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LITERATURE IN ENGLISH  
ENGLISH Paper -2

Marks: 40  
Time: 1hr.30 min.

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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.

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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.

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**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

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

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

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- (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]

*Abou 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 Abou 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]