:

*The signal was given the pistol exploded,
And so did the runners on hearing the sound*

- i. Name the poet. What was the signal given for? [2]
- ii. Where had the runners come from? How had they prepared for the event? [2]
- iii. What happened to the youngest runner when the pistol exploded? How did he react to it? [3]
- iv. What did the other runners do for the youngest runner? What does the poet call this occurrence? [3]

Question 7

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

*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,
An angel writing in a book of gold:—
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold*

- i. Who was Abou Ben Adham? What is meant by 'may his tribe increase'? [2]
- ii. Explain the meaning of 'deep dream of peace'. How could Abou have peace? [2]
- iii. Describe the effects of the moonlight in Abou's room. Why is moonlight compared to a lily in bloom? [3]
- iv. What does Abou Ben Adhem encounter upon awakening? Give the significance of the book of gold. [3]