

GOKULDHAM HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR COLLEGE
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PRE-BOARD SEMESTER 2 EXAMINATION
LITERATURE IN ENGLISH
ENGLISH PAPER – 2

Grade: - X

DATE: 18-02-22

Duration: - 1 1/2hrs

Marks: - 40

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 8 printed pages.

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 'final event of the day' as mentioned in the poem, 'Nine Gold Medals'?

- (a) three hundred metres race
- (b) one hundred metres race
- (c) two hundred metres race
- (d) ten hundred metres race

(ii) In the poem About Ben Adhem, About awoke one night from a

- (a) deep dream of peace.
- (b) deep dead sleep
- (c) deep peace.
- (d) deep sleep full of dreams.

(iii) In the beginning of the story, 'All Summer in a Day', how did children stand pressed to each other?

- (a) like so many flowers and creepers intermixed, looking at the sun.
- (b) like so many sunflowers, so many marigolds, intermixed, peering out for a look at the sun
- (c) like so many roses, so many weeds, intermixed, peering out for a look at the hidden sun.
- (d) like grass and weeds, looking at the sun.

(iv) Which 'raining world' is being referred to in the story?

- (a) Planet Earth
- (b) Planet Mars
- (c) Planet Mercury
- (d) Planet Venus

(v) In which year were the Olympic Games held as mentioned in the story, 'My Greatest Olympic Prize'?

- (a) 1936 -
- (b) 1935

(c) 1933

(d) 1939

✓(vi) During these Olympic games, _____ feelings were at an all-time high.

(a) individualistic

(b) self-centric

(c) optimistic

(d) nationalistic

✓(vii) What does Portia reply to Bassanio's offer of paying her three thousand ducats in lieu of the courteous pains taken by her to set Antonio free?

• (a) He is well paid that is well satisfied.

(b) He is ill paid that is not satisfied

(c) He is well paid but not satisfied

(d) He is paid but never well satisfied

✓(viii) Shylock says, 'A Daniel come to judgement'. Who is Daniel?

(a) wise, old duke

• (b) wise, young clerk

(c) wise, puny clerk

(d) wise, young judge

✓(ix) Name the lover who walked on the seashore, holding a willow in her hand after being left heartbroken.

- (a) Queen Diana
- (b) Queen Dido
- (c) Queen Latifa
- (d) Queen Cressida

(x) How does Lorenzo describe the 'sky' on that moonlit night?

- (a) floor of heaven is filled with luminating stars.
- (b) blanket of heaven bright with stars.
- (c) floor of heaven is thick inlaid with patens of bright gold.
- (d) blanket of heaven bright with shining orbs.

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:

Shylock: Ay, 'his breast':

So says the bond: doth it not, noble judge?

Nearest his heart' - those are the very words.

Portia: *It is so. Are there balance here to weigh the flesh?*

Shylock: *I have them ready.*

(i) In addition to the 'balance' to weigh flesh, what else does Portia ask Shylock to arrange at his charge? Why? [2]

(ii) Why does Antonio say that 'Fortune shows herself more kind than is her custom'? [2]

- (iii) What does Antonio ask Bassanio to convey to his wife? What is Bassanio's reply? [3]
- (iv) Elaborate on Antonio's character in this scene. [3]

Question 2

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

Enter Musicians

Lorenzo: *Come, ho! and wake Diana with a hymn:
With sweetest touches pierce your mistress' ear,
And draw her home with music. [Music]*

- (i) Where are Lorenzo and Jessica in the beginning of this scene? What is Jessica's reply to Lorenzo's statement in the extract mentioned above? [2]
- (ii) How does Lorenzo explain the power of music over a race of youthful and unhandled colts? [2]
- (iii) What does Lorenzo say about the man that hath no music in himself? [3]
- (iv) What does Portia see as she enters the scene? What examples does she give to prove the statement 'So doth the greater glory dim the less'? [3]

SECTION C

PROSE - SHORT STORIES (Treasure Trove—A Collection of ICSE Poems and Short Stories)

Question 3

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

Sometimes, at night, she heard them stir, in remembrance, and she knew they were dreaming and remembering gold, 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.

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- (i) Why could the other children not recall seeing the sun? [2]
- (ii) What had the children done all day prior to 'the day when the sun would come out'? [2]
- (iii) 'The other children hated Margot for all reasons of big and little consequence' - Explain. [3]
- (iv) Give a vivid description of Margot. [3]

Question 4

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

"Jesse Owens, I'm Luz Long. I don't think we've met." He spoke English well, though with a German twist to it.

"Glad to meet you," I said. Then, trying to hide my nervousness, I added, "How are you?"

"I'm fine. The question is: How are you?" "What do you mean?" I asked.

- (i) What was Jesse Owens thinking while going over on the boat? What had been his achievement a year before? [2]
- (ii) Why was Jesse Owens startled at the broad jump trials? [2]
- (iii) How did Jesse fare in the qualifying jumps? What thoughts came to his mind? [3]
- (iv) Narrate what happened on the day of the final jumps at the Berlin Olympics. [3]

SECTION D

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

Question 5

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

"And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so,"

Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,

- Abou Ben Adhem by Leigh Hunt

- (i) Why does the poet say 'may his tribe increase'? What does that tell us about Abou Ben Adhem? [2]
- (ii) One night, what did Abou Ben Adhem see in his room? What made him bold? [2]
- (iii) How is the angel described? Mention the synonyms used to refer to the angel in the poem? [3]
- (iv) What message does this poem convey? [3]

Question 6

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

And the banner above and nine smiling faces

Said more than these words ever will

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— Nine Gold Medals, David Roth

- (i) Why had the athletes come there? What was the scene all round the field like? [2]

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- (ii) What happened after the signal was given. What happened to the 'youngest' among them? [2]
- (iii) What, according to the poet, was strange that occurred thereafter? [3]
- (iv) Explain the theme and message of the poem. [3]
