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Class	Subject	Exam	Marks	Date	Duration	No. of printed pages
X	English II	Prelim II	40	28.01.2022	1 Hour 30 Minutes	4

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 the 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 the 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.)

(i) Why does Antonio talk about the flood, the wolf and the mountain pines?

- (a) to plead with the Duke.
- (b) to highlight the dangers posed by nature.
- (c) to show that softening Shylock's heart is the hardest.
- (d) to request Bassanio to save him from Shylock.

(ii) Gratiano says that if he had been the judge, he would have wished that Shylock should have ten more godfathers, in order to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) send him to the font.
- (b) protect him.
- (c) make him a Christian.
- (d) send him to the gallows.

(iii) According to \_\_\_\_\_, Portia was praying at holy crosses for happy wedlock hours.

- (a) Stephano
- (b) Launcelot
- (c) Lorenzo
- (d) Gobbo

(iv) They turned on themselves, like a feverish wheel, all tumbling spokes. This sentence is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Personification.
- (b) Simile.
- (c) Metaphor.
- (d) Hyperbole.

- (v) 'It was a nest of octopi...' This is used to describe \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) the children outside.  
(b) the trees wet with rain.  
(c) the grass that grew abundantly.  
(d) the jungle that covered the planet.
- (vi) Luz Long said that Jesse should be able to qualify in the trials with his \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) hands down.  
(b) eyes closed.  
(c) hands tied.  
(d) feet in.
- (vii) The term '24-carat friendship' refers to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) friendship without barriers.  
(b) love between friends.  
(c) real and pure friendship.  
(b) conditional friendship.
- (viii) Abou had become bold due to (the) \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) extraordinary moonlight.  
(b) exceeding peace.  
(c) lily in bloom.  
(d) moonlight.
- (ix) The state of mind of the athletes as they stood poised for the gun can be described as \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) irresolute, alert, focused.  
(b) determined, slack, strong.  
(c) frail, frank, humble.  
(d) focused, determined, resolute.
- (x) The values described in the poem 'Nine Gold Medals' do not include \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) vanity.  
(b) selflessness.  
(c) kindness.  
(d) caring.

**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.**

*Portia: The law hath yet another hold on you  
It is enacted in the laws of Venice.*

- i. Who had sent Portia to the court? How was she dressed in the court? [2]
- ii. According to Portia, which object is the symbol of earthly power for a king? Why is mercy superior to this object? [2]
- iii. Explain the Venetian law that Portia reminds Shylock about, immediately after this extract. [3]
- iv. What mercy does Antonio show Shylock after this? [3]

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

*Lorenzo: Come ho! And wake Diana with a hymn:*

- i. Where does this scene take place? Whom is Lorenzo addressing in this line? [2]
- ii. Who is Orpheus? What had the Roman poet Ovid said about Orpheus? [2]
- iii. What is the effect of music on wild animals? [3]
- iv. What is Lorenzo's opinion of people who are not moved by music? [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.**

*Finally seeing that I had calmed down somewhat, he pointed to the take-off board.*

- i. How long had Jesse trained in order to participate in the Olympics? Which event did he fix his hopes on? [2]
- ii. What tactics had Hitler used with respect to Luz Long before the trials? [2]
- iii. What advice did Luz Long give Jesse Owens pointing to the take-off board? [3]
- iv. How did this advice affect Jesse personally and professionally? [3]

**Question 5. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.**

*The children pressed to each other like so many roses, so many weeds, intermixed, peering out for a look at the hidden sun.*

- i. Who were these children? Name the place they lived in. [2]
- ii. What was special about this place? [2]
- iii. What had the children read about the sun the previous day? How had Margot described the sun in her poem? [3]
- iv. Name the dominant emotion that the children felt for Margot. List any two reasons why they felt so. [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.**

*Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase)*

- i. Who was Abou Ben Adhem? What was the angel doing in his room? [2]
- ii. Explain the significance of the line 'May his tribe increase'. [2]
- iii. Why did Abou speak in a low voice? What did he request the angel to do? [3]
- iv. When did the angel reappear? What happened then? [3]

**Question 7. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.**

*Then the final event of the day was approaching.*

- i. Where had the athletes come from? What was their dream? [2]
- ii. Identify the final event. How long had the athletes trained for it? [2]
- iii. When the pistol exploded, what did the athletes do? Explain what happened to one of the athletes. [3]
- iv. How did the other athletes react to this unfortunate incident? [3]