



UNIVERSAL

MARKS: 40

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CLASS: X

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LITERATURE

TIME: 1.5 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.

The Answer Sheet should have the following details mentioned-

Date, Full Name, Class & Division, Subject.

The pages should be numbered appropriately.

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

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 unexpected thing that happened?
 - a. The shortest athlete among them stumbled, staggered and fell to his knees on the ground.

- b. The youngest athlete among them stumbled, staggered and fell to his knees on the ground.
 - c. The eldest among them stopped to help the youngest runner.
 - d. When the youngest among them fell down, everyone else continued their race.
- ii Abou's name was on the top of the list of:
- a. people whom God loved
 - b. people who loved God,
 - c. people whom God had blessed for their love for the fellow humans
 - d. people whom God had blessed for their love for God
- iii Why does the author write that it has been raining for "thousands upon thousands of days" and that "a thousand forests had been crushed under the rain"?
- a. To show how much the children want to see the sun.
 - b. To contrast Margot's and Williams feeling about the sun.
 - c. To emphasize what seven years of rain must seem like.
 - d. To express what the landscape of Venus really looks like.
- iv Which statement best explains how the rainy season affects Margot?
- a. She is pale, silent and thin.
 - b. She likes to hide from everyone.
 - c. Tunnels are her only comfort.
 - d. Rain improves her poetry writing.
- v What was the world record set by Jesse Owens at Ohio State University?

- a. 26 feet, 8-1/4 inches
- b. 26 feet, 5-5/16 inches
- c. 26 feet, 6-1/16 inches
- d. 26 feet

vi Describe Luz Long.

- a. black eyes, blue hair, bony frame
- b. blue eyes, blonde hair, bony frame
- c. blue eyes, blonde hair, muscular frame
- d. black eyes, blonde hair, muscular frame

vii When she is disguised as Balthasar, what argument does Portia make for Shylock showing mercy?

- a. Mercy is a blessing
- b. Shylock will be respected
- c. It is the law
- d. Shylock will feel good

viii What tokens does Portia ask from Antonio and Bassanio?

- a. Gloves and a ring
- b. Boots and a ring
- c. Diamonds and rubies
- d. A letter of thanks

ix. What does Lorenzo think of people who don't like music?

- a. He has no opinion
- b. They deserve cruelties

- c. They are clever
- d. They amuse him

x What does Portia present as proof that she was the young lawyer in the courtroom?

- a. Bassanio's ring
- b. Antonio's gloves
- c. A letter from a monk at the monastery
- d. A letter from Padua written by Bellario

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

*Inquire the Jew's house out. Give him this deed,
And let him sign it. We'll away tonight,
And be a day before our husbands home.
This deed will be well welcome to Lorenzo.*

- i Who is the Jew? Why are they looking for his house? [2]
- ii Who are the husbands? Why is Portia so eager to reach home before the husbands? [2]
- iii What is in the deed? What brought about this deed? [3]
- iv Who enters the scene hereafter? What transpires between that person and Portia? [3]

Question 3

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

LORENZO

*The moon shines bright. In such a night as this,
When the sweet wind did gently kiss the trees
And they did make no noise, in such a night
Troilus methinks mounted the Trojan walls
And sighed his soul toward the Grecian tents
Where Cressid lay that night.*

- i In what mood is Lorenzo? What kind of a night is it? [2]
- ii Who enters the scene next? What news has he brought? [2]
- iii Lorenzo speaks of Troilus and Cressida. Who are they? Why is he reminded of them? [3]
- iv Which other people are mentioned by Jessica and Lorenzo in the conversation? Give details. [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:

They were all nine years old, and if there had been a day, seven years ago, when the sun came out for an hour and showed its face to the stunned world, they could not recall. Sometimes, at night, she heard them stir, in remembrance, and she knew they were dreaming and remembering gold or 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. But then they always awoke to the tattering drum, the endless shaking down of clear bead necklaces upon the roof, the walk, the gardens, the forests, and their dreams were gone.

- i What did the children do to keep the memory of the Sun alive? What were they taught? [2]
- ii Describe Margot's poem about the Sun. What does she describe about the Sun? [2]
- iii Why was sunlight vital for Margot? How does it help her? [3]
- iv Why was there so much excitement in the school room that morning? What set Margot apart from the other children? [3]

Question 5

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

For the next few minutes, we talked together. I didn't tell Long what was "eating" me, but he seemed to understand my anger, and he took pains to reassure me. Although he'd been schooled in the Nazi youth movement, he didn't believe in the Aryan-supremacy business any more than I did. We laughed over the fact that he really looked the part, though. An inch taller than I, he had a lean, muscular frame, clear blue eyes, blond hair, and a strikingly handsome, chiseled face.

- i In what way did Hitler try to publicize his theory of the Aryan-Supremacy? [2]
- ii Why did Jesse Owens foul the first two jumps in the trail? [2]

iii How was Luz's behaviour different from that of other Germans?
[3]

iv How did Jesse and Luz become friends? [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:

He gave out a cry in frustration and anguish

His dreams and his efforts all dashed in the dirt

But as sure as I'm standing here telling this story

Now it's a strange one, but ^{he} tells what occurred.
~~The same goes for what next occurred.~~

- i What were his dreams? What were his frustrations? [2]
- ii What does the poet mean by the line: 'The same goes for what next occurred'? [2]
- iii State in your own words what the eight other runners did. What did their action reflect on their attitude? [3]
- iv How do the following lines bring out the theme in the poem? [3]

*One by one they all turned around and went back to help him
And brought the young boy to his feet.*

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,

*And saw, within the moonlight in his room,
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,
An angel writing in a book of gold.*

- i Who was Abou ben Adhem? What is meant by 'may his tribe increase'? [2]
- ii Describe the phrase used by the poet to describe the great charm of the angel. [2]
- iii Describe the imagery of the scene. [3]
- iv Give the significance of the 'book of gold' in the poem. [3]