

Sem 2 Prehmis  
**Bombay Scottish School, Mahim**

**Preliminary Examination**

**ENGLISH LITERATURE**

Grade : 10

Date : 14-02-2022

Duration : 1 ½ hour

Maximum Marks : 40

No. of Questions : 07

No. of pages : 06

Time allowed: One hour and a half hours.

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 [ ]

**SECTION A**

**Question 1**

**[10]**

Choose the correct answers to the questions from the given options. (Do not copy the question, Write the correct answer only.)

- (i) Why did Jesse Owens foul badly in the qualifying jumps?
- (a) He was awestruck by Luz Long's impressive jumps .
  - (b) He had a bad day , with everything going wrong .
  - (c) He was angry with Hitler's supremacy theory and lost his mind.
  - (d) He was not well prepared that morning.
- (ii) Why did Jesse Owens and Luz Long laugh about Luz Long's looks?
- (a) He looked like a star meant to be on the sports magazine cover.
  - (b) He looked very much like a European film actor.
  - (c) He did not match the description given by Hitler of his Aryan race.
  - (d) He was the perfect posterboy to endorse Hitler's Aryan -supremacy.

- (iii) The athletes stood 'determined and poised' demonstrates the fact that
- (a) each athlete was very serious about winning the event .
  - (b) each athlete was determined to help one another to win the gold medal .
  - (c) each athlete was determined to hear the gunshot .
  - (d) each athlete was resolved to win so was ready to take off at the sound of the gunshot .
- (iv) Ray Douglas Bradbury in his story *All Summer in a Day* establishes through his characters that
- (a) we humans cannot help being cruel towards anyone who does not conform to our concept of norm .
  - (b) life on Planet Venus is possible .
  - (c) scientists are working hard on this mission as life on planet earth may not be feasible soon .
  - (d) Venus is not as beautiful as we thought it would be .
- (v) Why did Margot refuse to shower in the school shower rooms ?
- (a) She was scared of her classmates locking her inside .
  - (b) She found the shower cubicle extremely uncomfortable .
  - (c) She hated the quality of water found on Venus .
  - (d) She could not bear the sound or touch of water.
- (vi) Why does Gratiano wish his wife were dead ?
- (a) This sacrifice might help in freeing Antonio from Shylock's clutches .
  - (b) She might be able to plead with God to bring change in Shylock.
  - (c) She might be able to make Shylock ashamed of his evil intentions.
  - (d) Her prayers in heaven will destroy Shylock .
- (vii) Why does Shylock say to the Duke ' take my life and all ;pardon not that ..' ?
- (a) He did not want any pardon from a christian .
  - (b) His life was hell as he was persecuted .
  - (c) He didn't want to live as he had lost his daughter .
  - (d) There was no point in living when he was without his home and material possessions.

- (viii) What finally prompts Bassanio to give his ring to Portia ?
- Portia's angry words that people give excuses just to save their gifts .
  - Antonio 's plea to put his love above Portia 's command .
  - Portia had saved his friend's life .
  - Antonio's words that the young lawyer had earned the ring by merit .
- (i) and (iv)
  - (ii) and (iii)
  - (ii) and (iv)
  - (i) and (iii)
- (ix) Why according to Lorenzo, a man not moved by music is not trustworthy ?
- He has no romance in him therefore cannot be loved .
  - His thoughts are mainly involved in treachery , evil ideas and destruction .
  - Like Erebus his plans are as dark as hell .
  - His friends are as dark as night
- (x) What was the 'manna ' dropped on the starved people at the end of the play ?
- Divine food from heaven dropped on wandering people
  - Divine food dropped on the jews when they were wandering
  - The rings coming back to Bassanio and Gratiano .
  - The special gift deed and the return of three argosies safely .

## SECTION B

### DRAMA (The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare - Acts 4 and 5)

#### Question 2

*Portia : He hath refused it in the open court :  
He shall have merely justice and his bond .  
Gratiano : A Daniel , still say I, a second Daniel !  
I thank thee Jew , for teaching me that word .*

- Who had refused what in the open court ? Elaborate . [2]
- Who is Daniel ? Give a brief insight to explain why Gratiano is thanking the Jew for teaching him the word ' a second Daniel ' ? [3]
- According to Portia 'law hath yet another hold 'on Shylock . What were they ? [2]

- (iv) What was the final verdict given to Shylock after the considerations shown by the Duke and Antonio ? Was the final verdict meted out to Shylock at par with Portia 's concept of mercy as stated in her speech? Justify. [3]

### Question 3

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

*Bassanio : Why dost thou whet thy knife so earnestly ?*

*Shylock : To cut the forfeiture from that bankrupt there .*

- (i) How was Shylock whetting his knife ? Seeing this, what does Gratiano insultingly tell him ? [2]
- (ii) What reasons does Gratiano give for Shylock's wolfish nature ? [3]
- (iii) During the trial Portia tries to reason out with Shylock to show mercy towards Antonio . Give any two reasons Portia gives to Shylock to show mercy. [2]
- (iv) The Trial scene is a complete drama in itself with exposition , conflict, climax and resolution . Make a comparative study of Shylock and Antonio as they seemed to you during the trial scene . [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:

*It rained.*

*It had been raining for seven years; thousands upon thousands of days compounded and filled from one end to the other with rain .....*

*Margot stood apart from them ,...*

- (i) Where was it raining for seven years ? Give any one impact of the incessant rain on Margot? [2]
- (ii) Why was Margot standing apart from the other students ? [3]
- (iii) When had the sun last come out on planet Venus and why were the children unable to recollect it ? [2]



- (iv) Margot was the one who awaited the Sun 's appearance the most . What must be her frame of mind at the end of the much awaited day ?Justify [3]

### Question 5

*The rain slacked still more.  
They crowded to the huge door .  
The rain stopped .*

- (i) Who crowded the huge door? Why were they all crowding out there? [2]  
(ii) Just before the teacher could come what deplorable act had the children done? What does this tell you about the children? [3]  
(iii) When the rain stopped, what spectacular sight of the sun awaited them? [2]  
(iv) State any two things the children enjoyed outside when the door opened? Later when the sun vanished and they came in, why were they not able to 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:

*That's how the race ended, with nine gold medals*

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*And the banner above and nine smiling faces*

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- (i) Which event had this ending ?Who were the participants? [2]  
(ii) Briefly highlight the circumstances that made the race end with nine gold medals. [3]  
(iii) What did the banner above say ? What according to the poet was the effect of the banner and the nine smiling faces ? [2]  
(iv) Discuss the central idea of the poem .How can you ,as a young student, incorporate these lessons in your life ? [3]

### Question 7

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

Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase)  
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace ,

- (i) What does 'deep dream of peace' suggest ? [2]
  - (ii) What experience did Abou have when awakened ? How was the angel's attitude towards Abou ? [3]
  - (iii) 'The angel wrote and vanished'  
What did the angel write ? Describe what happened the next night. [2]
  - (iv) Abou's name featured in the second list and not in the first list of the Angel. Do you think this was favourable to Abou Ben Adhem ? [3]  
Justify your answer .
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