

CLASS: X

SUBJECT: ENGLISH-II

SECTION-A

1. Choose the correct option and write down the answer along with the option you choose. (Do not copy the question, Write the correct answer only.) [10]

- (i). Why does Portia not let Shylock take the principal amount?
 - a) Shylock gets Antonio's flesh.
 - b) She thinks Shylock deserves more.
 - c) Because Shylock publicly refused the amount once.
 - d) Because of Shylock's cruel intention to kill Antonio.
- (ii). Shylock whets his knife because:
 - a) He needs to use the knife later
 - b) He is trying to scare Antonio
 - c) He is eager to cut Antonio's bosom
 - d) The Duke has allowed him to take a pound of flesh from Antonio.
- (iii). Antonio suggests that Shylock should convert into a Christian. Which statement is true in this respect?
 - a) Antonio suggested a befitting punishment
 - b) This served Shylock right
 - c) Jews were marginalized and not accepted wholeheartedly
 - d) Jews were not marginalized.
- (iv). Which character interrupts the banter between Lorenzo and Jessica in the opening scene of Act V.?
 - a) Stephano
 - b) Launcelot
 - c) Portia
 - d) Nerissa
- (v). What do you think made Ben Adhem bold?
 - a) Sleep
 - b) Dream
 - c) Calmness
 - d) Arrogance
- (vi). What does the 'book of gold' symbolize in the poem 'About Ben Adhem'?
 - a) Richness and colour
 - b) Richness and values
 - c) Richness and shine
 - d) Richness and brightness.
- (vii). In the story 'All summer in a Day' the narrator says 'they could not meet each other's glances' show that the children were:
 - a) Courageous
 - b) jealous
 - c) ashamed
 - d) Proud
- (viii). Ray Bradbury refers the tatting drum to
 - a) Drum sounds
 - b) Vessel sounds
 - c) Hooter sounds
 - d) Rain sounds
- (ix). What is the cause of no compassion and empathy for other people as felt by the narrator in the story 'All Summer in a Day'?
 - a) Lack of rains
 - b) Lack of water
 - c) Lack of Sun
 - d) lack of concern
- (x). How did About Ben Adhem speak to the Angel?
 - a) With humility
 - b) rudely
 - c) Proudly
 - d) he did not speak at all

SECTION-B (DRAMA)

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

I am a tainted wether of the flock,
Meetest for death: the weakest kind of fruit
Drops earliest to the ground; and so let me.

- a) Under what circumstances does this dialogue take place? [2]
- b) The listener has been given a task by the speaker. What is it? [2]
- c) Why is the speaker willing to die? [3]
- d) What feelings does this piece of dialogue arouse in your heart? Characterize the speaker. [3]

SECTION - C (PROSE)

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

When the class sang songs about happiness and life and games her lips barely moved. Only when they sang about the sun and the summer did her lips move as she watched the drenched windows.

- a) What was the impact of rain on Margot? [2]
- b) Why did the children tease Margot? [2]
- c) The ecstatic joy felt by the children is very well depicted in the story. Describe. [3]
- d) How did Venus look like according to the story? [3]
